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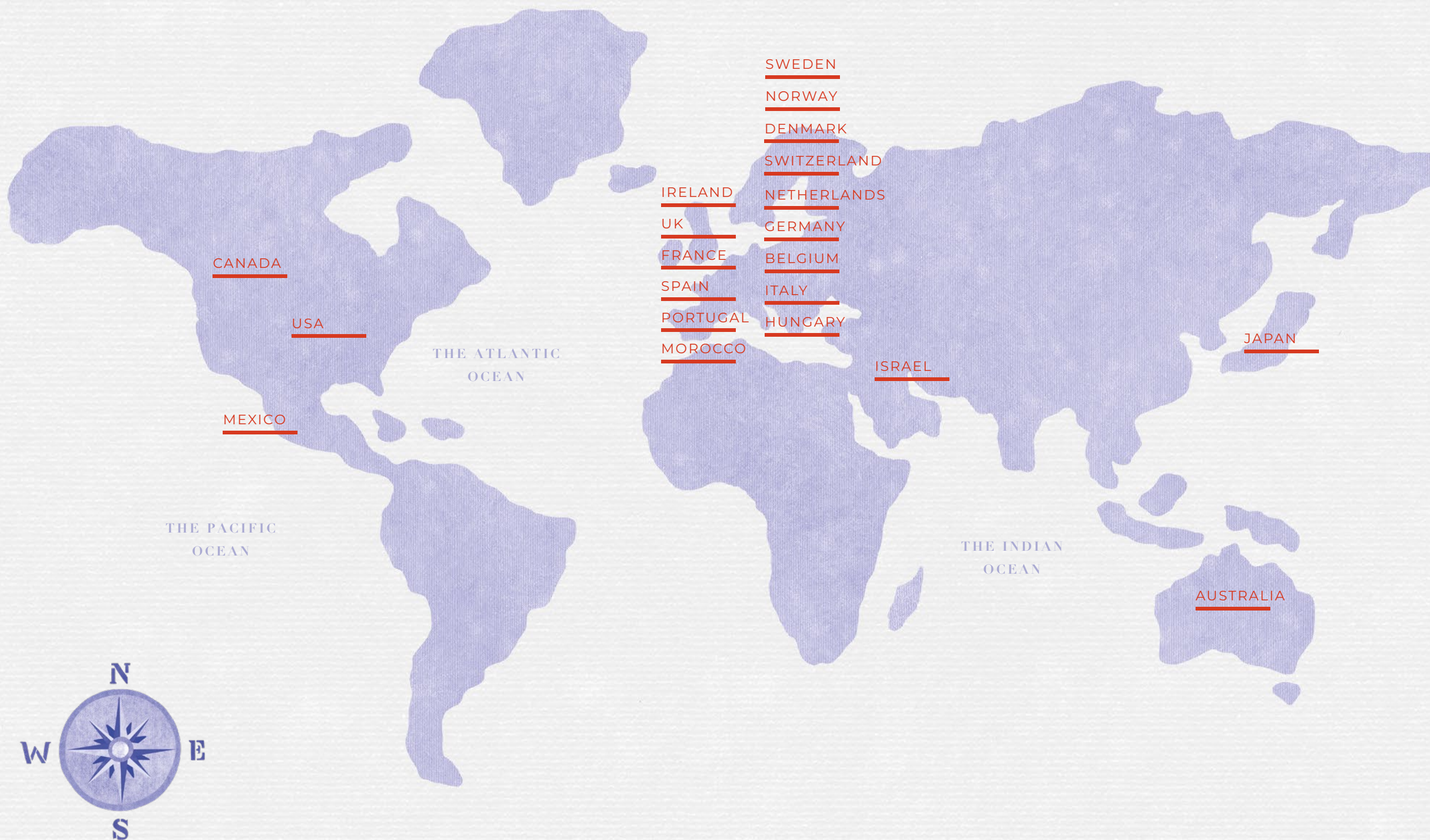
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95 VISITORS IN 2024,
INCLUDING PRESENTERS IN SEMINARS,
WORKSHOPS AND IAST CONFERENCES.



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As we continue to push the boundaries of interdisciplinary research, 2024 marked another significant milestone for IAST, with the full establishment of the department of Social and Behavioral Science at TSE. When the decision to create the department was made in 2023, everything was still in flux, as its structure, governance and long-term vision had yet to be defined. Over the past year, those foundations have been put in place, turning an ambitious idea into a fully operational academic home for interdisciplinary research. Together with our faculty, our staff, the wise members of our Scientific Council and Executive Board, and more than a hundred exceptional Research Fellows, we had proven that it was possible to build a world-class interdisciplinary research environment in Toulouse. This jewel has now taken its rightful place in the TSE crown.

This transformation has reinforced our commitment to shaping the future of TSE and will allow us to accelerate our growth even further. Indeed, just this year, we strengthened our position as a global hub for quantitative social sciences and behavioral research, by integrating new faculty in psychology, sociology, and computational social science. But while IAST takes pride in the SBS Department, it remains, and will always be, a force for change in its own right. If SBS is where ideas take root, IAST is where they are first dreamt of. The department provides the structure and stability needed for long-term growth, while IAST remains a space for exploration, where bold ideas are tested, and unexpected connections are made. Our scientific activities remained as dynamic as ever, with many conferences, workshops, seminars, and distinguished visitors. The richness of this intellectual life can be overwhelming: it would take 48-hour days

to attend every event and engage with every visitor! But this is the essence of IAST: an unparalleled intellectual menu, designed to expose scholars to ideas and perspectives they would never encounter elsewhere.

Governance at IAST also evolved this year, as I followed in the footsteps of Paul Seabright and Ingela Alger to become director of IAST. I am deeply grateful to my predecessors for paving the way, to my colleagues for their unfailing support as I stepped into this new role, and perhaps most of all, to the IAST staff for their tireless dedication to our institution. With a firm foundation in place, IAST will continue to innovate. Our commitment to interdisciplinary excellence remains unwavering, and we look forward to another year of discovery, collaboration, and growth in the place we cherish.



