The France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies aims to bridge the disciplines of the humanities, social sciences, sciences, engineering, business and law, addressing historical and contemporary issues of significance for France and the United States from a broad range of perspectives. Its programs bring faculty members, researchers and students from across Stanford's departments and schools into contact with colleagues in France, to explore issues of common intellectual concern, to advance collaborative research, and to foster interdisciplinary inquiry.

The center just celebrated its tenth anniversary in September 2013. During this time, we have funded more than a hundred collaborations between French institutions and Stanford, sponsored more than twenty conferences on a wide array of topics (from Dark Energy to Scripting Revolutions) and hosted numerous international visitors. Indeed, one of our grant recipients recently received a MacArthur Fellowship for his research on climate change.

Beginning in 2013-2014, we launched a series of new fellowship programs aimed at undergraduates, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and junior faculty from France and Stanford interested in undertaking an individual course of research either at Stanford or in France. With our support, these younger scholars have pursued research in a variety of fields, including mathematics, anthropology, Islamic Studies, East Asian studies and medicine. So too, we have begun annually to fund an undergraduate student in the French Department seeking to pursue research in France.

Each year, we support one major conference, and often some smaller workshops and seminars as well. Our annual conference this year was hosted at the Stanford Green Library in November 2013. Scholars from the United States, France, and Great Britain presented their research on the 19th century French socialist and workers press found in Stanford University Libraries' Gimon Collection. In addition, the France-Stanford Center helps to sponsor the French Culture Workshop at Stanford, which brings together faculty and students from different disciplines, including French literature, History, Comparative Literature, and Art History, to examine questions relevant to French culture and society from the modern period.

For more information, including a complete list of conferences and grant and fellowship recipients, please read our event highlights section:
http://francestanford.stanford.edu

We very much look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Please join us!
Conferences

• November 2013 - The 19th Century French Socialist Press at Stanford University, 1819-1871, Stanford University
• April 2014 - Religion, Literature, Society, Greek and Roman Hymnic Traditions and the Performance of Community, Stanford University
• May 2014 - Crisis and Transformations of Contemporary Representative Democracies, Stanford University
• May 2014 - 4th International Conference on Engineering Frontiers in Pediatrics and Congenital Heart Disease, Paris, France

Collaborative Research

In the spring of 2013, the France-Stanford Center executive committee selected the grant recipients for academic year 2013-2014. Among twenty-three proposals received, twelve were selected in the following fields: natural and applied sciences, humanities & social sciences, law, medicine and earth sciences.

• Geostatistical Methods for Remote Sensing Data
  Jef Caers, Department of Energy Resources Engineering, Stanford University
  Thomas Romary, Mines Paris Tech, Paris
• Innovative DNA Building Blocks as Biohybrid Catalysts
  Eric Kool, Department of Chemistry, Stanford University
  Michael Smietana, Université de Montpellier, Montpellier
• Molecular Basis of Cytoplasmic Incompatibility Induced by Wolbachia in the Culex Pipiens Mosquito Complex: Role of Transposable Elements?
  Dmitri Petrov, Department of Biology, Stanford University
  Milène Weill, Institut des Sciences de l’Evolution, Montpellier
• Diagnosis of Lower Back Pain from CT Images by Combining Computational Topology
  Susan Holmes, Department of Statistics, Stanford University
  Xavier Pennec, INRIA, Sophia Antipolis
• Energy Transfers for LES of MHD Turbulence: Implication for Realistic Simulations of The Sun
  Alexander Kosovichev, Hansen Experimental Physics Laboratory, Stanford University
  Guillaume Balarac, CNRS, LEGI, Grenoble
• Climate Variability and Global Food Security, With an Eye on France
  Rosamond Naylor, Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University
  Eric Guilyardi, IPSL/LOCEAN – CNRS, Paris
• Race, Immigration, Technology and The Creative Process in Performance
  Jennifer Brody, Theater & Performance Studies Department, Stanford University
  Ivan Magrin-Chagnolleau, UMR Acte/CNRS Paris I, Paris
• Power Struggle
  Lindsey Mantoan, Theater & Performance Studies Department, Stanford University
  Olga Kisseleva, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris
• Comparative Study of French & American Anti-Discrimination Laws
  Richard Ford, Law School, Stanford University
  Mikhail Xifaras, Sciences Po, Ecole de Droit, Paris
• Inhibitors of Toxoplasma Autophagy-Related Peptidases as an Anti-Parasitic Strategy
  Matthew Bogyo, Department of Pathology, Stanford University
  Sebastien Besteiro, Université Montpellier II, Montpellier
• Quantitative & Functional MRI of Articular Cartilage of the Knee in Osteoarthritis
  Gary Gold, Department of Radiology, Stanford University
  David Bendahan, Centre de Résonance Magnétique Biologique & Médicale, CNRS, Marseille
• Improving Ambient Noise Green’s Functions
  Gregory Beroza & Jesse Lawrence, Department of Geophysics, Stanford University
  Laurent Stehly, Observatoire de la Côte d’Azur, Valbonne
Graduate Fellowships

