

THE IDENTITIES. POLITIQUES, SOCIÉTÉS, ESPACES RESEARCH UNIT (IPSE)

CO-OPERATING ACROSS DISCIPLINES

The Identités. Politiques, Sociétés, Espaces research unit (IPSE) conducts interdisciplinary research in humanities and social sciences. Research activities at IPSE focus on areas such as intercultural and identity studies, multi-level governance analyses of public policies, spatial planning and sustainable development, sociolinguistic issues, media and literature studies, contemporary philosophy and ethics, migration studies, research on border areas, nation building and transnational history. Our researchers are contributing to two key research areas of the Faculty of Language and Literature, Humanities, Arts and Education: Multilingualism and Intercultural Studies and Sustainable Development.

Research is carried out in 7 institutes:

GEOGRAPHY AND SPATIAL PLANNING

Major research fields at the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning include environmental economic geography, urban studies and metropolitan governance and spatial statistics and modelling. The institute hosts the National Contact Point for the EU programme (ESPON) (European Spatial Planning Observation Network) and the National Contact Point for the (EMN) (European Migration Network) together with the Observatoire Belval.

For more information, please visit: <http://geo.ipse.uni.lu>

GERMAN LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Research interests at the Institute of German Language, Literature and for Intercultural Studies are centered on German linguistics, German medieval studies and modern German literature with a special focus on intercultural studies. The institute publishes its own peer-reviewed journal "Zeitschrift für interkulturelle Germanistik". Current projects include research on identity construction in multilingual literature and research on processes of internationalisation in contemporary theater.

For more information, please visit: <http://germanistik.uni.lu>

HISTORY

The Institute for History is contributing to excellence in research in the fields of European and Luxembourgish history. The general mission is to study societal change with a focus on identity constructions. Research activities focus on socio-economic European history, memory and identities, contemporary Luxembourgish history, migration history, digital and media history, urban history and history of medieval Lotharingia.

For more information, please visit: <http://histoire.uni.lu>

LUXEMBOURGISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURES

Researchers at the Institute of Luxembourgish Language and Literatures analyse the structure and the variation of the Luxembourgish language, the development of Luxembourgish literature and the relationship between language and society in Luxembourg and the Greater Region. Current research projects focus on the standardization of the German language in Luxembourg and the construction of cultural identities by and through the feuilleton press.

For more information, please visit: <http://lux.ipse.uni.lu>

PHILOSOPHY

The Institute of Philosophy has research expertise in all main areas of modern and contemporary philosophy, with a particular focus on European themes. The institute has research strengths in the following areas: Kant and German Idealism, contemporary Kantian philosophy, epistemology and philosophy of mind, metaphysics, political philosophy, social philosophy, and philosophy of law.

For more information, please visit: <http://philosophie.uni.lu>

POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Institute of Political Science aims to produce world-leading research in the areas of European and international governance and comparative political science. More specifically, the institute seeks to reinforce its research activities on the following research themes: Legislative Studies, Comparative Political Science, Public Policy, Political Economy, EU Economic Governance, Religion and Politics, Human Rights and Judicial Politics.

For more information, please visit: <http://pol.uni.lu>

ROMANCE, MEDIA AND ART STUDIES

Researchers at the Institute of Romance, Media and Art Studies are investigating the sciences of language (semiotics, linguistics, poetry and rhetoric) and their applications in French literature, French and Italian language, cinema, photography, plastic arts and the media. Cultural mediation and cultural representations in the Luxembourgish multicultural and multilingual context are of special interest to the institute.

For more information, please visit: <http://irma.ipse.uni.lu>

Research Questions

“What are the social benefits of urban green space?”

THE IPSE TEAM

The Identités. Politiques, Sociétés, Espaces research unit (IPSE) is home to over 170 people.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

The research unit launched the IPSE Doctoral School in 2014. The unit is closely linked to several bachelor's, master's and lifelong learning programmes within the Faculty of Language and Literature, Humanities, Arts and Education.

- Bachelor en Cultures Européennes
- Master en Études Franco-Allemandes: Communication et Coopération Transfrontalières
- Master en Langues, Cultures et Médias – Lëtzebuurger Studien
- Master en Gouvernance Européenne
- Master in Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy
- Master in Geography and Spatial Planning
- Trinationaler Master in Literatur-, Kultur und Sprachgeschichte des deutschsprachigen Raums
- Certificate in Sustainable Development and Social Innovation
- Formation continue en Aménagement du Territoire
- Formation continue «Lëtzebuurger Sprooch a Kultur»

FACTS AND STATS

FUNDING

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RESEARCH CHAIRS

IPSE is home to three of the University's research chairs: the ad personam Jean Monnet Chair, the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and the Chair of Legislative Studies.

IPSE MEMBERS ARE (CO)EDITING 5 SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

Hémecht, Kant Yearbook, Regions and Cohesion, Signata and Zeitschrift für interkulturelle Germanistik. In addition, the book series “Luxembourg Studies” is edited by IPSE members, focusing on the Luxembourgish society and culture.

COLLABORATIONS

IPSE has strong links with the Universities in the Greater Region (Liège, Lorraine, Saarbrücken, Trier), in and outside Europe. On the national level, IPSE works with several Luxembourgish ministries and institutions such as the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST), the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) and STATEC. European partners include the European Science Foundation, the European Commission, Eurostat and UNESCO.

A GLIMPSE INTO OUR RESEARCH...

Spatial Optima and the Social Benefits of Urban Green Space

Urban green space provides multiple ecological and socio-economic benefits to citizens and is an important factor for making cities sustainable and attractive to people. However, urban green is increasingly confronted with residential infill and urban compaction policies. Together with colleagues from the Centre for Research in Economics and Management (CREA, P Picard, H Tran) within the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance, the researchers (G Caruso, M Le Texier and K Schiel) aim at analyzing the interactions between green space and the differentiated location of different types of households in cities. A survey will be conducted and analysed in Luxembourg and Brussels. The project also focuses on the development of simulation and analytical micro-economic urban models. The project intends to identify more efficient and equitable policies regarding green space and to provide improved strategies for local stakeholders.

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