Jean-François
BONNEFON
IAST DIRECTOR





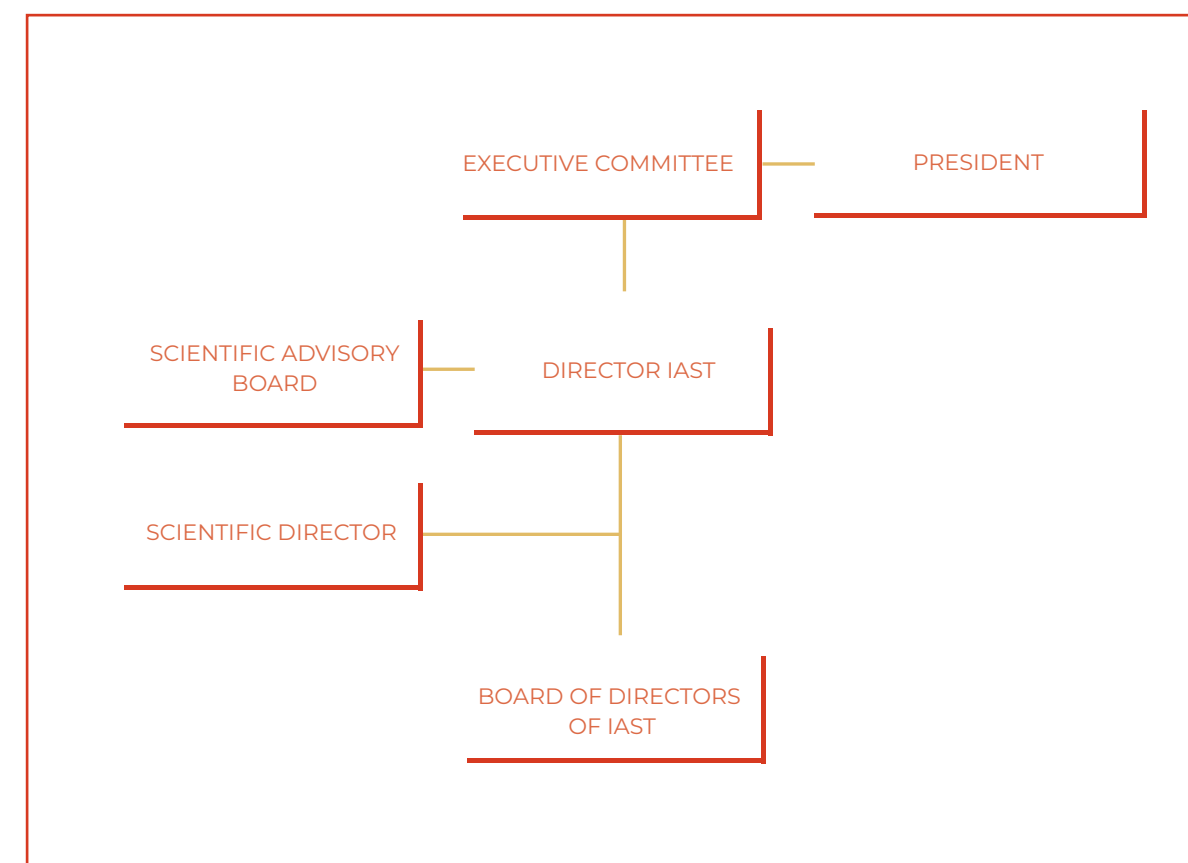
IAST GOVERNANCE

IAST is a sheltered foundation under the aegis of the Jean-Jacques Laffont - TSE Foundation. IAST has a Scientific Council composed of 25 members and is governed by an Executive Committee (COMEX) with representatives of the Toulouse Capitole University, the Jean-Jacques Laffont - TSE Foundation including a representative of IAST researchers, the collegium of public partners, and the collegium of economic partners. Ingela Alger was the IAST Director until August 2024. Her successor, Jean-François Bonnefon, took office as the new Director of IAST, and of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) in September. Previously, he served as Scientific Director until February 2023, before being succeeded by Jonathan Stieglitz, who took office in March 2023.

François Bourguignon (Director of research emeritus at EHESS, former Chief Economist & Senior Vice President of the World Bank in Washington and former Director of Paris School of Economics) is the chairman of the IAST

Executive Committee, helping develop IAST alongside its mother institution, the internationally renowned Toulouse School of Economics (TSE).

The Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse is a unified scientific project whose broad aim is to study human behavior through an innovative and multidisciplinary approach to social science. Our Institute is home to a team of resident full-time researchers from leading universities worldwide. While most researchers preferentially use analytical and quantitative methods to address their scientific questions, some researchers combine qualitative and quantitative methods, while others rely on qualitative methods. The Institute welcomes a large network of visitors from >25 countries, and partners with economists and mathematicians at the Toulouse Capitole University, INRAE, CNRS and the Toulouse School of Economics.



VISITORS TO IAST

In 2024, IAST welcomed 19 visitors, excluding speakers at seminars, workshops and conferences.

PROFESSOR AND ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

One **Professor**, two **assistant** professors and five post-doctoral IAST Research Fellows were recruited from September 2024, either fully funded by IAST or co-funded with the Grand Établissement Toulouse School of Economics and Quantitative Social Sciences. The newcomers all work at the crossroads of disciplines and are already developing exciting new interdisciplinary research projects in Toulouse.



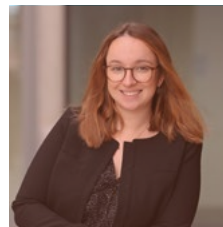
César HIDALGO

Professor in Physics

PhD in Physics,
University of Notre Dame, USA

Professor Hidalgo is the head of the Center for Collective Learning a multidisciplinary research laboratory with offices at IAST and TSE and the Corvinus Institute of Advanced Studies (CIAS) at Corvinus University of Budapest.

His research focuses on economic complexity, data visualization, and applied artificial intelligence.

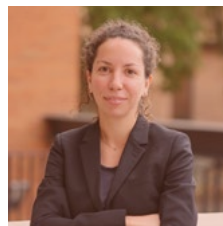


Marion HOFFMAN

Assistant professor in Sociology and Networks

PhD Social Networks Lab, ETH Zurich

Her research aims at furthering statistical methods for the analysis of social networks.



Catherine MOLHO

Assistant professor in Psychology

PhD Psychology, VU Amsterdam, Netherlands

Most recently assistant professor in the Department of Experimental and Applied Psychology at the VU Amsterdam.

Her research aims to answer key questions about cooperation and moral decision-making.

RESEARCH FELLOWS



Jesse FENNEMAN

PhD in Psychology

VU Amsterdam

Modeling, decision making, impulsivity and ecological rationality

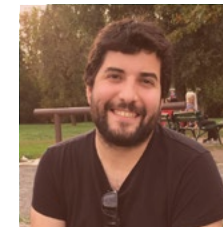


Alexandros GELASTOPOULOS

PhD in Mathematics

Boston University

Alexandros uses mathematical modeling to study biological and social systems.

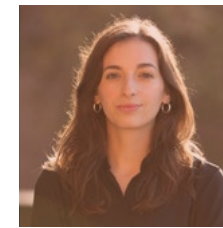


Pablo J. VARAS ENRÍQUEZ

PhD in Anthropology

Max Planck Institute

Evolutionary demography, Macroecology, Behavioural ecology, Evolutionary medicine and Biological anthropology.



Violeta HAAS

PhD in Political Science

Hertie School of Governance and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Comparative politics, political behavior



Marie BEIGELMAN

PhD in Economics

University of Barcelona

Economic History, Development and Political Economy.

VISTING ALL YEAR



Dean MOBBS

Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience

Caltech

Using brain imaging and novel behavioral techniques, Dean hopes that his pioneering study of fear at Caltech can improve treatment of PTSD, anxiety and other mental disorders.





RESEARCH TEAM

LEADERSHIP, POWER AND INEQUALITY

MARIJN KEIJZER (GROUP LEADER)

Dynamics that create and reinforce inequalities are ubiquitous—whether it be in the political arena, small-scale societies, in networks of personal relationships, or between groups of different social identities. The team brings together researchers from anthropology, economics, history, political science and sociology to study leadership, power and status, and their interaction in the emergence of inequality.



PUBLICATIONS

MAIN TOPICS

- Identity
- Ethnic media
- Polarization
- Representation
- Opinion dynamics

OUTLETS

- *Journal of Historical Political Economy*
- *Royal Society of Open Science*
- *Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation*
- *Journal of Politics*
- *Political Science Research and Methods*
- *Comparative Political Studies*
- *American Journal of Political Science*

GRANTS

Marijn KEIJZER, Danish Data Science Academy visitor grant (€ 2,000)

VISITORS

Giulia ANDRIGHETTO
Pavithra SURYANARAYAN
Arturas ROZENAS
Emmanuel LAZEGA

COURSES

- Economic history
- Graph analysis
- Toulouse Summer School in Quantitative Social Sciences

EVENTS ORGANIZED

- *Interdisciplinary Workshop on Identity and Politics*





RESEARCH TEAM

SOCIAL EVOLUTION

JORGE PEÑA (GROUP LEADER)

Explaining the evolution of cooperation is a fundamental goal of the evolutionary human sciences. The Social Evolution team aims to provide a natural forum for discussion

and collaboration on topics related to the (genetic or cultural) evolution of social behaviors and large-scale human cooperation. Our research takes an interdisciplinary approach, bridging insights from evolutionary biology, economics, anthropology, and psychology while drawing on a variety of methodologies, including theoretical models, experiments, and ethnographic research.



PUBLICATIONS

MAIN TOPICS

- Reputation-based cooperation
- Cultural evolution of institutions
- Niche construction and the evolution of environmentally-mediated social interactions
- Group-size effects in collective action problems
- Evolution and estimation of social preferences

OUTLETS

- Current Opinion in Psychology, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, PLOS Computational Biology, Theoretical Population Biology

EVENTS

- Cross-Cultural Research in Social Dilemmas and Beyond (preconference at the International Conference on Social Dilemmas (ICSD))
- 11th Toulouse Economics and Biology Workshop “Inequality in Networks”
- «Enjeux Science-Société en Primatologie», The 36th Conference of the French-speaking Society of Primatology



Common Good Summit 2024

COURSES

- Mathematical Models of Social Evolution (summer school, July 2024)
- Ecology for Economists (M2 Ecology and Economics, fall 2024)
- Cooperation at the micro- and macro-scale (summer school “The Human mind and the open society”, Central European University, Budapest (July 2024))

OUTREACH

- Common Good Summit 2024
- Talk: Des macaques japonais aux chimpanzés : L’aversion comme bouclier de santé chez les primates. Science Infuse, Médiathèque de Pau, France 14/12/2024

GRANTS

Cécile SARABIAN
National Geographic Society
Meridian Grant (2024-2025 Co-I;
PI: Dr. Paul Webala; 150,000 USD)

