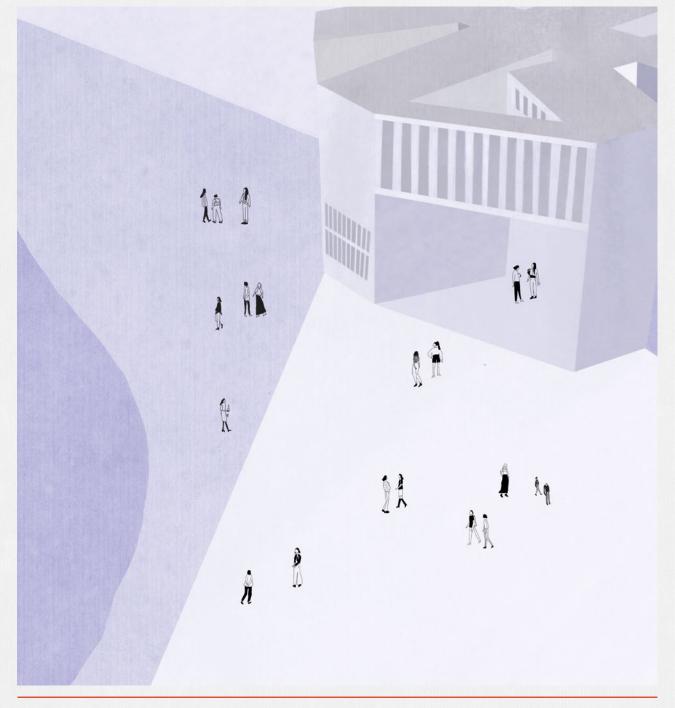


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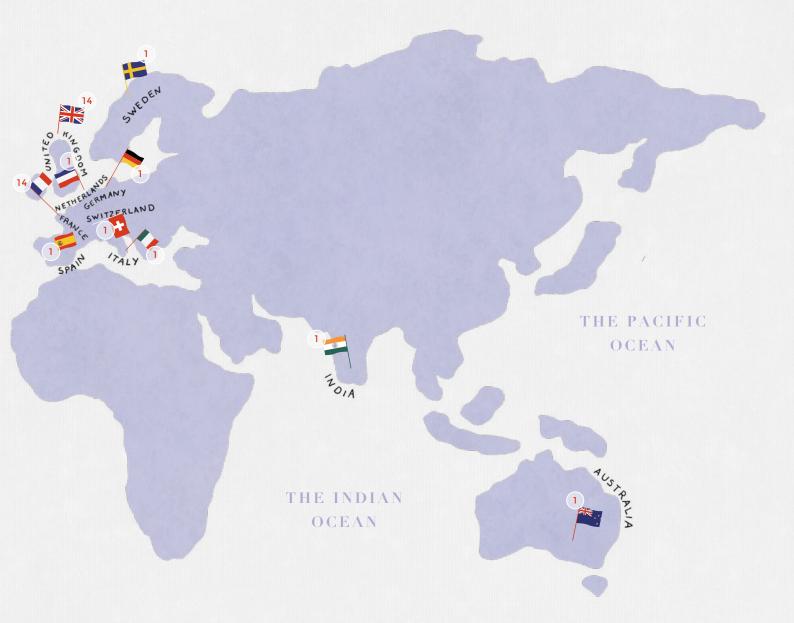




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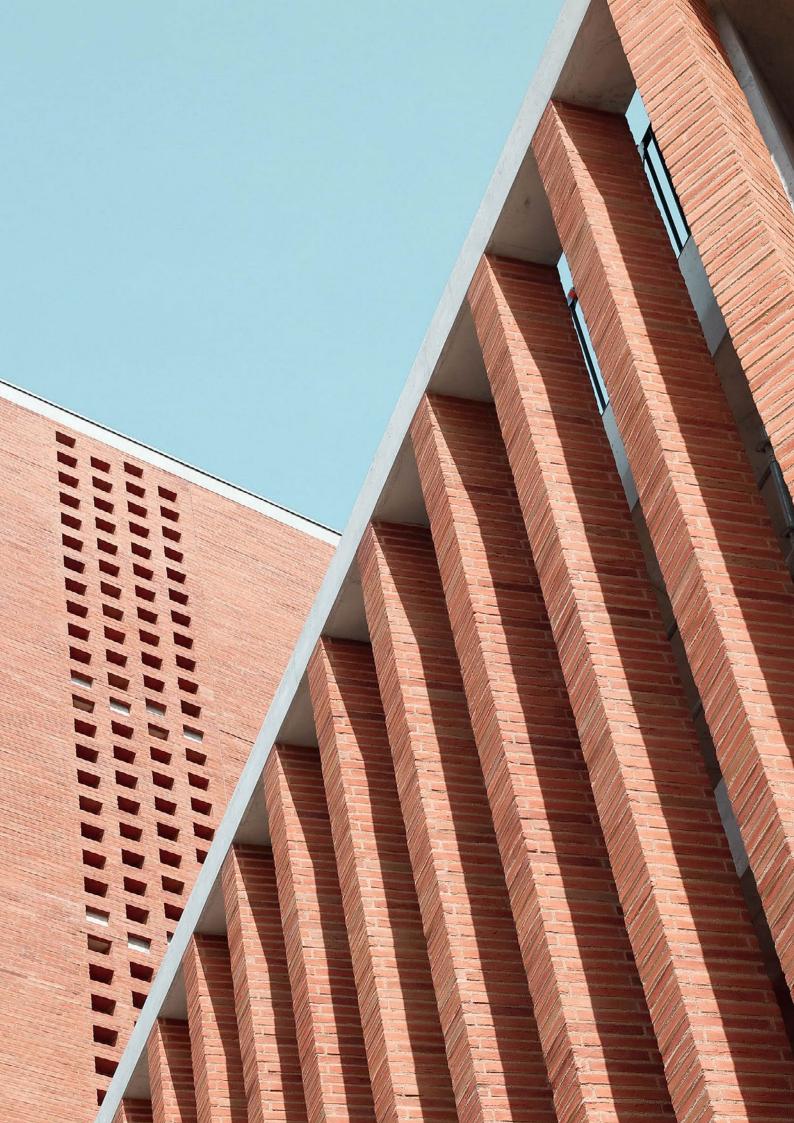
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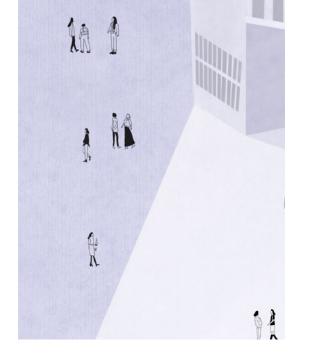
Writing from the perspective of lockdown in May 2020, the year 2019 seems already a long time ago. But it was an exciting and decisive year in the development of IAST. As well seeing as a rich range of research publications and activities, 2019 was the first full year of operation of our new funding arrangements as part of the Ecole Universitaire de Recherche (funded until 2028), which will see the integration of interdisciplinary research into the teaching of doctoral students. It saw the award of tenure to our first assistant professor in a subject outside of economics (many congratulations to Jonathan Stieglitz).