Visiting Student Researcher Fellowship

Applicants for the Visiting Student Researcher Fellowship must be graduate students – i.e., they must be pursuing either a master’s or doctoral degree. Visiting Student Researcher Fellowships are available to: (1) students affiliated with a French institution who are interested in pursuing a course of research at Stanford; and (2) Stanford students interested in undertaking research or pursuing an internship at a French institution.

- Paul Villoutreix, Université Paris Descartes, Paris. Visiting Department: Department of Mathematics, Stanford University.
- Nicole Clarke, School of Medicine, Stanford University. Visiting Institution: Institut Pasteur, Paris.

Visiting Postdoc Fellowship

Applicants for the Visiting Postdoc Fellowship must have recently completed a PhD or equivalent – i.e., they must be postdoctoral fellows. Fellowships are available to French postdoctoral scholars interested in pursuing a course of research at Stanford, or to Stanford postdocs interested in undertaking research or pursuing an internship at a French institution.


Undergraduate Fellowships

Applicants for the Undergraduate Fellowship Program must be Stanford undergraduate students – i.e., they must be pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Sciences (B.S.) or a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (B.A.S.) degree. The FSCIS Undergraduate Fellowships are intended to fund Stanford undergrads interested in undertaking research or pursuing an internship at a French institution.

- Shreya Ramachandran, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences/Department of Biology, Stanford University. Visiting Institution: Université Paris Diderot, Paris.
- Thomas Teisberg, Department of Electrical Engineering, Stanford University. Visiting Institution: CEA, Saclay.
Executive Committee Meeting

The Center’s annual executive committee meeting took place on Monday May 26, 2014 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris. Present at the meeting were: Amalia Kessler (Stanford University), Gérard Bonneaud (CNRS/Laboratoire de Physique Nucléaire et des Hautes Energies, Paris), Antonin Baudry (French Embassy), Bernadette Bensaude-Vincent (Université Paris I, Panthéon Sorbonne), Alain Israël (Institut Pasteur), Robert Gray (Stanford University), Anne Grillo (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Minh-Hà Pham-Delègue (French Embassy), Pascal Le Deunff (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Jessica Riskin (Stanford University), Isabelle Collignon (Stanford University), Chloé Mugler (Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

French Culture Workshop

The French Culture Workshop brings together participants from different disciplines, including French literature, History, Comparative Literature, and Art History, to examine questions relevant to French culture and society from the modern period (1650 to present). Topics of discussion include political and intellectual history, imperialism and colonialism, nationalism and national identity, immigration and minorities, gender, and francophonie.

The French Culture Workshop is co-sponsored by the Stanford Humanities Center, the DLCL Research Unit, the France-Stanford Center, and the Europe Center at the Freeman Spogli Institute. Please note that the French Culture Workshop will be on sabbatical during 2014-2015. For more information, please visit: https://dlcl.stanford.edu/groups/french-culture-workshop

- Yan Slobodkin (PhD Candidate, History, Stanford) – May 29, 2014
- Judith Surkis (History, Rutgers) – May 22, 2014
- Conference - “Let There Be Enlightenment: The Religious and Mystical Sources of Rationality” – May 16-17, 2014
- Jacob Soll (History, USC) – May 5, 2014
- Michel Wieviorka (EHESS, Paris) – April 17, 2014
- Mark Braude (Fellow, Humanities+design and French, Stanford) – April 3, 2014
- Alan Kors (History, Penn) – March 13, 2014
- Joshua Cole (History, University of Michigan) – March 6, 2014
- Karen Offen (Stanford) – February 27, 2014
- Joanna Stalnaker (French, Columbia) – February 20, 2014
- Dan Edelstein (French, Stanford) – February 13, 2014
- Anton Matystin (Mellon Fellow, French, Stanford) – November 14, 2013
- Ivan Jablonka (Associate Professor, Université Paris XIII Nord) – Oct. 21, 2013
- Paola Mattei (Fellow, European Studies Centre, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford) – October 3, 2013