



## CEMA - Centre d'études médiévales anglaises

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Research evaluation

## REPORT ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:

Centre for English Medieval Studies  
CEMA

## UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AND RESEARCH BODIES:

Université Paris-Sorbonne

**ÉVALUATION CAMPAIGN 2017-2018**  
GROUP D



In the name of Hcéres<sup>1</sup> :

Michel Cosnard, President

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Colette Stévanovitch, Chairwoman of the committee

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## UNIT PRESENTATION

**Unit name:** Centre for English Medieval Studies

**Unit acronym:** CEMA

**Requested label:** EA

**Application type:** Renewal

**Current number:** 2557

**Head of the unit  
(2017-2018):** Ms Florence BOURGNE

**Project leader  
(2019-2023):** Ms Florence BOURGNE

**Number of teams or themes:** 1

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Chair:** Ms Colette STEVANOVITCH, Université de Lorraine

**Experts:** Mr Stephen MORRISON, Université de Poitiers

Ms Anne PAGE, Aix-Marseille Université (CNU representative)

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**HCERES scientific officer:**

Ms Emma BELL

**Representatives of supervising institutions and bodies:**

Mr Pascal AQUIEN, Université Paris-Sorbonne

## INTRODUCTION

### HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

The CEMA was founded in 1972 as a research unit of Paris IV-Sorbonne University. Its mail address is 1 rue Victor Cousin, 75230 Paris Cedex 5. Its library is located in room G323 of the UFR d'Études anglophones at the above address. Its office (shared with four other research units) is located 28 rue Serpente (room D420).

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

The present head of the CEMA has been Ms Florence BOURGNE since November 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. The previous head was Leo Carruthers, who held this position during most of the period under review. The deputy head is Tatjana Silec.

### HCERES NOMENCLATURE

SHS5\_2 Littératures et langues étrangères, civilisations, cultures et langues régionales.

### SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

The CEMA's scientific domain is medieval English studies. The unit's main project during the period under review is the translation into French of the texts of a Middle English manuscript.

### UNIT WORKFORCE

Unit workforce	Number 30/06/2017	Number 01/01/2019
<b>Permanent staff</b>		
Full professors and similar positions	1	1
Assistant professors and similar positions	3	3
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	0	0
Full time research associates (Chargés de recherche) and similar positions	0	0
Other scientists ("Conservateurs, cadres scientifiques des EPIC, fondations, industries, etc.")	1	1
High school teachers	2	2
Supporting personnel (ITAs, BIATSSs and others, notably of EPICs)	0	0
<b>TOTAL permanent staff</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>Non-permanent staff</b>		
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	2	
Non-permanent full-time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs	0	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	0	
PhD Students	3	
<b>TOTAL non-permanent staff</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>TOTAL unit</b>	<b>12</b>	

## GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT

The CEMA is a small research unit of five full members, of whom three work in Paris-Sorbonne University. It is the only French research unit exclusively dedicated to medieval English studies. Despite its small size, it shows considerable dynamism, and plays an important strategic role in sustaining and developing Medieval English studies (and medieval studies more generally) in France. Former students of the unit have gone on to take up major posts in universities across France, and the recruitment of current and future doctoral students pays due regard to the requirements and opportunities provided by the employment situation in the French University sector.

The unit's current members publish on a regular basis in reputable journals, though not in leading international ones, and have completed a major collaborative online translation project. The unit's conferences are attractive to international researchers. However, given its limited funding, based on the number of full members from Paris-Sorbonne University, the unit should seek to apply for external research grants on a more regular basis in order to expand its range of activities. The unit's projects of a digital library of medieval England and of inscribed objects have the potential to produce essential databases, but the corpora should be clearly limited given the size of the unit and in the absence of dedicated IT personnel. With only one full professor, the unit is doing very satisfactorily as far as PhDs and HDRs are concerned.

The unit's regular meetings are one of the CEMA's assets. The monthly meetings associate scientific work and friendly togetherness. The unit should make it a priority to aim at increased collaboration with other units, though an effort has been made in this respect since the previous assessment.

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