It also saw our move into the magnificent new building which we share with TSE, and of which we occupy a central floor that facilitates our interaction not only across disciplines within IAST but also between IAST and TSE, some of whose members had been much less aware of our existence than they will be from now on. The architects, Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara, received architecture's most prestigious award, the Pritzker Prize, within a few months of our moving in, and we can all attest to the impact of their innovative approach to space on our ways of working and communicating.

It has been a great wrench to retreat into Zoomland so soon after getting used to the pleasure of our new physical environment, and 2020 will bring challenges we never imagined even at the end of 2019. But the strength of the institution is its people, and they continue undaunted by the difficulties of remote working. It is my pleasure to present you this report from a more innocent, virus-free era, secure in the knowledge that the originality, energy and determination of our researchers and staff will make 2020 a year no less to be proud of than its predecessor.

Paul SEABRIGHT





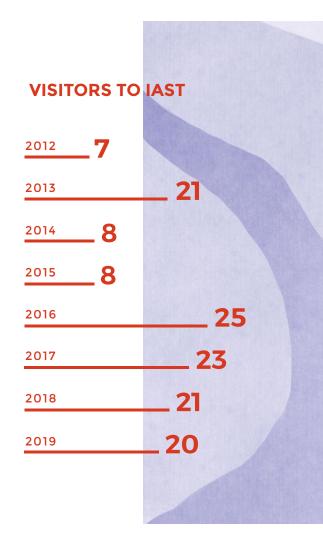
## **IAST GOVERNANCE**

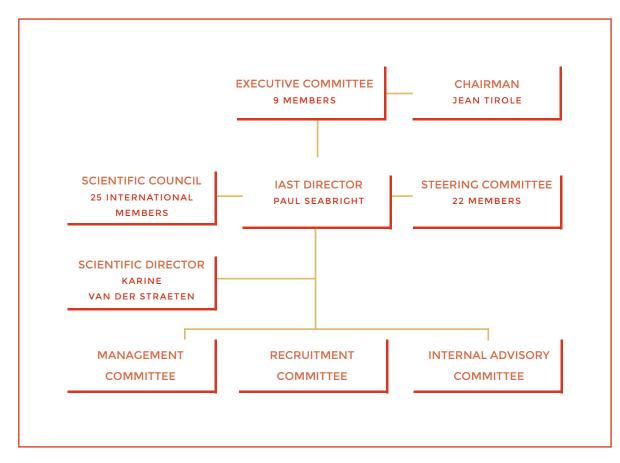
IAST operates as a sheltered foundation under the aegis of the Jean-Jacques Laffont - TSE Foundation.

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 IAST researchers, the collegium of public partners and the collegium of economic partners. IAST is directed by Paul Seabright, who is assisted by Delphine Pouts; the IAST administration is directed by Joël Echevarria and the IAST scientific director is Karine Van Der Straeten.

In June 2019, François Bourguignon, director of EHESS, Chief Economist & Senior Vice President of the World Bank in Washington and former director of Paris School of Economics succeeded Jean Tirole as chairman of the new IAST executive committee, helping develop IAST alongside 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 specialize in using analytical and quantitative methods to address their scientific questions, some researchers utilize both qualitative and quantitative methods, while others use only qualitative methods. The Institute welcomes a large network of visitors from >25 countries, and partners with economists and mathematicians at the Toulouse 1 Capitole University, INRAE, CNRS and the Toulouse School of Economics. Below is a summary of the Institute's latest scientific activities.







Nine new members joined the institute in September 2019, one as a CNRS Researcher and eight as Research Fellows. The newcomers all work at the crossroads of disciplines and are looking forward to developing new interdisciplinary research projects in Toulouse.

# **RESEARCH FELLOWS**



#### LAUREN BADER PSYCHOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Lauren examines the cultural and neurobiological underpinnings of parenting and socio-emotional development. Currently she is investigating the role of maternal sensitivity and infant attachment in bio-behavioral attunement between infants and their mothers.

### JANE CONWAY PSYCHOLOGY COLLEGE LONDON

Jane is an experimental psychologist. Her work examines individual differences in the ability to conceptualize others' mental states.

#### MARGOT DAZEY SOCIOLOGY EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

Margot is a sociologist interested in the nexus of religion and politics. Her research investigates questions of group consciousness, class cleavages, faith-based activism and citizen engagement of minority groups.

#### ELIZABETH DEKEYSER POLITICAL SCIENCE PHD OBTAINED AT MIT

Elizabeth's research uses ethnographic and computational methods to examine how politics influences identity, with a focus on questions surrounding Islam and immigration.





