Emerging Scholarship in Classics

The field of Classics in America (notably at Stanford) and Europe (especially in France) is witnessing the emergence of a new generation of scholars with innovative and potentially complementary research agendas. Our project focuses on fostering interaction between French and American Classicists, in order to take classical scholarship a step further. We will organize a series of conferences and workshops on four major research areas in order to establish an ongoing interdisciplinary collaboration between Stanford’s Classics department and ANHIMA (Anthropologie et Histoire des mondes antiques) in Paris.

The four major themes are (1) the social science approach to Antiquity: how quantitative methods and formal modeling can help recover and explain the past, (2) field archaeology and the contribution of natural sciences, (3) the contexts and materiality of discourse, (4) religion and the logics of contact and transformation. Beyond these major research themes, this collaborative program aims to share methodologies and approaches to research, notably in the domain of project-dedicated teams.

Through better understanding of the research interests and methods in each of our institutions, we hope to establish milestones for a successful, long-lasting collaboration between emerging generations of scholars of the ancient world in France and North America.