

# Humathèque Condorcet and its oriental collections

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# General presentation

# Humathèque Condorcet, a few milestones

- Campus Condorcet was announced in 2009 as a project to create a campus devoted to the humanities and social sciences, founded by 11 universities.
- The library (“Humathèque”) opened its doors in 2020 under the name of Grand Equipement Documentaire (GED).
- The Humathèque brings together more than 50 libraries and archive centres.








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# Spaces at the Humathèque

- **Forum:** a crossing point at the heart of the campus, housing the Espace Françoise Héritier and the reading rooms



- **Espace Françoise Héritier includes :**

  - **The Open Space** (workspace open to everyone)



  - **The Auditorium**



  - **The « interface »** (exhibition space)



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- **Reading rooms :**
  - Reception desk on the ground floor
  - 3 floors of freely accessible collections
  - 46 rooms for work, seminars and training (from 4 to 32 places)
    (An online booking system will soon be available for rooms seating 4 to 16 people )
  - Archives and rare books room
  - Lounge area on the 3rd floor and terraces.






# The library’s holdings

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- The Humathèque's collections consist of almost one million documents : books, magazines, photographs, films, maps and sound recordings, in both physical and digital form.

- The vast majority of documents are freely accessible and can be borrowed. Others can be found in the closed stacks.

- The collections are divided into 4 thematic sections and 4 geographical sections.





# Thematic sections




**A - Knowledge and understanding**: epistemology and history of science and technology, specializing in Humanities and social sciences




**B - History** : cross-disciplinary studies; ancient history, medieval and modern history; contemporary history




**C - Texts, meaning, creation :** history of texts and of learning; religious studies; philosophy; the arts; literature and language; and psychic sciences.




**D - Spaces, populations, societies :** demography, sociology, anthropology, political, legal and economic sciences, urban and rural areas and environmental studies.

# Areal studies sections



**E - Africa :** the African continent, including the Maghreb, Egypt and the islands of the Indian Ocean.



**F - America :** North America, Latin America, the Caribbean and Haiti




**G- Asia :** South Asia, Himalayas, China, South-East Asia, Korea, Japan, Mongolia and Siberia.



**H- Eurasie :** Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East, the Balkan countries and the Caucasus.

# Oriental collections

- **Arabic collections**
  - Estimation ( 6 000 books )

  Collections coming from :
  - IRHT (Institut de recherche et d'histoire des textes)
  - EPHE (Ecole pratique des hautes études)
  - ITT (Institut des Traditions Textuelles)
- Arabic sources and studies concerning Islam in history.
- Arabic sources about Islamic law, Fiqh and theological studies.
- Classical Arabic literature from the Middle Ages and studies on these sources.



- Arabic sources on language, grammar, lexicons, etc.
- Sources and studies on Arts and sciences directly related to Islam.
- Sources in Islamic philosophy and studies on these sources.
- Codicological studies about Arabic manuscripts, from a material perspective (paper, ink, etc.)

# Oriental collections

- Label “collection of excellence” : CollEx

- The Shi’ite collection of the BSR (Bibliothèque des Sciences Religieuses de l’EPHE) has received in 2018-19 the “collection of excellence” label (1214 books, including 900 in Arabic).
- The library’s Shi'ite collection consists of two sets :
  - The « Henry Corbin collection », from a famous Orientalist’s name (1903-1978). Collection of works in Arabic and Persian from the two main branches of Shi'ism (Imâmism and Ismailism), mainly in the fields of theology, philosophy, Qur'anic exegesis and mysticism. There are many early lithographic editions (second half of the 19th century), which are no longer available in Iran itself.
  - The « Shaykhî Collection » brings together the works of the dignitaries of the “Shaykhiyya brotherhood” of Iran (Imâmite theology and mysticism).