# MAXIME DEREX PSYCHOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

Maxime is a CNRS researcher studying the mechanisms underpinning human cumulative culture. He is interested in how these mechanisms interact with population structure to impact knowledge acquisition and transmission.



#### GONÇALO FARIA BIOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS

Conçalo utilizes mathematical modeling to explore kin and sexual selection across diverse species including humans.



# ZACHARY GARFIELD ANTHROPOLOGY WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Zachary's work focuses on the evolution of political leadership and followership. He uses comparative methods and conducts fieldwork to evaluate the validity of alternative theoretical models of leadership, particularly among humans in small-scale subsistence societies.



#### IMIL NURUTDINOV POLITICAL SCIENCE PHD OBTAINED AT UCLA

Imil's research seeks to illuminate the causes of differential economic growth among European societies from 1200 to 1900. Imil constructs original historical panel databases and analyzes them using structural models.



## CATHERINE MOLHO PSYCHOLOGY PHD OBTAINED AT VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

Catherine is a psychologist studying human cooperation, morality, and the role of emotions in decisionmaking. She draws upon insights from social and evolutionary psychology, behavioral economics, and evolutionary biology to better understand the factors underlying cooperative and punitive decisions.

# **TENURED FACULTY**



## **JONATHAN STIEGLITZ** ANTHROPOLOGY

Jonathan Stieglitz joined IAST in 2015 and was awarded tenure in 2019. As an evolutionary anthropologist his goal is to better understand how ecological and social factors interact to influence human health across space and time.

# **IAST GROUP PICTURE**

# SEPTEMBER 2019,

MANUFACTURE DES TABACS, TOULOUSE







# **2019 IAST RESEARCH LOCATIONS**





# **ANTHROPOLOGY** SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES IN 2019

# PUBLICATIONS

# PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS APPEARING IN THE FOLLOWING JOURNALS

eLife

The Leadership Quarterly Child Development American Journal of Physical Anthropology Human Nature Journal of Archaeological Sciences: Reports Royal Society Open Science Anthropologists at IAST use interdisciplinary approaches to study interactions between biological processes and environmental influences. They focus their research on ecological, biobehavioral and demographic aspects of human variation within the frameworks of human adaptability and evolution. They employ a wide range of methods common to the life, social and behavioral sciences. including observational fieldwork, biomedical surveillance, field and laboratory experiments, analysis of secondary datasets, and theoretical modeling.

# BOOKS

Aux Origines des Rites Funéraires Éric CRUBÉZY Odile Jacob editions

# MEDIA

#### Vivek VENKATARAMAN

50 years after Apollo 11, scientists describe the moon landing's legacy and how it inspired them, Quirks & Quarks,

Canadian Broadcast Corporation July 17, 2019

# GRANTS

#### AWARDED TO IAST RESEARCHERS

CNRS Harilanto RAZAFINDRAZAKA

The Leakey Foundation Vivek VENKATARAMAN **ACTIVE GRANTS** 

US National Science Foundation, Biological Anthropology Program Jonathan STIEGLITZ

US National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging Jonathan STIEGLITZ

# **EVENTS**

14TH ANNUAL EUROPEAN HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND EVOLUTION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Invited seminars given by IAST researchers Université de Montpellier II Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (Leipzig) University of Oxford University of Zurich University College London

# RECRUITMENT



Zachary GARFIELD Washington State University September 2019 «Hosting EHBEA gave us the opportunity to contribute to evolutionary social sciences and to share the ongoing work undertaken at IAST in this last decade»

# VISITORS

Alexandra Alvergne University of Oxford

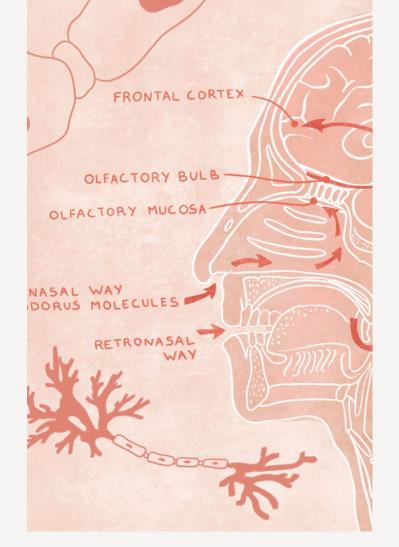
Michael Wilson University of Minnesota

# OUTREACH

Société D'Anthropologie de Paris annual conference

# COURSES

Evolutionary Medicine Master's degree at UT3 Paul Sabatier



# **BIOLOGY** SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES IN 2019

# PUBLICATIONS

# MAIN TOPICS

Cultural transmission of mating preferences in fruit flies

Environmental Mediation of Social Dilemmas

Evolutionary Theory of Human Preferences in Social Interactions

Evolutionary Theory of Human Warfare

Evolutionary Theory of Sleep

Habitats of Hunter-Gatherers

Role of causal understanding in technological development

Our biologists team up with economists, anthropologists and psychologists to discover the laws governing the behavior of living beings. Researchers from several key partners in the Toulouse area are regularly involved, notably Évolution et Diversité Biologique (EDB), Station d'Écologie Théorique et Expérimentale (SETE), and Anthropologie Moléculaire et Imagerie de Synthèse (AMIS). This cooperation is carried out through a regular seminar series, workshops, conferences. PhD courses and an advanced Master in Economics and Ecology.