MEDIA

Dans le dispensaire des fourmis.
Epsilon 20/11/2024

Why are women more disgusted than men? It may help them live longer.
National Geographic 15/11/2024

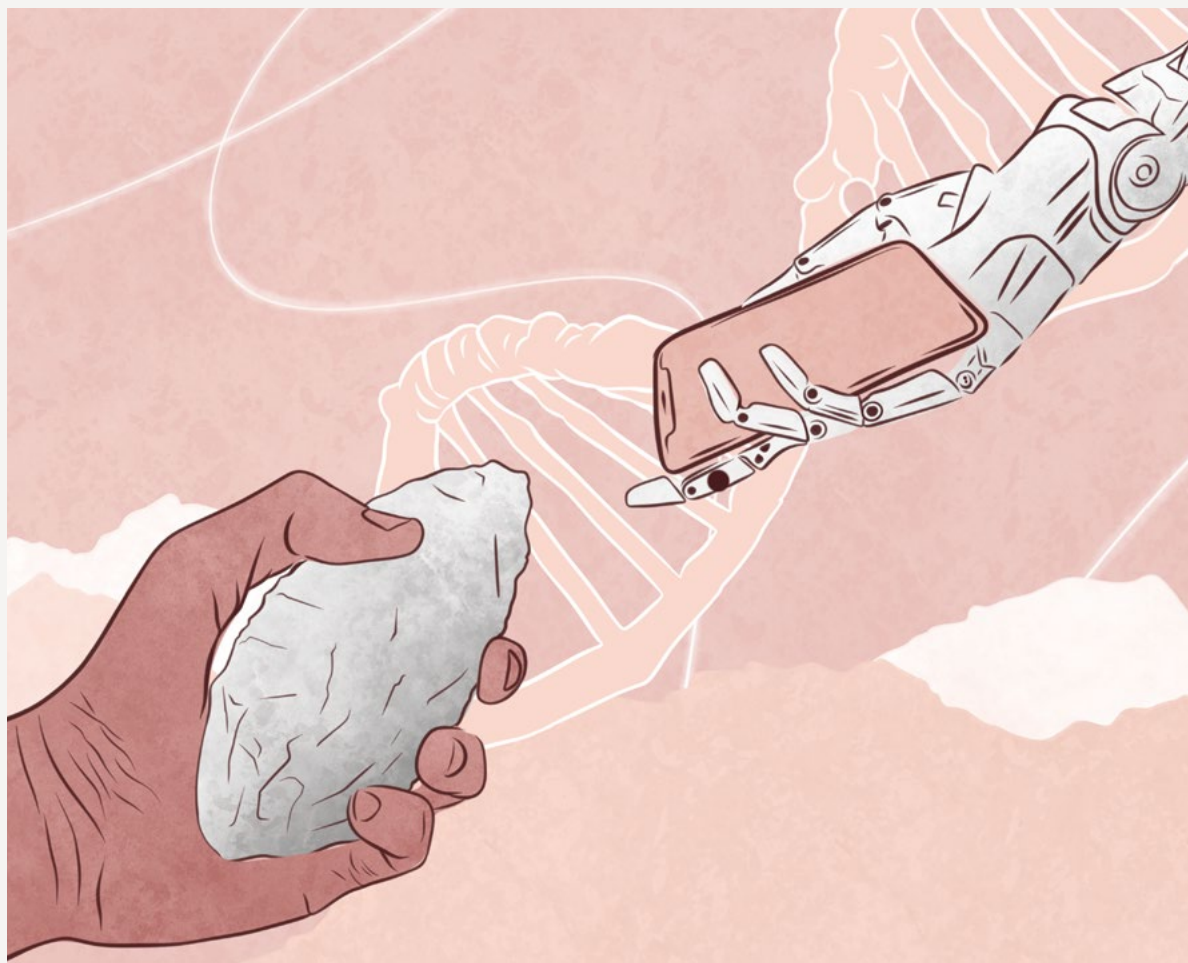
RESEARCH TEAM

EVOLUTION OF TECHNOLOGY

MAXIME DEREK (GROUP LEADER)

The IAST Research Team on the Evolution of Technology aims to encourage collaboration on topics related to the evolution of technology, broadly defined as those techniques, skills, methods, and processes used in the production of products or services or in the accomplishment of objectives. The team seeks to improve our understanding of the evolution of technology over short, long, and very long-time scales and its implications

for human biological and cultural evolution. It addresses questions such as: Which sets of biological traits and social structures allow humans to develop increasingly complex technologies? Which environmental and social conditions are especially conducive to the evolution of technology? How has technology affected our biology, and the way we think? How does it affect our use of time, space, and natural resources? Our interdisciplinary research leverages collaborations between biologists, economists, psychologists and anthropologists and incorporates a variety of methods, such as mathematical models, experiments and ethnographic studies.



PUBLICATIONS

MAIN TOPICS

- Creativity and Curiosity
- Cognitive Diversity
- Innovation
- Information Sharing in Networks
- Persistence of arbitrary solutions

OUTLETS

- Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
- Behavioral and Brain Sciences
- Behavioral Ecology
- Proceedings of the 46th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society
- Current Opinion in Psychology
- Annals of Economics and Statistics
- Proceedings B

VISITORS

Josh JACKSON
Emily BURDETT
Gino CATTANI
Charley WU
Kathelijne KOOPS

COURSES

■ Introduction to Cultural Evolution

OUTREACH

■ Comme des moutons ?

Quai des savoirs (with Maxime Derex member of the scientific council of the exhibition)

COMME DES MOUTONS?



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RESEARCH TEAM

EXPANDED MORALITY**CATHERINE MOLHO (GROUP LEADER)**

During the last decades, a combination of globalization, technological progress and evolving sensitivities has greatly expanded the purview of morality. The community of moral agents has grown to include faraway humans, non-human animals, intelligent machines, and private companies. Social networks and global news have given every moral act the potential to be witnessed by thousands or millions of active spectators. The Expanded Morality team seeks to understand and guide citizens, policymakers and firms in this brand new moral landscape.



Cécile Sarabian, SFDP 2024.

**PUBLICATIONS****MAIN TOPICS**

- Artificial Intelligence
- Animal Welfare
- Discrimination
- Climate Change
- Norms and Institutions

OUTLETS

- Science, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Behavioral and Brain Sciences, PNAS Nexus, Science Advances, Annual Review of Psychology, Current Opinion in Psychology, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, Scientific Reports, iScience, Technovation, Journal of Business Ethics, Scientific Data

GRANTS**Cécile SARABIAN**

National Geographic Society
Meridian Grant (2024-2025 Co-I; PI:
Dr. Paul Webala; 150,000 USD)

Nicolas TREICH

ANR "Sentientist benefit-cost analysis
(SentientBCA)" 2024-2029 (555,000
euros)

VISITORS

Karine NYBORG

COURSES

- “Cooperation at the micro- and macro-scale” at the Summer School “The Human mind and the open society”
- « The psychology of cooperation and norm enforcement » at the Toulouse Summer School for Quantitative Social Sciences
- «Nudges» course, L2, Toulouse School of Economics

AWARDS / APPOINTMENTS

- Jean-François BONNEFON

Moral AI chair, AI Cluster Artificial and Natural Intelligence Toulouse Institute.
[2024-2028]
- Catherine MOLHO

Rising Star designation, Association for Psychological Science (APS)
- Catherine MOLHO

New Investigator Award, Cognition Behavior and Evolution Network (CBEN)



Jean-François Bonnefon, Collège de France, 2024

EVENTS

- *Machine+Behavior conference*
Berlin, 29-30 April 2024



OUTREACH

- Jean-François Bonnefon

ADVISOR,
European Commission report on Trustworthy Public Communications
- Jean-François Bonnefon

MUSEUM EXHIBITS
IA Double Jeu (Quai des Savoirs de Toulouse) and Freedom (MS Wissenschaft)
- Conference on generative AI for high-schoolers at the Collège de France: L'IA générative, un remède à la désinformation? Colloque du Collège de France sur l'IA et ses Défis

MEDIA

- Jean-François Bonnefon

COMMENT UN CHATBOT DIMINUE L'ADHÉSION AUX THÉORIES DU COMLOT
Pour la Science, October 2024
- Sylvie Borau