# Oriental collections

- Kurdish, Turkish and Balkanic studies
  - CETOBaC (2,000 books)
  - Hamit Bozarslan’s gift (> 2,000 books)
  - Alexandre Popovic’s library (> 5,000 books)
  - Slovenian History Institute (31 books)
  - Ottoman and post-Ottoman history ; politics ; sociology ; religion, including Bektashism ; intellectual history ; gender studies.
  - Languages = mainly French, English, Turkish, Kurdish, German. Some books in Greek, Serbian, Albanese, Slovenian, Arabic.



# Oriental collections

- Iranian studies (2000 books including > 250 rare books)
  - History (especially ancient history)
  - Religious studies, especially Islamic studies
  - Art history
  - Philology : a specific shelf number = C23 649 Iranian studies
  - Sociology and anthropology
  - Politics

# Oriental collections

- Berber studies (included in North African studies)
  - CEAF (Centre for African studies)
  - BRA (The African Research Library)
  - Augustin Bernard’s library (professor of Geography at Sorbonne University) : 4000 books about Algeria, many of them are unique copies
  - Panthéon Sorbonne University students’ Master degree thesis about Africa, Maghreb and Middle East History

# Access to collections

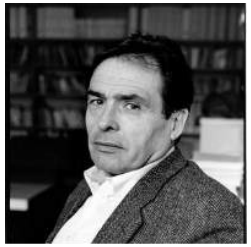
- **Open stacks:** most of the collections are in free access, and can generally be borrowed from the automatic machines on each floor.
- **Closed stacks:** documents held in storerooms must be booked via the Humathèque's online catalogue.
- **Archives:** you can access archives in the « Archives and rare books room », on the third floor.
- **Rare books:** They can also be read in the same room on the third floor (20 000)
- **Online resources**

# Periodicals and online resources

- E-books
- Periodicals (print and electronic) including about 25 titles specialized on the Middle East and North Africa
- Databases : Aldébaran, Index Islamicus

# The Humathèque archives

- **Research archives**



Pierre Bourdieu

ihtp



Alain Touraine

- 952 holdings amounting to 4906 linear metres.
- Archives produced by research units: administration and life of the laboratory, research activities (conferences), archives from collective surveys, etc.
- Researchers' holdings and documents (often collected along with their library): documentation, working notes, letters, lecture preparation, articles drafts, etc.
- Research artefacts in the form of archive collections (IHTP, CHS), artefacts from archaeological digs, surveys, etc.
- Some mixed collections (researchers' papers collected in the research units' offices together with the units' own archives)



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# Archives related to Middle East studies

- **Research units archives**
  - CETOBaC (Centre for Turkish, Ottoman, Balkanic and Central Asia studies)
  - CHSIM (Centre for Social History of Mediterranean Islam)
  - CEMMO (Centre for Maghreb and Middle East studies)
- **A research support unit’s archive**
  - IISMM (Institute for the Study of Islam and Muslim World Societies)
- **Various researchers’s personal and scientific archives**
  - Hamit Bozarslan ; Alexandre Popovic ; Lucette Valensi ; Alexandre Bennigsen ; Gilles Veinstein ; Henry Corbin ; Jules Leroy ; Daniel Gimaret ; Jean Jolivet ; Andrée Feillard
  - Forthcoming : René Basset-Jean Deny

# Archives related to Middle East studies

- **Other archives which include some documents about Middle East and North Africa**
  - The Jean Maitron archive includes some documents about the political situation in Palestine and the Fatah.
  - The Interdisciplinary Centre for Peace Research and Strategic Studies' (CIRPES) archive includes some documents about geopolitic issues in Middle East.
  - Political sociologist Mattei Dogan (1920-2010) archives
  - Institute for present-day history (IHTP) archive includes some documents about decolonisation (Algeria...)

# Support for research

- Advice Data management plan.
- Permanence Research Publications Tools Data (data management plan, data and metadata processing, open access publications, legal issues relating to open science, etc.)
- Open publication: HAL
- Support for digital research projects
- The research advisor
- A key contact for all questions relating to the Humathèque's range of services.

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