# OUTLETS

Annual Review of Economics Behavioural Processes Environmental and Resource Economics Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience Journal of Fish Biology Nature Human Behaviour Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences Trends in Ecology & Evolution Science

#### RESEARCH OVERVIEWS 2019 / BIOLOGY

## RECRUITMENT



Gonçalo FARIA University of St Andrews September 2019



Alberto MICHELETTI University of St Andrews January 2019

# GRANTS

ERC Advanced Grant EvolvingEconomics on Human motivation: evolutionary foundations and their implications for economics Ingela ALGER

#### CNRS 80 Prime 2019 Grant

on Conformist learning in cultural knowledge

Paul SEABRIGHT

## MEDIA

Jorge PEÑA Egg trading between hermaphroditic fish: Why would you give when you can just take? Science Daily, January 14, 2020

> IN 2020... 8TH TOULOUSE ECONOMICS AND BIOLOGY WORKSHOP ON "FERTILITY: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES

> > Postponed to 2021 due to Covid-19

## VISITORS

Suzanne Alonzo University of California Santa Cruz)

Elizabeth Archie Notre Dame University

Julian Garcia Monash University

Anne Kandler Max Planck Institute

Jonathan Newton Kyoto University

Jörgen Weibull Stockholm School of Economics

# COURSES

Population Demography and Evolutionary Ecology in the Master 2 Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (ERNA), Ecology and Economics path

Introduction to Ecology for Economists in the Master 2 Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (ERNA), Ecology and Economics path

Advanced Behavioral Economics course for PhD students

Introduction to Cultural Evolution, University of Montpellier, graduate class

# **TUTORIALS**

#### Mathematics

Undergraduate level (Economics and Management path)

#### Probability

Undergraduate level (Economics and Management path)

# **EVENTS**

# PLENARY TALKS AT CONFERENCES

Conference in Honor of Jörgen Weibull Stockholm, Sweden

**7th Toulouse Economics and Biology Workshop "Cultural Evolution"** *Toulouse* 

**Theoretical Aspects of Rationality and Knowledge** *TARK 2019 in Toulouse* 

Learning, Evolution and Games LEG 2019 in Tel Aviv

Approche Interdisciplinaire de l'Evolution Moléculaire AIEM 2019 in Toulouse

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

**European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association** *EHBEA 2019 in Toulouse* 

**4th Pyrenean Interdisciplinary Research Event** *PIREN in Ax-les-Thermes, France* 

**European Economic Association** *EEA 2019 in Manchester UK* 

European Society for Evolutionary Biology ESEB 2019, Turku, Finland

North African summer school in Machine Learning (NASSMA) Ben Guerir, Morocco

Mathematical Models in Ecology and Evolution Conference MMEE 2019 in Lyon

Workshop on Evolution and Dynamics of Institutions Edinburgh Napier University

Society of Economics of the Household SEHO 2019 in Lisbon, Portugal

6th IAST/TSE Conference in Political Science and Economy Toulouse

**Probing the Foundations of Cultural Evolution** Lorentz Center, Leiden (the Netherlands)









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# CONFERENCE (CO-) ORGANIZATION

**7th Toulouse Economics and Biology Workshop "Cultural Evolution"** *Toulouse* 

**4th Pyrenean Interdisciplinary Research Event** *PIREN in Ax-les-Thermes, France* 

# INVITED SEMINARS

Human Evolutionary Biology CNRS Research Group, Montpellier University II Cambridge University Paris School of Economics University of Bologna University of Exeter Utrecht University

> « Economists and biologists build models that recognize that humans are but one species of the dynamic ecosystems which cover our planet.»

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# HISTORY SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES IN 2019

# PUBLICATIONS

# MAIN TOPICS

Export Booms and Labor Coercion during the Lancashire Cotton Famine

Private investment Under Dictatorship

Socioeconomic Inequality across Religious Groups in Egypt

Taxing Identity from Early Islam

World War I and Female Labor Force Participation

# OUTLETS

Advances in the Economics of Religion CEPR Discussion Paper Economics & Politics Economic History at the IAST takes a bold, ambitious approach that combines state-of-art econometrics with profound and serious historical research. The diversity of methods and skill sets of the current researchers with interests in history reflects our interdisciplinary approach.

# **MEDIA**

#### **Mohamed SALEH**

How Fair is Egypt's Education System?" Alternative Policy Solutions,

American University in Cairo Cairo, Egypt, June 5, 2019

#### Victor GAY

Gambling on War: Confidence, Fear and the Tragedy of the First World War Cambridge University Press, April 2019

#### **Mohamed SALEH**

Islam Instrumentalized: Religion and Politics in Historical Perspective Journal of Economic History, September 2019

#### Mohamed SALEH

Rural Economy and Tribal Society in Islamic Egypt: A Study of al-Nabulusi's Villages of the Fayyum Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols Publishers, Economic History Association, July 2019

## **EVENTS**

# **CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

Risk, Disaster and crisis in historical perspective

## IAST TUESDAY LUNCH SEMINARS

Race and the Question of Human Bodily Need in the Nineteenth-Century British Empire Nicholas CRAWFORD

The outbreak of WW1: a contribution of rational decision making

#### Alain TRANNOY

Pharaoh's Cage: Environmental Circumscription and Appropriability in Early State Development

#### Ola OLSSON

Development, Labor, and Public Policy Seminar Fractured-Land and the Puzzle of Political Unification and Fragmentation

#### Mark KOYAMA

Building State and Citizen: How Tax Collection in Congo Engenders Citizen Engagement with the State,

#### Jonathan WEIGEL

The Long-Term Effects of California's 2004 Paid Family Leave Act on Women's Careers: Evidence from U.S. Tax Data

Martha Bailey

# RECRUITMENT



Imil NURUTDINOV UCLA September 2019

## VISITORS

Martha BAILEY University of Michigan

Mark KOYAMA Georges Mason University

Ola OLSSON University of Gothenburg

Alain TRANNOY EHESS/AMSE

# COURSES

Historical Perspectives on Development Masters 2 Public Policy and Development, Mohamed Saleh

Governance, Institutions, and Long-Run Development, Masters 2 Public Policy and Development, Victor Gay

Advanced Public Policy and Applied Economics II TSE PhD, DEEQA, Victor Gay and Mohamed Saleh

IN 2020... CONFERENCE ON «BIG DATA IN ECONOMIC HISTORY»

Postponed to 2021 due to Covid-19

# OUTREACH

Coffee talk with the TSE student journal 'TSEconomist', Language and Gender, by Victor Gay