« MISS IA » : L'INTELLIGENCE ARTIFICIELLE VA-T-ELLE ENCORE AGGRAVER LES STÉRÉOTYPES DE BEAUTÉ FÉMININS ?
20 Minutes, May 2024
- ET SI L'INTELLIGENCE ARTIFICIELLE POUVAIT AUSSI CONTRER LES THÉORIES COMLOTISTES ?
Le Parisien, September 2024
- FAKING AN HONEST WOMAN: WHY RUSSIA, CHINA AND BIG TECH ALL USE FAUX FEMALES TO GET CLICK
AP News, Seattle Times, The Economic Times, June 2024
- Cécile Sarabian

WHY ARE WOMEN MORE DISGUSTED THAN MEN? IT MAY HELP THEM LIVE LONGER.
National Geographic, November 2024
- LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES DE LA MODE ET DE LA PUB
Les Echos, February 2024
- DANS LES PUBS, DES BEAUTÉS TROMPEUSES FABRIQUÉES PAR L'IA
Les Echos, February 2024
- LES INFLUENCEURS VIRTUELS : LA-NOUVELLE-ARME-SECRÈTE-DES-MARQUES
Capital, November 2024



Félix Dwinger, extract of the video Political Economy research team



RESEARCH TEAM

FAMILY DEMOGRAPHY AND HEALTH

ILARIA PRETELLI (GROUP LEADER)

The research team is dedicated to unravelling the complex interconnections between family relationships, human life history, ecology, and health through an evolutionary lens. Drawing on expertise from disciplines such as evolutionary anthropology, biology, economics, and developmental psychology, the team adopts a multidisciplinary approach to explore three key research areas:

- Family Relationships
- Human Life-History Evolution
- Physiology and Health

PUBLICATIONS

MAIN TOPICS

- *Aging and musculoskeletal health*
- *Cross cousin marriage*
- *Childhood*
- *Disgust*

OUTLETS

- *Science Advances, PNAS, Evolution and Human Behavior, Scientific Reports, Hunter Gatherer Research, Evolutionary Human Sciences, Evolutionary Anthropology, The Journal of Gerontology*

FIELDWORK

■ Jon STIEGLITZ

1 month Management and training in Bolivia for the Tsimane Health and Life History Project

■ Haneul JANG

1 month Management and training in Bolivia for the Tsimane Health and Life History Project

VISITORS

Joan SILK

COURSES

- Ethics in Social Science Research
- Experimental Economics
- Evolution of Human Sociality (TSE Summer school)
- Evolution of Human Life history (Durham Psychology Department)

GRANTS

- **Cécile SARABIAN**, National Geographic Society Meridian Grant (Co-I; PI: Dr. Paul Webala; 150,000 USD)
- **Cécile SARABIAN**, Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, Multidisciplinary Research Grant (30,000 EUR)
- **Cécile SARABIAN**, Ecological Society of America, Registration Grant (530 USD)
- **Cécile Sarabian**, Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, Conference Organization Grant (20,000 EUR)
- **Haneul JANG**, Fyssen Foundation Research Grant (PI) (€ 70,000)
- **Haneul JANG**, Leakey Foundation Post-PhD Research Grant (PI) (\$ 28,770)

MEDIA

Cécile Sarabian

Dans le dispensaire des fourmis.
Epsilon, November 2024

Olympia Campbell

The truth about the fertility crisis:
A large family is no longer a status symbol.
Unherd, December 2024

Olympia Campbell

The case for polyamory: not every polycule is born of narcissism.
Unherd, May 2024

Cécile Sarabian

Why are women more disgusted than men? It may help them live longer.
National Geographic, November 2024

OUTREACH

■ Cécile SARABIAN

Des macaques japonais aux chimpanzés : L'aversion comme bouclier de santé chez les primates.
Science Infuse, Médiathèque de Pau, France 14/12/2024

EVENTS

The 36th Conference of the French-speaking Society of Primatology, Toulouse, France 15-18/10/2024, Co-organized with Cécile Sarabian (IAST), Dr. Alice Baniel (University of Montpellier), Dr. Maud Mouginot (Boston University) and Dr. Hélène Chotard (Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès)



Watch the new video of the research group FDH



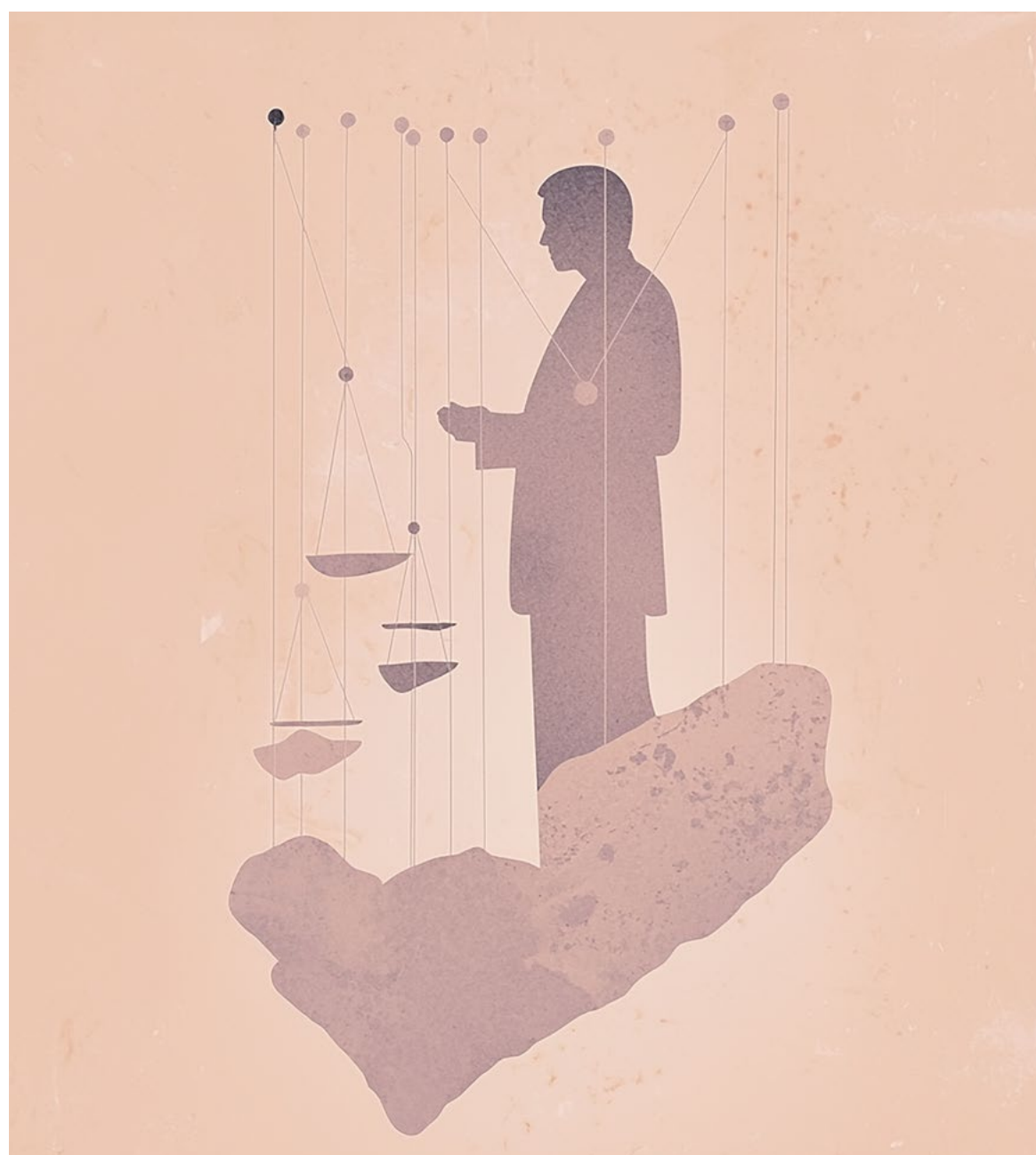


RESEARCH TEAM

POLITICAL ECONOMY

FELIX DWINGER (GROUP LEADER)

The IAST research team on Political Economy uses econometrics or experimental designs and formal theory to better understand politics, particularly the interplay between politics and economics. We seek to foster a community of political scientists, economists, and anyone from related disciplines to grow research agendas, develop future teaching programs on Political Economy, and host conferences to draw together leading political economists from around the globe.



