



Centre Lillois d'Études et de Recherches Sociologiques et Économiques

PRESENTATION

The Lille Centre for Sociological and Economic Research and Studies (Centre lillois d'études et de recherches sociologiques et économiques (Clersé)) is a joint research unit of the University of Lille and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (Centre national de la recherche scientifique). The current heads of Clersé are Richard Sobel, Professor of Economics and Gilles Chantraine, Director of Research in Sociology at CNRS. They are accompanied by two heads of doctoral studies, Laurent Cordonnier, Professor in Economics and Grégory Salle, Director of Research in Sociology at CNRS.

Clersé:

- Is a **multidisciplinary** laboratory combining **sociology, economics and anthropology** with strong regional, national and international influences;
- Bases its research on three main lines that create closer links between these disciplines;
- Analyses and questions social, economic and environmental vulnerabilities.

Clersé hosts and is involved with one of the regional associate centres of the Centre d'études et de recherches sur les qualifications (Centre for Study on Research on Qualifications (CEREQ)).

LINES OF RESEARCH

Line of research 1 - Anchoring and comparative dynamics of politics (Coord. Aurélia Mardon, Lecturer in Sociology and Grégory Salle, Director of Research in Sociology at CNRS)

This line of research brings together sociologists and anthropologists who are interested in the various expressions of the relationship that key players have with the «political question». This is understood both as questioning the instituted powers, whether private or public, and as formulating possible alternative policies, independently from these powers and from the State: Against them, outside of them, or in spite of

them. It therefore examines both the official or established political institutions and the political, institutional and militant conflicts, struggles and mediations that give form and content to their action, sometimes influencing or redefining them, or even opposing and deviating from them. The issues being researched focus for example on prisons, hospitals, cities or even on migration and collective mobilisations.

Line of research 2 - Work and private life (Coord. José Calderón, Lecturer in Sociology, Mathilde Guergoat-Larivière, Professor of Economics)

This line of research analyses social connections and relationships in the workplace, in family life and in private sphere more generally, focusing on the interdependence of these spheres. The issue being researched is based on a deliberately empirical perspective that is based on social relations and on an analysis - in terms of social relations (class, gender and generations in particular) within and between these spheres. Research focuses, for example, on gender equality in the workplace, career paths, education and family, and working-class work.

Line of research 3 - Economies and societies (Coord. Ornella Boutry and Vincent Duwicquet, Lecturers in Economics)

This line brings together research with a general focus on how contemporary economic systems function as they are embedded in a social and natural environment. The research question in this line in terms of economics brings together certain concerns about history and philosophy of science and anthropology. The fields covered particularly include the environment, corporate social responsibility (CSR), the history of economic thought, development aid, service activities and innovation.



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In september 2024, the Clersé is made up of:

- 96 permanent teacher-researchers, 9 CNRS researchers, 80 doctoral students and 8 ITA-BIATSS research support staff, including 6 from CNRS.



INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE & PROJECTS

Clersé's research focuses on contemporary, post-industrial or developing societies with land in Europe or other regions of the world. The work is either disciplinary or multidisciplinary, depending on the aims and projects, and offers **comparative research** perspectives with located land (e.g., : Europe, Maghreb countries, Central Africa, West Africa, South Africa, Argentina, Canada, South-East Asia, Japan), a real counterpoint to our own knowledge which opens up new perspectives. **The projects take place in various frameworks** such as the French National Research Agency (Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)) or other public institutions on a local, national and international level.

Examples of ongoing projects in 2025:

1 junior IUF project, 1 senior IUF project, 5 ANR projects (ETEWI, MARSE, FamEnv, SIP, ProVirCap), 1 project Fondation de France (SOLITTORAL), 1 European project (LibrarIN), 2 CPER projects (ECRIN, IMITech), 2 PIA projects (A vous le sup, KAPPA), 2 chairs (SEC, WILL) etc.

Participation in national and international networks: AFEP, AFS, AIFSL, EUSARF, GERN, RESER, RIODD

Organisation of conferences : Lille Post keynesian Conference 2023 (6-8 dec. 2023); RIODD (17-19 october 2023); 6th International Conference Economic Philosophy (28 june - 1st july 2023). Congress of the French Association of Sociology (AFS) 6-9 July 2021.

CORPORATE TIES

Clersé is open to **associative or professional networks**, to the world of business and **participatory research**. Its members take part in **consultancy activities** and are called upon by the media. Clersé helps to shed light on and about public policies in order to fulfil a social and territorial need.

PARTNERSHIPS

Clersé maintains strong relationships with **institutional partners** such as the Department of Nord and Pas-de-Calais, the European Metropolis of Lille (MEL), the ENPJJ, the DARES, the DIRRECTES, the CNAV and the ARS.

It is developing special academic links with MESHS, PUDL, IMT Lille Douai, Sciences Po Lille, INSPE Hauts-de-France.

Hosted journals:

- DDT Journal (Sustainable Development and Territories)
- RFSE Journal (French Journal of Socio-Economics)
- ERSEM Journal (European Review of Service Economics)

TRAINING THROUGH RESEARCH SKILLS

The members of the Clersé participate in **training students** by becoming involved in different masters programmes in sociology and economics at the University of Lille. They contribute to training the students of the faculty's masters programmes (FaSEST) and the doctoral students of the SESAM Doctoral School **through research skills** .

SPOTLIGHT ON 40 YEARS OF THE CLERSE

On 22 and 23 June 2023, the Clersé is celebrating its 40th anniversary at the Espace Culture in the Université de Lille.

The «Ecology & Business(es)» study day on 22 June 2023 showcased the research work in progress and planned, highlighting the transversal focus of the next five-year contract. With contributions from sociologists, economists, and anthropologists from the Clersé have laid out the milestones for interdisciplinary collaborations: Household carbon footprints and ecological transition, functionality economics, the agricultural world and representations of nature facing ecological transitions, poverty ecology or the human race's relationship with the Earth, John Rawls or the missed opportunity with nature, green employment, ecology and environmental justice, and even the One Health concept and political economy contributions.

The morning of 23 June 2023 was dedicated to the social history of the Clersé, put together especially for the occasion, from the creation of the laboratory in 1982 to current day, covering its evolution with the research ecosystem.

This presentation was continued with a round table «Faire le point, tracer des lignes : le Clersé en perspective», with contributors from INSHS CNRS and the Université de Lille and, especially, participation from Denis Guthleben, Associate Scientist on the CNRS' History Committee.

Watch the filmed talks from 23 June 2023 on the Clersé's POD ULille channel.

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