Coffee talk with the TSE student journal 'TSEconomist', by Mohamed Saleh, March 2019

Toulouse Economics and Biology Conference, presentation by Mohamed Saleh, May 2019

'Have a coffee with a researcher', outreach event open to the general public at the History Museum of Toulouse, CNRS 80th anniversary with the participation of Victor Gay

DATA-SHS week (PUD-T), Presentation of the main sources of data in SHS by Victor Gay

DATA-SHS week (PUD-T), Handling of survey data, presentation by Victor Gay, December 10

« A lot of emphasis is put on the production of novel archival data sources that are made publicly available. Economic History at IAST tackles questions that are important to the public, such as inter-group socioeconomic inequality, globalization, and female labor force participation. History at IAST believes that progress in social sciences can be only made via cooperation across fields. » **Mohamed SALEH** 



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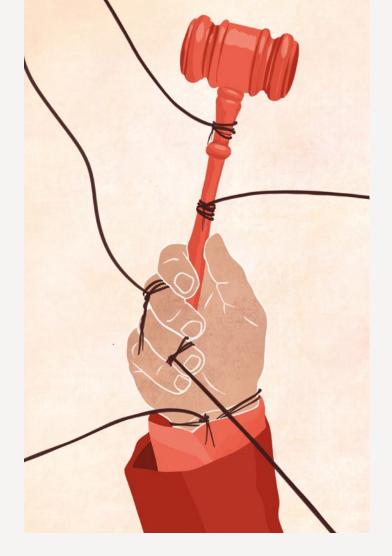
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# LAW SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES IN 2019

# **PUBLICATIONS**

# **MAIN TOPICS**

Al and Rule of Law Behavioral Judging Demography of Ideas Law and Development Law and Legitimacy Machine Learning Markets and Morality

# OUTLETS

Artificial Intelligence and Law Journal of Legal Studies University of Chicago Law Review Online Law as Data Advances in the Economics of Religion At IAST we believe that the law is not a closed logical system of rules and should not be applied without regards to its consequences. For this reason, the study of law has to be interdisciplinary: the understanding of legal problems requires us to understand the problems of our society first. Whether the subject is the functioning of free markets or the environment, health care or labor organization, a country's social and political structure or educational system, the combined knowledge of many disciplines is vital for a full assessment of the underlying legal issues.

# MEDIA

#### **Daniel CHEN**

How artificial intelligence can help us make judges less biased The Verge, January 17

#### Daniel CHEN

How charitable donations remade our courts

Vox, May 29

#### **Daniel CHEN**

Kavanaugh is radically conservative. Here's the data to prove it. **The Washington Post, July 10** 

# **OUTREACH & PARTNERS**

As lead PI of DE JURE (data and evidence for judicial reform), Daniel Chen has been running law and development RCTs (Randomized Controlled Trials) through relationships with a large number of governments in addition to their world bank personal relationships.

An estimation of around 17 countries benefit today from these randomized impact evaluations to improve justice, a few examples follow:

Estonia is deploying a digital democracy RCT using quadratic voting for survey research and has a data ecosystem interconnected via their X-roads system.

Chile uses within-dashboard RCTs to leverage insights from social preference economics, telework/court congestion-pricing RCTs, and mobile e-justice RCTs.

Peru focuses on RCT of training judges from theory to case-based (possibly based on the history of their past decisions).

- In Kenya, there is an adaptive learning of RCT.
- Brazil has probably the best data ecosystem because it's already linked to the employer-employee registry; here is RCT of legal analytics to firms.
- India and Croatia participate in the collection of data.
- Bangladesh deploys an RCT app (developed by a previous Harvard student of Pr. Chen) to prevent genderbased violence.
- Pakistan and Serbia are at discussion.

# **EVENTS**

#### Invited seminars

Diane WOOD Chief United States Judge for the 7th Circuit

Workshop Current Challenges for Transnational Regulation

#### Seminar

Civil Unrest, Emergency Powers, and Spillover Effects: A Mixed Methods Analysis of the 2005 French Riots

# VISITORS

Stéphane MECHOULAN Dahlousie University

Romain ESPINOSA University of Rennes 1

> "Accordingly, we need to cross boundaries and think across a vast range of disciplines, including the social sciences, the humanities and the natural sciences." Daniel CHEN



Political scientists studying at IAST are joined by theoretical and empirical economists, economic historians and other social scientists to raise fundamental questions concerning the functioning and development of states, political institutions, and the links between citizens and rulers.

# **POLITICAL SCIENCES** SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES IN 2019

# **PUBLICATIONS**

# OUTLETS

American Journal of Political Science American Political Science Review Journal of Theoretical Politics Political Science and Research Methods Perspectives on Politics Public Choice The University of Chicago Law Review "IAST researchers have increased our knowledge on a range of important topics. This includes, for instance, the impact of public policy on militancy in ethnically divided societies, the integration of religious minorities, or the development of norms that can help non-democratic leaders to stay in power. Another central theme concerns how to design better electoral rules and voting systems."

#### MICHAEL BECHER

#### RESEARCH OVERVIEWS 2019 / POLITICAL SCIENCES

# RECRUITMENT



Elizabeth DEKEYSER MIT September 2019



Imil NURUTDINOV UCLA September 2019



Jan STUCKATZ
LSE
September 2019

## **TENURE TRACKS**

IAST research fellows **Carlo Horz and Hannah Simpson** were appointed to tenuretrack positions at Texas A&M University.

**Saurabh Pant** accepted a tenuretrack position at the University of Essex (starting summer 2020)

#### MEDIA

#### **MICHAEL BECHER**

Is proportional representation a cure for democratic discontent ? VIEW, EURONEWS

#### **EVENTS**

THE 6TH IAST/TSE POLITICAL SCIENCE AND POLITICAL ECONOMY CONFERENCES WAS HELD ON 14-15 MARCH.

