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REPORT ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:
History and Dynamics of English speaking Spaces
HDEA

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE
FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AND
RESEARCH BODIES:
Université Paris-Sorbonne

ÉVALUATION CAMPAIGN 2017-2018
GROUP D



In the name of Hcéres¹ :

Michel Cosnard, President

In the name of the experts committees² :

Steven Sarson, Chairman of the committee

Under the decree No.2014-1365 dated 14 november 2014,

¹ The president of HCERES "countersigns the evaluation reports set up by the experts committees and signed by their chairman." (Article 8, paragraph 5) ;

² The evaluation reports "are signed by the chairman of the expert committee". (Article 11, paragraph 2).

This report is the sole result of the unit's evaluation by the expert committee, the composition of which is specified below. The assessments contained herein are the expression of an independent and collegial reviewing by the committee.

UNIT PRESENTATION

Unit name:	History and Dynamics of English speaking Spaces
Unit acronym:	HDEA
Requested label:	EA
Application type:	Restructuration
Current number:	4086
Head of the unit (2017-2018):	Mr Andrew DIAMOND
Project leader (2019-2023):	Mr Andrew DIAMOND
Number of teams or themes:	3

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair:	Mr Steven SARSON, Université Jean Moulin - Lyon 3
Experts:	Ms Françoise COSTE, Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès Mr Vincent LATOUR, Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès (representative of CNU)
HCERES scientific officer:	Ms Emma BELL
Representative of supervising institutions and bodies:	Mr Pascal AQUIEN, Université Paris-Sorbonne

INTRODUCTION

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

The HDEA research unit was formed in 2006 from the merger of three previous units (CATI – Cultures Anglophones et Technologies de l'Information, CEUMA – Centre d'Études Urbaines dans le Monde Anglophone, and Westpac – (Ouest américain/Asie pacifique) as recommended by the Mission Scientifique, Technique et Pédagogique (before AERES and HCERES). It is based at Paris-Sorbonne University and its premises are located at la Maison de la Recherche, 28, rue Serpente, 75006 Paris.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Professor Andrew DIAMOND, Dr Franziska HEIMBURGER.

HCERES NOMENCLATURE

SHS5_2 Littératures et langues étrangères, civilisations, cultures et langues régionales.

SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

The HDEA (Histoire et dynamique des espaces anglophones, du réel au virtuel) research unit is composed of civilisationists based in the English studies department at Paris-Sorbonne University. Its specialties until 2017 were the study of British and American society and culture as represented in visual media and new technologies (in the team CSTI-Cultures, *Sociétés et Technologies de l'Information*), environment, politics, religion, and the city in Anglophone countries from the 16th to the 21st centuries (MAPS – *Monde anglophone : Politiques et société*), and work in Anglophone cultures and societies (TCS – *Travail, Culture, Société*). Its new specialties are: *Le capitalisme sur le terrain aux 20^e et 21^e siècles*; *Les transformations de la famille aux 20^e et 21^e siècles au Royaume-Uni*; *Questions religieuses*; and *Territoires, environnement, écologie*.

UNIT WORKFORCE

Unit workforce	Number 30/06/2017	Number 01/01/2019
Permanent staff		
Full professors and similar positions	7	6
Assistant professors and similar positions	18	17
Full time research directors (<i>Directeurs de recherche</i>) and similar positions	0	0
Full time research associates (<i>Chargés de recherche</i>) and similar positions	0	0
Other scientists (" <i>Conservateurs, cadres scientifiques des EPIC, fondations, industries, etc.</i> ")	0	0
High school teachers	0	0
Supporting personnel (ITAs, BIATSSs and others, notably of EPICs)	0	0
TOTAL permanent staff	25	23

Non-permanent staff		
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	1	
Non-permanent full-time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs	0	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	0	
PhD Students	27	
TOTAL non-permanent staff	28	
TOTAL unit	53	

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT

HDEA has focused on Anglophone civilisation from the 16th to the 21st centuries in the areas of visual media and new technologies, environment, politics, religion, the city, and work. Its members produce world-class scholarship published in renowned international journals and encyclopaedias and by top-rated presses, and travel widely and frequently across France and abroad to give papers at globally-significant conferences, seminars, and workshops. Members also participate in the organisation of national and international educational and research initiatives. Furthermore, HDEA organises regular seminars and workshops and occasional conferences that attract world-class academics from France and abroad. HDEA has thus successfully followed the advice of the previous evaluation to build its national and international outreach. The unit has also successfully implemented AERES advice to synthesise its teams and synergise members' expertise through new strategies of managerial and budgetary rationalisation, and has maintained a mostly stable membership and near gender parity. More synergies might be created and to that effect its recent replacement of independent teams with research programmes under a single HDEA team is to be commended. The committee was impressed with the very positive attitude of members to the transparent, democratic, and responsive current leadership of the unit.

However, the committee has some concerns about the coherence of some axes within those programmes, and the unit badly needs institutional assistance with websites and other administrative matters. Specifically, the unit needs more secretarial assistance. It is to be noted that the Head and Deputy Head of the unit currently have no relief from teaching responsibilities. The unit is also in need of more workspace for hosting events with visiting speakers and for the purpose of asserting its presence and identity. PhD students also need a space to enhance their sense of connection to the unit and the university, and also require more administrative support and more direct involvement in the unit's activities. Despite these difficulties, the unit is very well-managed, produces first-rate scholarship and events, and deserves the national and international renown it achieves.

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