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## **Objectives and Research Emphasis**

Situated north of Paris in the city of Saint-Denis since 2001, the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Paris Nord hosts, supports, promotes, and disseminates research in the social and human sciences. Its objective is to play a prominent role in the international scientific community by sponsoring research on four main topics : 1) Cultural industries and the Arts, 2) Health and Society, 3) Globalization, Regulation, Innovation, and 4) Re-thinking the Contemporary City. The MSH Paris Nord is a jointly sponsored service and research unit of the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) and two universities, Paris 8 and Paris 13.

The Scientific Council of the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Paris Nord commissions two-year research projects selected from among responses to an annual call for proposals that is issued each year in June. The Scientific Council is chaired by the anthropologist Maurice Godelier and is composed of two-thirds French and one-third international scholars. The Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Paris Nord develops research at the local (Plaine commune), regional (Île de France), national, and international levels.

## **Disseminating Social and Human Sciences Research**

The Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Paris Nord also fulfills its mission of supporting research by contributing to the dissemination of scientific knowledge. It organizes and regularly sponsors seminars, colloquia, and lectures that are open to the public.

It also serves as the Audio-visual, Cinema, and Multimedia Center for Northern Paris.

Our organization works closely with Cap Digital, a center for global competitiveness.

It participates in major programs such as the Cluster de la création and the Maison de l'Innovation et de l'Entrepreneuriat (MIE). In collaboration with its partners, it supports and organizes scientific and artistic events, including the Centre for Innovation (CSI) and Human Sciences Tuesdays, etc.

## **Our Location**

The Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Paris Nord is in the process of creating a new location. As of 2012, we will occupy a 6,700 m<sup>2</sup> building S.H.O.N.

The new building will be the first major facility on the new Condorcet Campus.

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