It focused on the theme of «Information, Institutions, and Accountability». Bi-weekly Political Economy Working Group brown bag seminar (organized by Saurabh Pant and Leah Rosenzweig).

Joint DLPP-IAST seminars at TSE.

# VISITORS

Ray Duch University of Oxford

Nolan McCarty Princeton University

# COURSES

Economic effects of Political Institutions M2 at TSE

Nudges L2 Economics at TSE

Applied Econonmetrics M1 at TSE (co-taught)

IN 2020... 7TH IAST/TSE CONFERENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND POLITICAL ECONOMY

Postponed to 2021 due to Covid-19



Psychologists at the IAST, jointly with researchers from economics, anthropology, biology and marketing, have investigated a wide range of topics related to the psychological underpinnings of human behavior. Research topics in 2019 included the developmental foundations of patience, the evolutionary origins of rationality and exchange, the nature of cooperation between humans and machines, and the cultural evolution of technology. **Results from these collaborations** provide valuable insights with respect to the ultimate and proximate causes of human behavior and the behavioral implications for modern humans.

# **PSYCHOLOGY** SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES IN 2019

# PUBLICATIONS

# MAIN TOPICS

Artificial Intelligence: ethics in autonomous vehicules Advertisment and consumer behavior Causal understanding of culturally evolving technology Catch Uncertainty and Reward Schemes Culturally evolving technology Emotional expression by sports teams Emotions related to immigration Fake news Human judgment and decision-making Machine Behavior Mothers' feelings about infants Parents' perceptions of childrens' emotions Power strategies within cooperation Role of emotions in decision-making Skills inferring to Mental States, Personality

and Intelligence Social emotional development

# OUTLETS

Acta Psychologica Developmental Review Environmental and Resource Economics Frontiers in Psychology Infant Behavior and Development Journal of Business Ethics Journal of Business Research Journal of Economic Psychology Journal of Experimental Psychology Journal of Experimental Psychology Nature Nature Nature Human Behaviour Nature Machine Intelligence Thinking & Reasoning

# MEDIA

#### Jean-François BONNEFON

Trusting self-driving cars is going to be a big step for people, Horizon, the EU Research & Innovation magazine April 02

#### Maxime DEREX

Pourquoi le PQ est sous-optimal (et comment le réinventer) Dirty Biology, youtu.be/ZD4z41ntlhA (5:15' to 9:15'), September 26, 2019

# BOOKS

# La voiture qui en savait trop Jean-François BONNEFON HumenSciences October 2019

# EVENTS

Invited seminars Francesca Righetti , VU Amsterdam Sacrifice in close relationships

#### Seminars

- The impact of alexithymia on autism diagnostic assessments: evidence from twins at genetic risk of autism and adults with anorexia nervosa
- How does cognition evolve?
- A comparative analysis of lemur intelligence

# RECRUITMENT



Lauren BADER University of Michigan September 2019



Maxime DEREX University of Exeter September 2019



Catherine MOLHO Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam September 2019

# VISITORS

Leonid Tiokhin Eindhoven University of Technology

# **OUTREACH**

An event on technological and scientific innovation Jean Tirole interview by Toulouse students on carbon tax, regulation of the GAFAM and the rise in self-employed jobs in France and Jean-François Bonnefon spoke on AI and today's transport challenges when facing moral dilemmas faced with autonomous vehicles.

Exploreur les rencontres. Information and attention span: do we have any brain time left? by Chloé Farrer, December 2019

"Humans can improve technology without really understanding it. Small tweaks, not deep physical insight, can lead to a better mousetrap "

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, September 26, 2019 on paper by Maxime Derex et al.



IAST has grown to become a leading research hub in the social sciences. Two events nicely showcase its identity as a world-class research institution. The first, in spring 2019, consisted of the largest conference in its young history, with > 250 participants from 5 continents, displaying our ability to bring together evolutionary social scientists doing cutting-edge research. The second, in fall 2019, was the move of IAST and TSE to a new, state-of-theart building.

## IAST HOSTS THE 14TH ANNUAL EUROPEAN HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND EVOLUTION ASSOCIATION (EHBEA) CONFERENCE

EHBEA is an interdisciplinary society for European researchers with an interest in evolutionary approaches to human cognition, biology, behavior and social institutions. It supports different approaches to a wide range of theoretical and applied topics, such as subsistence, kinship, medicine, conservation, and prosociality. The 14th annual conference was co-organized in Toulouse by IAST, CNRS and UT1 from 23 to 26 April 2019, allowing > 250 researchers to meet leading international scholars, exchange ideas and develop networks.

# EHBEA CONFERENCE



#### **7** PLENARY TALKS

**Etienne Danchin**, Emeritus CNRS Research Director at EDB (Évolution & Diversité Biologique), Université de Toulouse.

**Luke Glowacki**, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Pennsylvania State University (former IAST Research Fellow)

**Claudine Junien**, Emeritus Professor of Medical Genetics, Faculté de Médecine Paris-Ouest.

Daniel Lieberman, Edwin M. Lerner II Professor of Biological Sciences in the Department of Human Evolutionary Biology at Harvard University. **Richard McElreath**, Director of the Department of Human Behaviour, Ecology and Culture, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology.

**Anne Pusey**, James B. Duke Professor Emerita of Evolutionary Anthropology at Duke University.

**Jean Tirole**, honorary chairman of the Jean-Jacques Laffont - Toulouse School of Economics Foundation

#### **OUR SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY MOVES TO A NEW CAMPUS**

In November 2019. >300 researchers and administrative staff members moved buildings, from the 18th century Manufacture des tabacs to the new TSE-IAST building. Located in the historic center of Toulouse at the confluence of the Garonne River and Canal de Brienne. the forward-thinking masterpiece envisoned by Grafton architects was designed to maximize interactions between IAST and TSE researchers. The building was designed for crossfertilization of ideas between resident researchers and visitors. As a testament to the new building's architectural excellence, in March 2020, building architects Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara received the Pritzker Architecture Prize in recognition of their talent, vision and commitment in the genesis of major contemporary university buildings. This marks also a historic advance as there have only been three previous female laureates in the more than 40 year history of the prize. two of them in mixed teams.

