



École Pratique des Hautes Études



PARIS INSTITUTE FOR  
ADVANCED STUDY

# Paris Institute for Advanced Study



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# A community of international researchers, an exceptional setting, a laboratory of ideas

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## Purpose and Mission

The Paris IAS is an international research institute dedicated to the humanities and social sciences with the purpose of contributing to the internationalization of research, fostering new research and building bridges between disciplines. It is inspired by similar institutes in Europe and North America, which are based on the model of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. The Paris IAS offers fellowships to internationally recognised scholars and scientists for research stays in Paris for periods of five to ten months, in order to work on a research project of their choice, freed from the ordinary obligations of academic life. The residential fellows benefit from a unique space of freedom and exchange that fosters the development of new perspectives.

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## Residential Fellows

The IAS fellows are selected through a rigorous procedure that meets the highest international standards. A yearly call for applications is widely circulated in the international academic community. Independent experts evaluate the candidates' projects and experience, and finally an international Scientific Advisory Board assesses the applications. Following this demanding process, between 25 and 30 candidates – of all nationalities, ages, and research fields – are invited to the Paris IAS.

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## Activities and programmes

As an international center of excellence, the Paris IAS organises interdisciplinary dialogue among its guest researchers, supporting their activities and interactions with the scientific, academic, and cultural communities in Paris and the Région Île-de-France. It hosts conferences, seminars, and lectures organised by its residential fellows and partner institutions. The fellows' research covers a wide variety of topics and disciplines: history, archeology, philosophy, literature, sociology, psychology, law, political science... The IAS also promotes a specific research programme on the interface between neurosciences, humanities and social sciences, to link the brain, culture and society.

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## Partnerships

The Paris IAS is an independent institution embedded in the regional and European academic networks. It receives support from the City of Paris, the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, eleven universities and research institutions of the Greater Paris area and the Région Île-de-France.

The IAS is a member of the French and European networks of Institutes for Advanced Study (RFIEA and NetIAS) and it participates in EURIAS, a fellowship programme funded by the European union.

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## The Hôtel de Lauzun on Île Saint-Louis in Paris

Since 2013, the Paris IAS has been located in an outstanding building dedicated by the City of Paris to enhancing the international profile of the humanities and social sciences: the Hôtel de Lauzun. This remarkable 17<sup>th</sup> century hôtel particulier, built between 1655 and 1659, retains part of its interior décor. Over the centuries, it has been home to historical figures and famous writers such as Théophile Gautier and Charles Baudelaire. This unique architectural complex combines historical rooms dating from the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, along with modern offices, conference rooms, working spaces, and a library.