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The « Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l’Homme » (MMSH) is a department of the Aix-Marseille University and based on, by agreement with the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), a joint service and research unit (USR 3125). It was founded in 1997 by Robert Illert and is a member of the Scientific Interest Group « Réseau National des Maisons des Sciences de l’Homme » (GIS - RNMSH), which is a research infrastructure for humanities, and social sciences. The MMSH structure assists and promotes scientific research, groups together 11 joint units and hosts the Ecole Doctorale 355 « Espaces, Cultures, Société » (Graduate School 355 « Spaces, Cultures and Societies »). It supports the scientific activity of its associated units by the provision of shared equipment and tools. Its documentary resources are located in four large specialised libraries.

MISSIONS

- TO SUPPORT the emergence of scientific programmes which renew subjects, vectors and approaches in the area of Mediterranean studies;
- TO ENCOURAGE comparation and interdisciplinary dynamics;
- TO DEVELOP technical competence centers and transversal research programmes;
- TO PROMOTE, organise and coordinate international research networks;
- TO BUILD shared digital platforms and contribute to the territorial deployment of the Very Large-scale Research Infrastructures (VLRIs);
- TO BE A FABRICATION/DEVELOPMENT/RESEARCH centre, an essential hub of national and international coordination, mobilising numerous resources;
- TO BE A PLATFORM FOR AND PromOTer of Research, for all the actors, for the various scales of operations.

RESEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES

- The MMSH offers various facilities to the scientific community and the public: a lecture hall, meeting rooms, two of which are equipped for video conferencing;
- It manages common equipment and technical resources through its services (logistics and information systems);
- It assists research in Humanities and Social Sciences in the Mediterranean region through its research support services (multimedia library; publishing; digital resources; Europe/international; communication/scientific promotion).

The MMSH manages Social Sciences and Humanities at the heart of interdisciplinarity for Mediterranean Studies. Coordinated by the MMSH - USR 3125, the LabexMed program aims to reinforce the structuring of Mediterranean Studies so that the contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities leaves a lasting imprint on the knowledge of the Mediterranean region. Accredited in 2011, LabexMed gathers 15 research units including those of the MMSH covering many disciplinary fields.

LabexMed’s main objectives are:
- To implement multidisciplinary and integrated approaches of the Mediterranean region, associating Humanities and Social Sciences with earth and natural sciences as well as environmental studies, on all scales of time and space;
- To encourage the development and the proficiency in Digital Humanities;
- To promote the mobility of young researchers to create a scientific community sharing a common scientific culture on both sides of the Mediterranean;
- To develop the promotion and dissemination of French research in Social Sciences and Humanities.
ASSOCIATED RESEARCH UNITS

UMR 7269 - Laboratoire méridional de Préhistoire Europe Afrique
[LAMPEA - AMU / CNRS / Ministère de la Culture et de la Communication]

UMR 7269 - Centre Paul-Albert Février. Textes et documents de la Méditerranée antique et médiévale [TDAAM - AMU / CNRS]

UMR 7297 - Centre Camille Jullian. Histoire et archéologie de la Méditerranée et de l'Afrique du Nord de la Protohistoire à la fin de l'Antiquité [CCJ - AMU / CNRS / Ministère de la Culture et de la Communication]

UMR 7303 - Temps, espaces, langages. Europe méridionale, Méditerranée [TELMM - AMU / CNRS]

UMR 7305 - Laboratoire méditerranéen de sociologie [LAMES - AMU / CNRS]

UMR 7307 - Institut d'ethnologie méditerranéen, européen et comparatif [IDEEMEC - AMU / CNRS]

UMR 7310 - Institut de recherches et d'études sur le monde arabe et musulman [IREMAM - AMU / CNRS]

UMR 8171 - Institut des mondes africains [IMAF - CNRS / IRD / EPHE / Lyon 2 / Université de Poitou-Charentes / Université de L'Adour]

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One of the 33 “Maisons des Sciences de l'Homme” in France.

USR 3125: 1 federative unit (staff: 30 persons)

11 research units
350 scientific and administrative staff
4 specialised libraries:
- LAMPEA Library
- LA3M Library
- AMU Library of Antiquity
- Humanities and Social Sciences Media Library / Sound Archive

Scientific disciplines:
- Ancient Languages
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Art History
- Demography
- Geography
- History
- Prehistory
- Romance Studies
- Sociology
- The Arab, Muslim and Semitic world
- Town and country planning

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