PUBLICATIONS

MAIN TOPICS

- Autocratic politics and democratization
- Clientelism, patronage, and political favoritism
- Conflict and terrorism
- Electoral accountability
- Elite politics
- Heterogeneity in conjoint experiments
- Identity politics
- Labour markets and economic crises
- Lobbying activities and expenditures
- Mapping institutions of the Ancien Régime
- Mass political information and misinformation
- Measuring political preferences
- Political campaigns, fundraising, and public debate
- Protests and revolutions
- Public health amid Covid
- Religion and politics

OUTLETS

- American Political Science Review
- American Journal of Political Science
- BMC Public Health
- Comparative Political Studies
- Explorations in Economic History
- Forced Migration Review
- Journal of Conflict Resolution
- Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
- Journal of Historical Geography
- Journal of Mathematical Economics
- Journal of Politics
- Journal of the European Economic Association
- Nature Human Behavior
- Political Science and Politics
- Political Science Research and Methods
- Politics and Religion
- Public Choice
- Review of Economic Studies
- The Handbook of Labour Markets in Transition

GRANTS

■ **Mateo MONTENEGRO**, ANR-24-CE26-2660, (€295.623)

■ **Mateo MONTENEGRO, Horacio LARREGUY**, Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation, (€33.000)

■ **Horacio LARREGUY**, USAID Impact Evaluation Design for the Integrated Responses on Migration from Central America, (\$40.000)

■ **Horacio LARREGUY** EGAP's Grants for Quantitative Research on Migration, (\$15.000)

■ **Horacio LARREGUY** IPA's Displaced Livelihoods Initiative, 2024-2025, \$198.021 []

■ **Augustin TAPSOBA**, TSE Bridge Grant, (\$8.000)

■ **Raymond DUCH**, UK Research and Innovation, OPP 569, (£200.000)

COURSES

■ **Advanced Topics in Development Economics M2/ETE**

Mateo Montenegro

■ **Advanced Topics in Political Economy PhD**

Karine van der Straeten

■ **Applied Econometrics M1**

Victor Gay

■ **Causal Inference from Observational Data M2/PPD**

Mateo Montenegro

■ **Development Economics: Family Economics and Conflict MRes**

Augustin Tapsoba

■ **Economic History M1**

Victor Gay

■ **Institutions and Long-Run Development M2/PPD**

Victor Gay

■ **Introduction to Development M1**

■ **Introduction to Political Economy M1**

Ahmed Ezzeldin Mohamed

■ **Empirical Project M2/PPD**

Victor Gay

■ **Workshop on Presenting Research Papers at Academic Conferences PhD**

Karine van der Straeten

■ **Quantitative Social Sciences Summer School**

Anne Degrave, Giacomo Lemoli, Kristin Michelitch, Victor Gay

EVENTS

■ **Second IAST - Oxford – Sciences Po Paris Conference in Political Science and Political Economy, MAY 6–7, 2024, Toulouse**

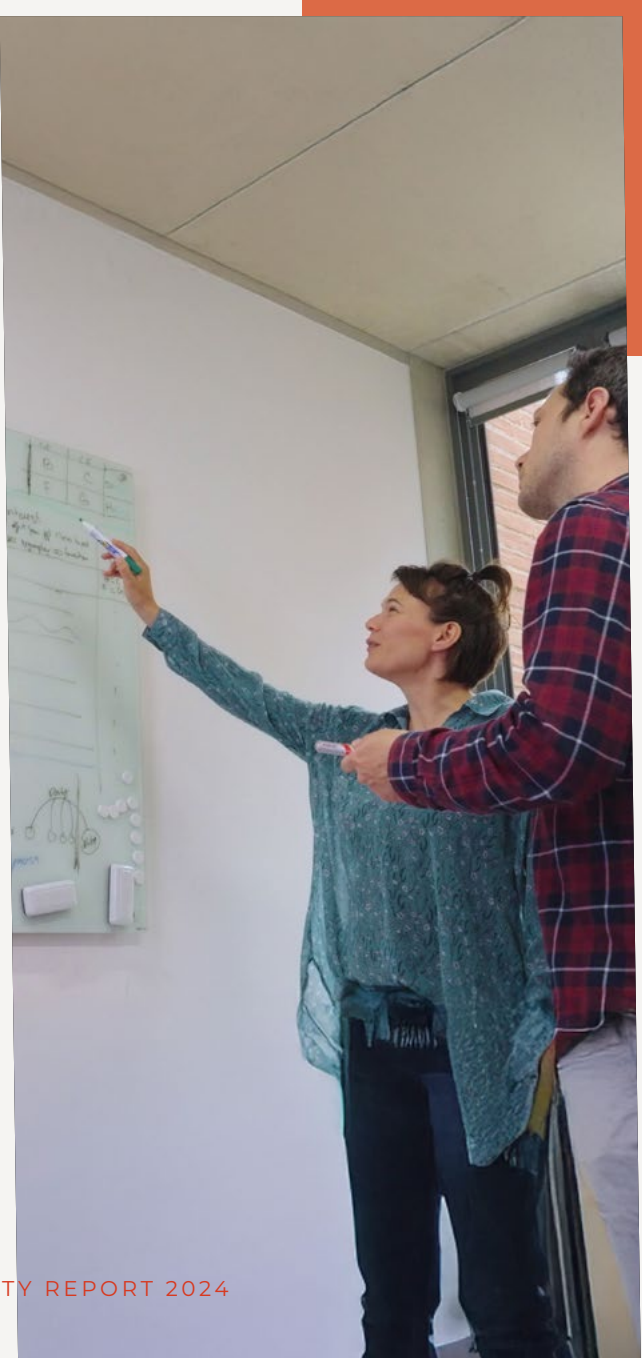
■ **Interdisciplinary Workshop on Identity and Politics, MAY 15-16, 2024, Toulouse**

MEDIA

Raymond Duch

'It's Time to Start Using Cash Incentives to Boost Vaccine Take-Up.'

Financial Times, January 2024



Extract of the video Political Economy research team.

OUTREACH

■ **Anne Degrave, Felix Dwinger, Giacomo Lemoli, Kristin Michelitch, Ahmed Ezzeldin Mohamed, Paul Seabright**

Crossing Channels Podcast
features in various podcast episodes

■ **Augustin Tapsoba**

NOVAFRICA
Sustainable Development Talks on Polygyny in Sub-Saharan Africa, NOVA School of Business, Podcast, Episode 3, Season 6

■ **Karine van der Straeten**

Expertise for SNCF Réseau and Amazon TSE-Partnership Foundation

■ **Victor Gay**

Quéro Mag
'Témoignage d'un auteur de Data Paper'

■ **Felix Dwinger, Kristin Michelitch, Mateo Montenegro**

YouTube Video
Research Team: Political Economy

■ **Felix Dwinger, Ahmed Ezzeldin Mohamed, Paul Seabright**

IAST Magazine, various articles

VISITORS

Giovanna INVERNIZZI

Bocconi University

George OFOSU

London School of Economics and Political Science

Katerina TERTYCHNAYA

Oxford University



Watch the new video of the Political Economy Research Team

CREATION OF THE SBS DEPARTEMENT

The creation of the Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) Department marks a pivotal moment in the evolution of the Toulouse School of Economics (TSE) into the Toulouse School of Economics and Quantitative Social Sciences.

This department cements the long-term presence of interdisciplinary research at TSE, ensuring stability and strategic growth. Yet, it is IAST that continues to be the beating heart of this transformation, fostering high-volume scientific life through an intensive program of seminars, visiting scholars, conferences, and seed funding for bold interdisciplinary expeditions.

Building a department that successfully integrates anthropology, biology, economics, political science, psychology, and sociology is an extraordinary challenge. In a period of growth, when each discipline may have only a handful of permanent faculty, maintaining intellectual diversity without fragmentation is a balancing act. It requires us to create a shared identity that transcends disciplinary cultures, bridge methodological divides, and attract top

talents willing to take the risk of engaging in a genuine interdisciplinary career.

In this respect, the role of IAST's extends beyond its intellectual incubator function: it also serves as a key institutional player, leveraging its remarkable network of alumni and friends. Former visitors, past and present members of its Scientific Advisory Council, and IAST-trained researchers now in top institutions worldwide create an unparalleled network of expertise and influence that continues to shape and strengthen the SBS Department. As the SBS Department takes root, IAST will remain indispensable, not just as a source of interdisciplinary dynamism, but as the intellectual and institutional bridge that makes this ambitious transformation possible.