The new building's construction is inspired by the typical reddish-brick architecture of Toulouse, which is often referred to as the "Pink City". The six-story building offers panoramic views over the Brienne Canal. the Garonne river and the Saint-Pierre churches. Features include an impressive sky cloister, an enhanced medieval rampart, 11,280 sqm of office space for ~350 faculty members, staff and PhD students, three state of-theart conference auditoriums. six seminar rooms and meeting rooms on each floor. Both traditional and modern, the edifice is designed to high energy-efficiency standards, including an innovative aircooling system using water from the

Brienne canal.

A quarter of a century after Jean-Jacques Laffont's initial steps toward the endeavour of what was to become the Toulouse School of Economics, today his fellow members carry out his mission in a new building with the intention of fostering pioneering scientific exchanges, organizing crossfrontier academic events, and inviting the general public to delve into the world of social science.



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# **IAST CONFERENCES IN 2019**

- Pyrenean Interdisciplinary Research Event (PIREN)
- 6th IAST/TSE Conference in Political Science and Political Economy: Information, Institutions, and Accountability
- The 14th Annual Conference of the European Human Behavior and Evolution Association - EHBEA 2019
- Risk, Disaster and Crisis in Historical Perspective
- 7th Toulouse Economics and Biology Workshop: Cultural Evolution

"Knowledge across frontiers" is the institute's motto. How better to exchange knowledge with academia than to go out, meet, discuss, debate and learn from each other? IAST is recognized for the quantity and quality of its events. Seminars and workshops are organized on a weekly basis, acknowledged conferences have become yearly get-togethers from experts in the fields, high-profile thinkers come to talk about their latest work and visitors contribute to our flourishing research, resulting in jointly published articles, partnerships and greater exposure of the institute and its ideas.

# **EVENTS IN 2020**



CONFERENCES IN IAST

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- Fabrice Etilé, PSE-INRA
- César Hidalgo, MIT
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## IAST TUESDAY LUNCHES IN 2019

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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. Discover here below a list of our community's initiatives and dissemination of our scientists' latest work.

#### **PRIZES AND AWARDS**

#### **GONÇALO FARIA**

# Sir Kenneth Mather Memorial prize

Gonçalo Faria received the Sir Kenneth Mather Memorial Prize from the Genetics Society for his work developed during his PhD at the University of St Andrews, "Integrating the theories of kin selection and sexual selection".

#### **JEAN-FRANÇOIS BONNEFON**

#### EU commission expert

Jean-François Bonnefon was elected chair of the expert group to advise the EU commission on ethical issues related to connected and automated driving.

#### JEAN TIROLE

#### British Academy Fellow

Jean Tirole was elected fellow of the British Academy in recognition of his achievements in the humanities and social sciences.

#### EMMANUELLE AURIOL

#### La Tribune prize

Emmanuelle Auriol received a special prize from French newspaper La Tribune for her report for the French Prime Minister, in support of the legalization of recreational cannabis in France. She argues that this would improve young people's health, revive troubled neighborhoods and generate additional tax revenues for the government estimated at €2 billion.



#### IAST MULTIDISCIPLINARY PRIZE WINNERS

The IAST prize aims to facilitate crossdisciplinary fertilization and is awarded annually to outstanding multidisciplinary research projects. This year, the prize was awarded to Bence Bago and Leah Rosenzweig for а project entitled "Cognitive and Emotional Processes Behind Susceptibility to Political Misinformation in the US and Nigeria". A special mention was made of Slimane Dridi, Alberto Micheletti, and Saurabh Pant for a project entitled "Biological and Psychological Origins of the Varieties of Nationalism: A Dynamic Theory and Lab Experiments". The "BLOOD-COOP project: a genome-wide study of the altruistic motivation of blood donors" advanced by Harilanto Razafindrazaka (IAST), Astrid Hopfensitz (IAST), Denis Pierron (AMIS: Laboratoire d'Anthropologie et Imagerie de Synthèse) and Arnaud Tognetti (Division of Psychology, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm) won the 2018 prize.

#### GRANTS

LAUREN BADER was awarded a grant from the Fonds Society for Research in Child Development, Small Grants Program for Early Career Scholars for her proposal on "Antecedents of Maternal Sensitivity and Mother-Infant Interactional Attunement in a Rural Community in Africa."

#### \$7480

**DANIEL CHEN** received a grant for his oTree project from the Sloan Foundation (multiyear agreement 2018-2019). His project started in 2018.

#### \$300,000

**CHLOE FARRER** was awarded funds by a private charitable foundation to implement the social-emotional learning program 'Incredible Years' and evaluate its impact in France. Her project started in 2019.

#### 500 000€

**VICTOR GAY** received a fund from the Pearson Institute of the University of Chicago for his work on "Land Tenure and Rural Rebellion in Pre-Revolutionary France".

#### \$3300

**LEAH ROSENZWEIG** and **BENCE BAGO** received the 2019 IAST interdisciplinary prize for their project entitled "Cognitive and Emotional Processes Behind Susceptibility to Political Misinformation in the US and Nigeria".

20 000€ for research and 20 000€ for a workshop.



# CONTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC DEBATE



In 2019, Nicolas Treich, TSE-IAST economist and Laurent Bègue, Professor of Social Psychology and Director of the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Alpes in Grenoble launched the «Lundi Vert» initiative (Green Monday) which followed the US «Meatless Monday» call from 2003. The campaign aimed at encouraging the French to change their eating habits and observe the impact of these changes, it was supported by 500 personalities in France and by several environmental and animal welfare NGOs. A scientific programme was setup to study and encourage these changes.

