

INSTITUT D'ASIE ORIENTALE - IAO

ANALYZING AND UNDERSTANDING CONTEMPORARY FAR EASTERN SOCIETIES

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RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

- INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIAL LEGAL DYNAMICS
- KNOWLEDGE, CONSTITUTION OF NATIONAL SPACES, IMPERIALISM
- REPRESENTATIONS, ARTISTIC AND RELIGIOUS CREATIONS

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

- TRANSNATIONAL RESEARCH
- DIGITAL HUMANITIES

RESEARCH RESOURCES AND TOOLS

- IAO Library, a reference center in France: 450,000 monographs, 750 periodical titles, 350 maps, 1,000 microforms, 530 American theses and 277 Chinese films.
- Digital Indochina, a cross-cutting digital platform bringing together resources, cartographic, visual and documentary projects on the Indochinese peninsula. It aims to enrich and enhance academic knowledge in Humanities in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.
- 4 academic blogs, such as Couïdasia: Far-East and Covid, Memoirs from Indochina.

CHIFFRES-CLÉS

40 about forty staff including **24** researchers, **8** PhD students and **5** research support staff

Over the last 5 years:

350 publications

5 awards and distinctions, including the Order of the Rising Sun, **1** IUF and **1** exclusive CNRS class

10 public funds including **2** ANR

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FROM THE LABORATORY TO THE SOCIOECONOMIC WORLD

- Solid network with French laboratories working on the Asian geographical area:
 - Asia Research Institute (IrAsia) at Aix-Marseille University
 - Southeast Asia Centre (CASE) in Paris
 - UMR, China, Korea, Japan (CCJ) in Paris.
- Strong links with international laboratories:
 - Tokyo Institute of Social Sciences
 - Maison franco-japonaise de Tokyo
 - East China Normal University in Shanghai.
- Applied research projects in partnership with the socio-economic world: institutions, museums, environment, etc.

FOCUS ON

- Partnership with the Service historique de La Défense (French Archive Center for Military Forces). Our goal is to study and enhance the collection of aerial photographs taken by the French Army in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia between 1949 and 1956, to make it ready for use. Laboratory know-how: geomatics, with image processing and georeferencing.
- EURICS - European Institute for Chinese Studies partnership: strengthen European research and analysis capacities on China and contribute to forging a common European understanding of China.

Created on the initiative of the President of the French Republic, this Institute combines the characteristics of a laboratory of excellence and equipment of excellence. It is formalized by a partnership agreement between French and European academic and research institutions.

Institut d'Asie Orientale contributes to cooperation within the network and to the China think-tank.

Databases

- China human trafficking and slaving: mapping of slave trade flows and networks in Asia and the Indian Ocean in the pre-modern era.
- Unequal Treaties Corpus aims to know and understand the «unequal treaties», which have played an essential role in East-West relations since the 19th century.
- Legalizing Space in China: This database aims to provide students and researchers in the history of Chinese law with essential materials for research, as well as ongoing research updates and advances in Qing code translation.

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