IAST INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP ON IDENTITY AND POLITICS

In May 2024, TSE hosted the IAST Interdisciplinary Workshop on Identity and Politics

The two-day event was organized by the IAST Research Team on Leadership, Power, and Inequality (LPI)

The workshop brought together 12 international scholars conducting theoretical and empirical research on the role of group identities in politics, ranging from elections to social polarization and civil conflict

The disciplines represented included political science, sociology, economics, and psychology

The workshop featured a combination of research presentations and interdisciplinary discussions on theoretically and policy-relevant issues

IAST fellows and TSE graduate students had the opportunity to present and discuss their work, receive feedback, and establish connections with international scholars

Organizers:

Felix DWINGER, IAST Research Fellow

Marijn KEIJZER, IAST Research Fellow and team leader of the Research Team on Leadership, Power, and Inequality

Giacomo LEMOLI, IAST Research Fellow





36ème colloque de la société francophone de primatologie, 2024

CONFERENCES IN 2024

Jan 11-12 2024	16TH DIGITAL ECONOMICS CONFERENCE 📍 Toulouse, France	June 5 2024	DISTINGUISHED LECTURE THE EVOLUTIONARY ORIGINS OF THE MODERN WORLD 📍 Toulouse, France
May 6-7 2024	SECOND IAST - OXFORD – SCIENCES PO PARIS CONFERENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND POLITICAL ECONOMY 📍 Toulouse, France	Oct. 15-18 2024	36ÈME COLLOQUE DE LA SOCIÉTÉ FRANCOPHONE DE PRIMATOLOGIE – ENJEUX SCIENCE - SOCIÉTÉ EN PRIMATOLOGIE 📍 Toulouse, France
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Victor Gay, IAST - TSE
Benjamin Pitt, IAST - TSE
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The IAST grant aims to facilitate crossdisciplinary fertilization and is awarded annually to outstanding multidisciplinary research projects.

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■ Cécile Sarabian (IAST) – Cognitive Ecologist, Haneul Jang (IAST) –

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Horacio Larreguy EGAP's Grants for Quantitative Research on Migration, (\$15.000)

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AWARDS / APPOINTMENTS



Jean-François BONNEFON

Moral AI chair, AI Cluster Artificial and Natural Intelligence Toulouse Institute. (2024-2028)



Paul SEABRIGHT

Book of the year by the Financial Times for his book The Divine Economy: How Religions Compete for Wealth, Power, and People



Catherine MOLHO

Rising Star designation, Association for Psychological Science (APS)

New Investigator Award, Cognition Behavior and Evolution Network (CBEN)



Jean TIROLE

DHC - Academia de Studii Economice din București

Membre d'honneur, Le Cercle d'Oc

IAST ensures knowledge is shared by making science available. Participation in expert groups, in scientific projects, local outreach events, contributions to the public debate, books, editorial activities are

all produced for the scientific community and for society in a way the public can understand and learn from. Below is the list of our community's initiatives and dissemination of our scientists' latest work.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE



Olympia Campbell, extract of the video Family Demography and Health research team

RESEARCH TEAM VIDEOS

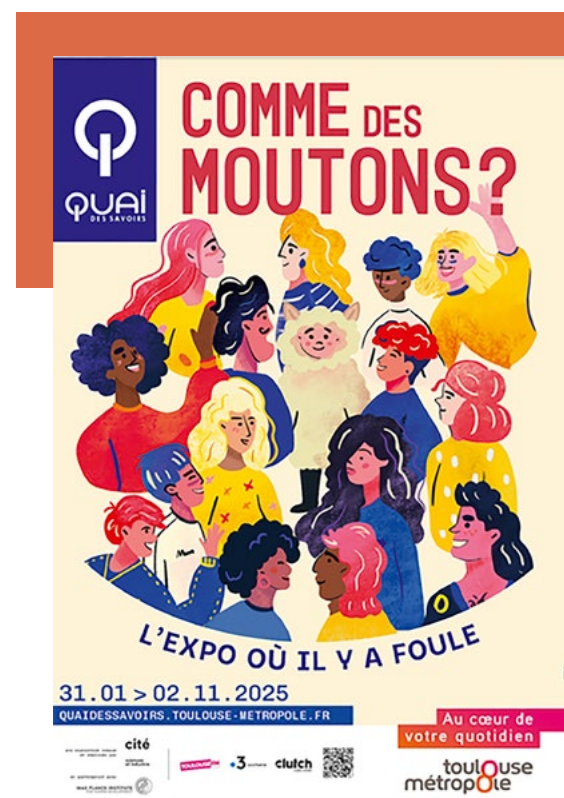
These videos aim to highlight the research activities of each research team, while illustrating the areas of impact of IAST researchers' work. They are aimed both at researchers whom IAST wishes to recruit, and those with whom it would like to collaborate. The main objective is to attract researchers through the group's research themes, but also through the research environment offered by IAST (organization, premises, city). They also help to raise IAST's profile among journalists and the general public.

These videos are available on IAST Youtube Channel:
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CURRENT EXHIBITION COMME DES MOUTONS ?

Quai des savoirs Toulouse

It immerses visitors in the unconscious mechanics of human crowds, questioning our habits and behavior.



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Episode 3 - Is the world becoming less democratic? with David Runciman (University of Cambridge), Kristin Michelitch (IAST) and Ahmed Mohamed (IAST).

Episode 4 - How are data and algorithms impacting our lives? with Gina Neff (Cambridge University), Jeni Tennison (Connected by Data), and Jean-François Bonnefon (IAST).

Season 3

Episode 4 - How can universal basic infrastructure support growth? with Jean-Paul Azam (IAST), Diane Coyle and Andy Westwood (Bennett Institute).

Episode 5 - Can economic growth and sustainability coexist? with Matthew Agarwala (Bennett Institute), Stefan Lamp (TSE) and Alessio Terzi (Bennett Institute)

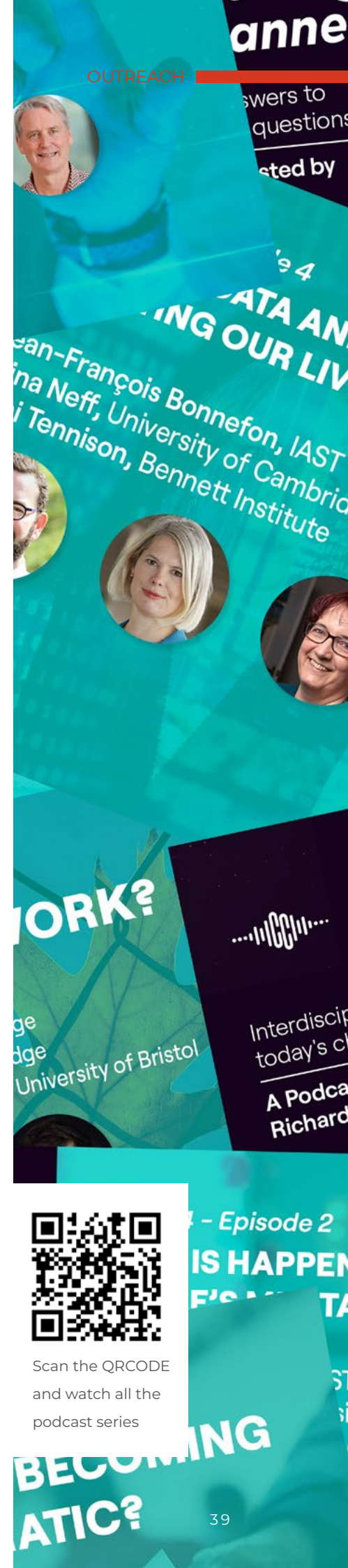
Episode 6 - Why are women disadvantaged in the workplace? with Emmanuelle Auriol (IAST), Nina Jörden (Bennett Institute) and Francesca Barigozzi (University of Bologna)

Episode 7 - Can governments regulate AI without stifling innovation? with Verity Harding (Bennett Institute for Public Policy), Gina Neff (Minderoo Centre for Technology and Democracy), and Lawrence Rothenberg (IAST and University of Rochester).

Episode 8 - What's the point of a protest? with Felix Dwinger (IAST), Giacomo Lemoli (IAST) and Lauren Wilcox (University of Cambridge)

Episode 9 - Who pays the price of colonialism today? with Stephanie Diepeveen (Bennett Institute) and Jordanna Matlon (IAST).

Episode 10 - Should there be a compulsory retirement age for society's leaders? with Diane Coyle (Bennett Institute), Ruth Mace (UCL, IAST), and Paul Seabright (IAST).