LUNDI-VERT.FR

### **IN THE PUBLIC EYE**





# March 11-13, 2019

### ECONOMIC NATIONAL DEBATE Manufacture des Tabacs Toulouse, France

TSE and IAST organized the economic National debate following French President Macron's initiative to debate and resolve current issues. The general public was invited across three evenings to listen to researchers and students debate on topics on ecological transition, taxation, inequality, education, immigration and public spending.

Paul Seabright, economist and director of IAST spoke on the two-speed education system which reinforces social inequalities. During the discussions with the audience, it was generally agreed that education is an affair that concerns society and not just teachers, and that the success of students also depends on school and teachers' status in society.



"Médias en Seine".

#### CAN THE ECONOMIST TELL THE TRUTH Media festival Paris, France

Can the economist tell the truth? Jean Tirole gave a masterclass on this question at the media festival in Paris

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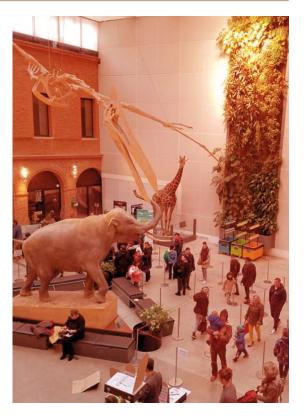
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# FUTURAPOLIS Quai des Savoirs Toulouse, France

An event on technological and scientific innovation Nobel leaureate Jean Tirole was interviewed by Toulouse students on carbon tax, regulation of the Gafam and the rise in self-employed jobs in France and cognitive psychologist Jean-François Bonnefon exchanged on AI and today's transport challenges bringing foward moral dilemmas faced with autonomous vehicles.





#### OUTREACH SCIENTISTS AT THE MUSEUM The Natural History museum Toulouse, France

Hundreds of people came to meet our researchers as CNRS celebrated its 80th anniversary at the natural history museum in Toulouse. Victor Gay joined families for coffee and spoke about women's work and the cultural transformation of World War One, while Sylvie Borau presented her latest research on gendered marketing.

# **IN THE PRESS**

IAST members regularly discuss their research findings and exchange on major societal issues in French and in the international press. Here is a selection.

# Jan. 02, 2019



# NICOLAS TREICH

L'appel des 500 pour un « lundi vert » : « Nous nous engageons à remplacer la viande et le poisson chaque lundi » The call of the 500 for a «Green Monday»: «We are committed to replacing meat and fish every Monday.» Le Monde

# July 1, 2019

# JEAN TIROLE

Réforme des retraites : «Une question de choix social», estime Jean Tirole sur RTL Pension reform: question of social choice RTL

March 24, 2019

# PAUL SEABRIGHT

Brexit: les entreprises se préparent Brexit: companies are getting ready La Dépêche

Sep. 4, 2019

# PAUL SEABRIGHT

« La recherche en sciences sociales enfonce-t-elle des portes ouvertes ? » «Does social science research push open doors? » Le Monde



**EMMANUELLE** 

Il faut légaliser le cannabis:

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**AURIOL** 

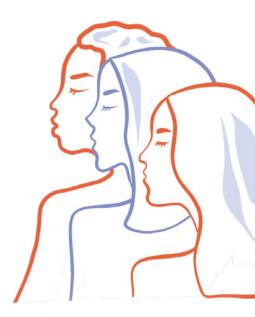
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# MAXIME DEREX and JEAN-FRANÇOIS BONNEFON

Humans Can Improve Technology without Really Understanding It Scientific American



Nov. 20, 2019

# Sep. 2019

# DANIEL CHEN

Épauler les magistrats Supporting the magistrates **Ut-capitole magazine** 

# EMMANUELLE AURIOL

Are women underrepresented in European economics?, **Vox & World Economic Forum** 

Nov. 29, 2019

# KARINE VAN DER STRAETEN

La bataille complexe de l'indépendance des statistiques publiques The Complex Battle for the Independence of Official Statistics La Tribune

# Oct. 29, 2019

# JEAN-FRANÇOIS BONNEFON

Semi-autonomous cars 'less likely' to get blame for crashes, **Tech Digest** 

# IAST MAGAZINE

Our bi-annual magazines highlight the work from our community of researchers, invited guests and international visitors with in-depth dossiers article on Identity and the Human Body. In December 2019, a few weeks after our move the new building, the IAST was proud to publish its 15th issue, with a new makeover and title and entirely printed on recycled paper.

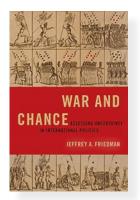


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# BOOKS

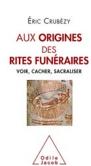


# War and Chance Jeffrey A. FRIEDMAN

Oxford University Press, submitted and revised while he was working at IAST (2017-18)



La voiture qui en savait trop (The car that knew too much) Jean-François BONNEFON Human Sciences



Aux Origines des Rites Funéraires (The origins of funerary rites) Éric CRUBÉZY Odile Jacob editions

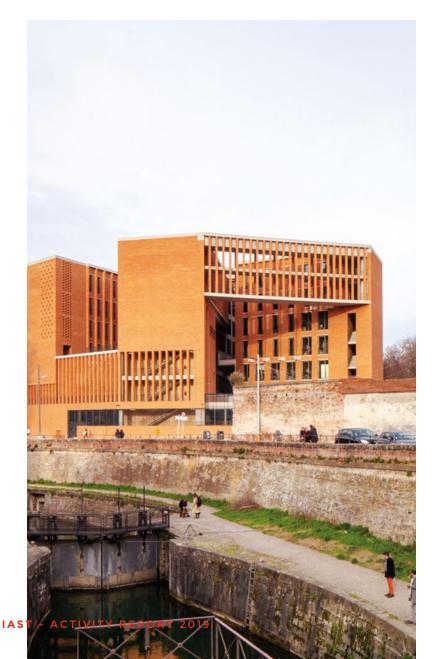


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664	1018	1292	2090	2814	3467	4061	2335

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