IN THE PRESS

As always, the IAST community strives to reach out to the general public on its research findings. 2024 was a particularly impressive year for press interactions, with breaking scientific discoveries, and a grand total of 117 articles published in the media, both French and international. Here is a selection:

WHY ARE WOMEN MORE DISGUSTED THAN MEN? IT MAY HELP THEM LIVE LONGER

with Cécile Sarabian
National Geographic, November 14, 2024

COMMENT L'IA PEUT FAVORISER LA DÉMOCRATIE PARTICIPATIVE DES FORUMS CITOYENS

with César Hidalgo
Les Echos, December 2, 2024



FRANCE HAS THE HIGHEST CANNABIS CONSUMPTION IN EUROPE. IT'S HIGH TIME TO TAX IT

with Emmanuelle Auriol
The Guardian - November 27, 2024

DU COURAGE POLITIQUE POUR UNE RÉFORME DE FOND DE LA SANTÉ

with Frédéric Cherbonnier
Les Echos - October 17, 2024

LE JOUR DE VOTRE ANNIVERSAIRE, LA JUSTICE EST PLUS CLÉMENTE

with Daniel L. Chen
Pour l'Eco - May, 2024

THE DIVINE ECONOMY ONE OF THE FT'S BEST SUMMER BOOKS OF 2024

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The Financial Times - June, 2024

BAD BOYS: STUDY FINDS AGGRESSIVE BONOBO MALES ATTRACT MORE MATES

with Maud Mougnot
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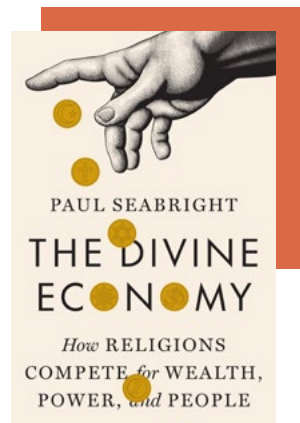
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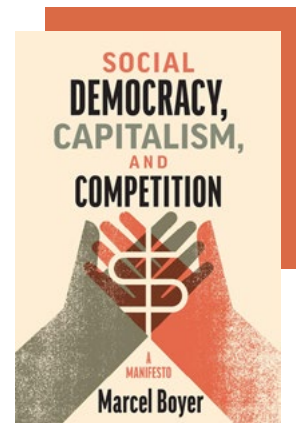


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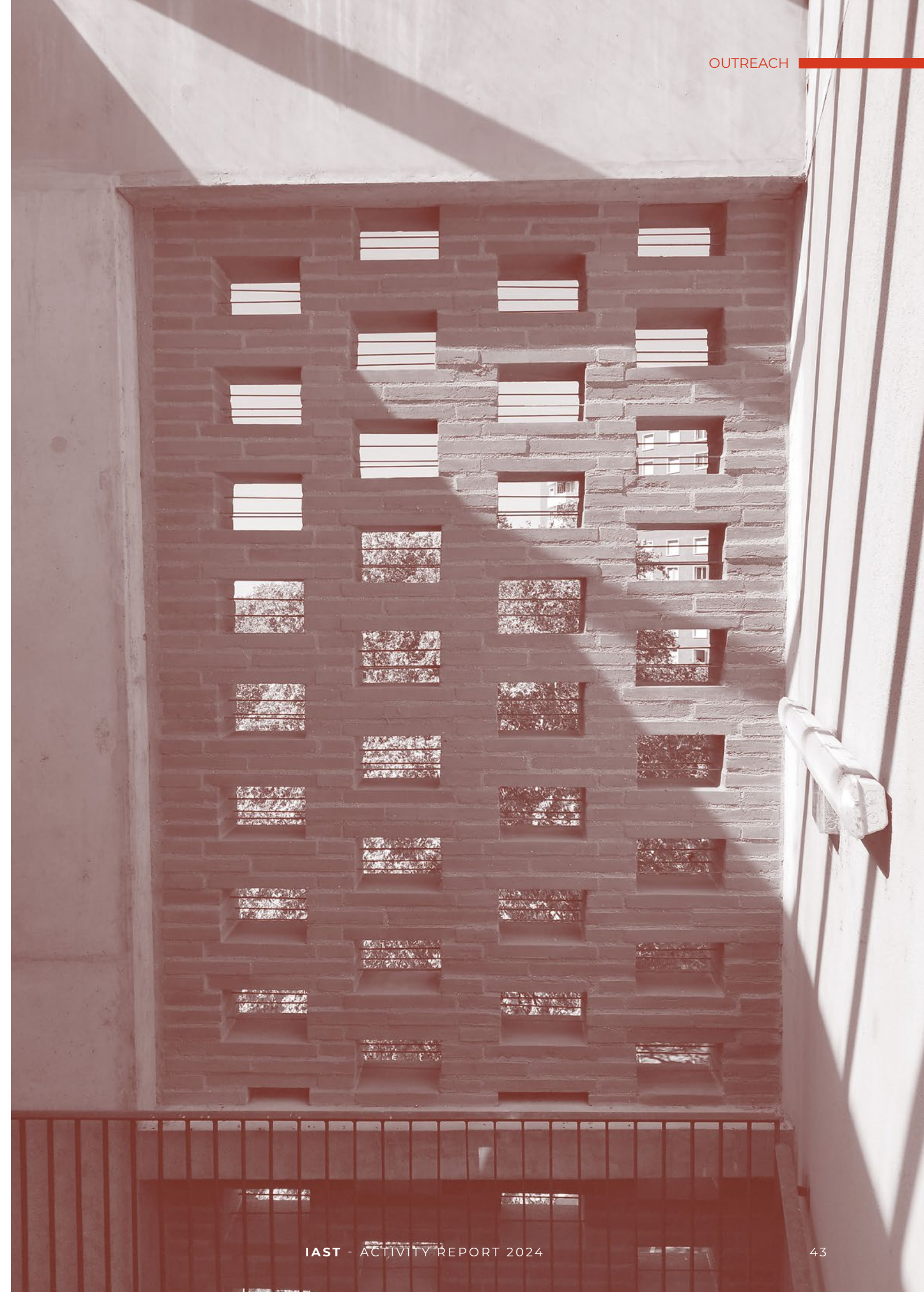
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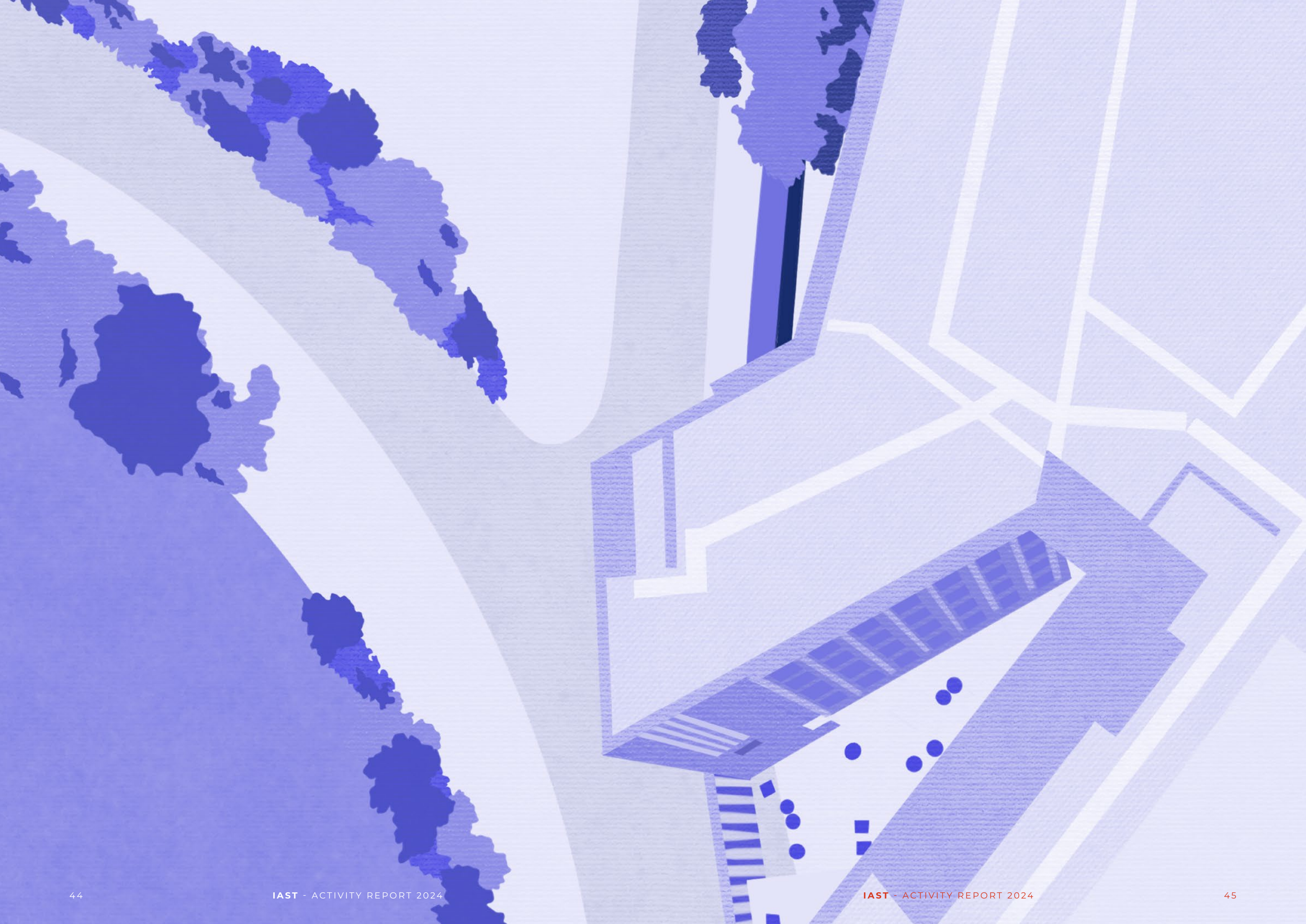


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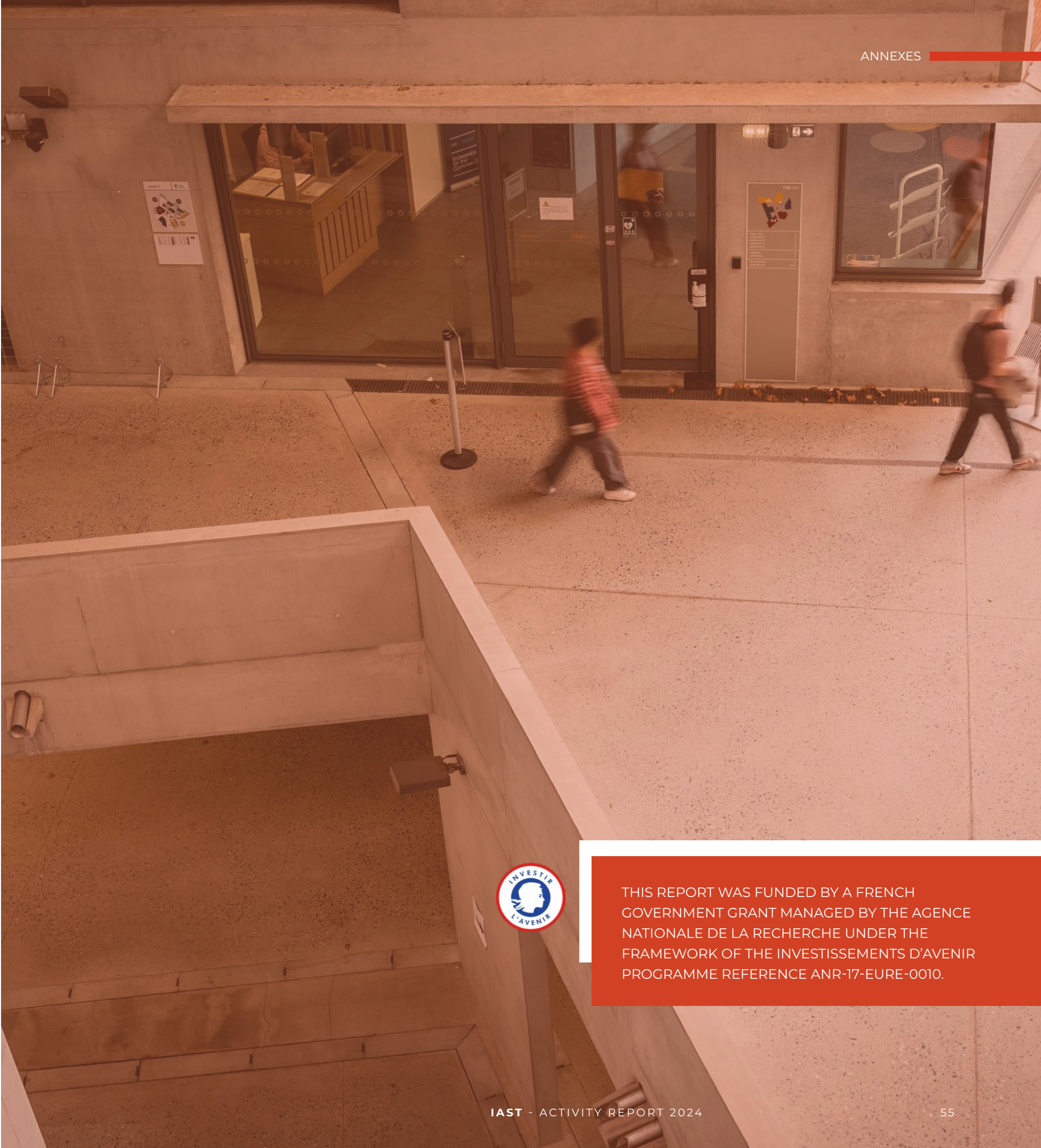


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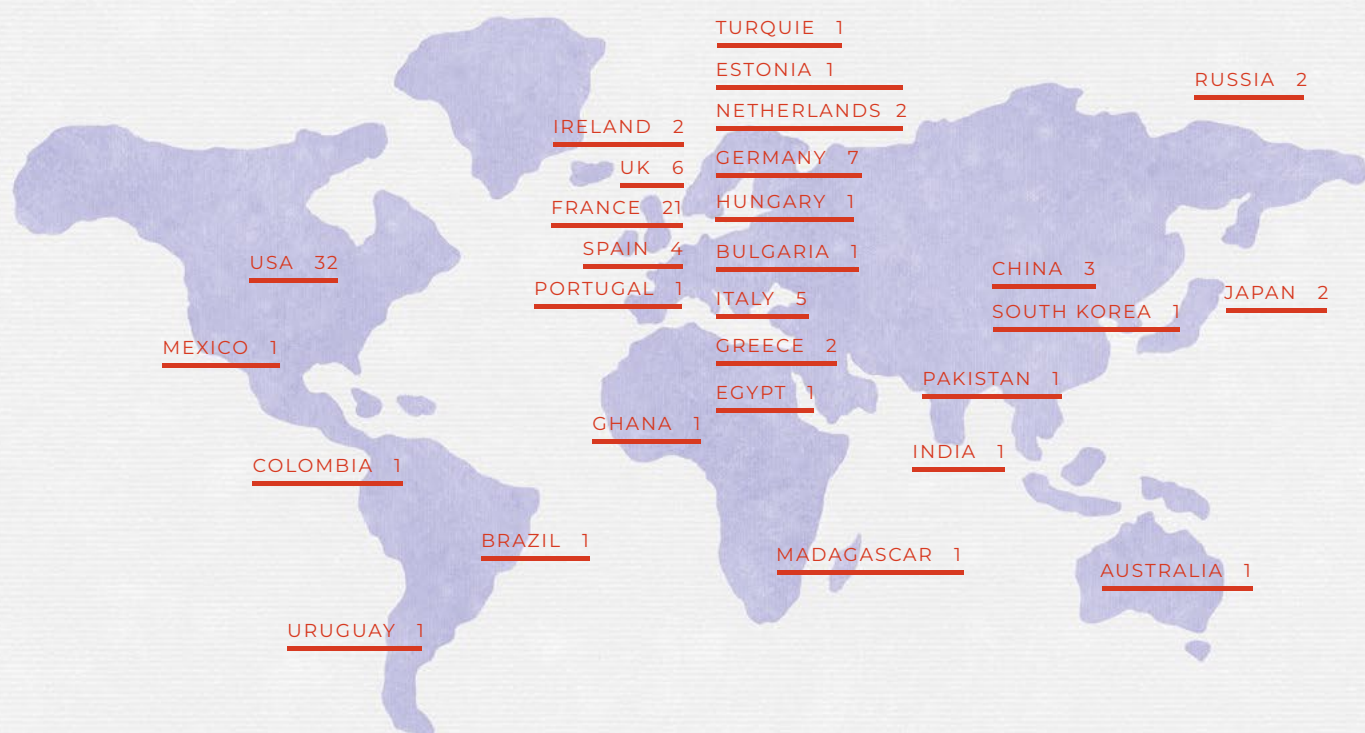


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