

Why join an UMIFRE institute as a researcher?

These institutes have been established in their host countries for years, and even almost a century in some cases! That means they have established solid relationships of confidence over the years **with local partners and scientists**, enabling effective field work. The institutes support researchers, acting as **logistical bases, documentation centres** (with access to precious rare books and a wealth of digitized archives), laboratories and sometimes exhibition venues. First and foremost, they are **forums for discussions and reflection** between colleagues, with the related goal of **optimizing dissemination and promotion** of research (monographies, journals, seminars, websites, exhibitions, partnerships, etc.).

Why join a UMIFRE institute during your doctorate?

Doctoral candidates will find attentive supervision in every UMIFRE institute, with **a team of experienced researchers** who will provide **equipment**, facilitate **local contacts**, and offer **methodological advice**. The seminars organized regularly for doctoral students in a given centre are a **stimulating environment**, with exchanges and sharing of ideas. A period at a UMIFRE institute is also an opportunity for an **international** and local **experience** while enjoying reliable access to physical and digital resources. Doctoral students can thus get to understand how a research centre is run (organization of seminars, round tables, study days, etc.) and build up a **network in the scientific world**, especially as, given their long-standing presence, these institutes are now respected authorities in their host countries.

Joining the network

As a researcher

You can carry out a long-term mission (position of researcher for the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs or a CNRS posting or delegation). It is also possible to stay several months (CNRS international mobility support, etc.) or be recognized there as an associate researcher.

As a Master's or Doctorate student

Access support schemes exist: look out for calls for applications for mobility grants offered by UMIFRE institutes and the CNRS, and ask at your higher education institution about exchange opportunities, including with local UMIFRE partners.

Look up the research interests of each UMIFRE institute on its website and choose yours!

For further information on procedures and grant opportunities, consult the following websites:

www.ifre.fr/

www.cnrs.fr/inshs/

www.fmsch.fr/en/international

www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/

> *Scientific diplomacy section*

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A CRUCIAL NETWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL FIELD WORK



The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs has an international network of **27 research institutes specialized in humanities and social sciences, including 25 (UMIFRE) managed jointly with the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)** in order to ensure excellent scientific quality. These institutes are **spread across more than 30 countries**, representing a unique tool supporting France's scientific diplomacy. Field research, training, disseminating scientific work and debate are central to their work.

What fields do they study?

UMIFRE institutes develop research programmes into the **history of civilizations and the challenges of the contemporary world**. These **interdisciplinary** programmes combine fields including history, archaeology, economics, geography, linguistics and political science, addressing essential issues from the past and present such as the **climate, migration, urban planning and democratic transitions**. In order to deal with the world's complexity, they oppose science in silos and promote cross-cutting study focuses and area studies, as well as **innovative investigative methods**. Some institutes are also **specialized in environmental sciences** (such as in Ethiopia, India and Nigeria) or in archaeology (in Afghanistan, Sudan, Turkey, Latin America, etc.).

Legend of fields

- Contemporary ♦
- Archaeological and historical III
- Urban and environmental ×
- Digital humanities ●

- French Archaeological Delegation in Afghanistan (DAFA) III

Afghanistan • Kabul
- French Institute for Andean Studies (IFEA) ♦ III ×

Bolivia • La Paz / Colombia • Bogotá / Ecuador • Quito / Peru • Lima
- French Centre for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC) ♦ × ●

China • Beijing, Hong Kong / Taiwan • Taipei
- French Centre for Research in the Social Sciences (CEFRES) ♦ III

Czech Republic • Prague
- Centre for Social, Judicial and Economic Documentation and Study (CEDEJ) ♦ × ●

Egypt • Cairo / Sudan • Khartoum
- French Centre for Ethiopian Studies (CFEE) ♦ III ●

Ethiopia • Addis Ababa
- Marc Bloch Centre (CMB) ♦ III ●

Germany • Berlin
- Franco-German Institute – Historical and Social Sciences (IFRA-SHS) ♦ III

Germany • Frankfurt am Main
- Centre for Mexican and Central American Studies (CEMCA) ♦ III ×

Guatemala • Guatemala City / Mexico • Mexico City
- Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities (CSH) ♦ ×

India • New Delhi
- French Institute of Puducherry (IFP) ♦ III ×

India • Puducherry
- French Institute for the Near East (IFPO) ♦ III × ●

Iraq • Erbil / Jordan • Amman / Lebanon • Beirut / Palestinian territories • East Jerusalem
- French Institute for Research in Iran (IFRI) ♦ III

Iran • Tehran
- French Research Centre in Jerusalem (CRFJ) ♦ III

Israel • West Jerusalem
- France-Japan House (MFJ) ♦ III ×

Japan • Tokyo
- French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA) ♦ III ×

Kenya • Nairobi / Nigeria • Ibadan
- French Centre for Archaeology and Social Sciences (CEFAS) ♦ III

Kuwait • Kuwait City
- French Institute for Central Asian Studies (IFEAC) ♦ III ×

Kyrgyzstan • Bishkek / Tajikistan • Dushanbe
- Jacques Berque Centre (CJB) ♦ III

Morocco • Rabat
- Franco-Russian Study Centre (CEFR) ♦ III

Russia • Moscow
- Institut Français of South Africa – Research (IFAS) ♦ III ×

South Africa • Johannesburg
- French Section of the Sudanese Directorate of Antiquities (SFDAS) III

Sudan • Khartoum
- French Research Institute on Contemporary South-East Asia (IRASEC) ♦ ×

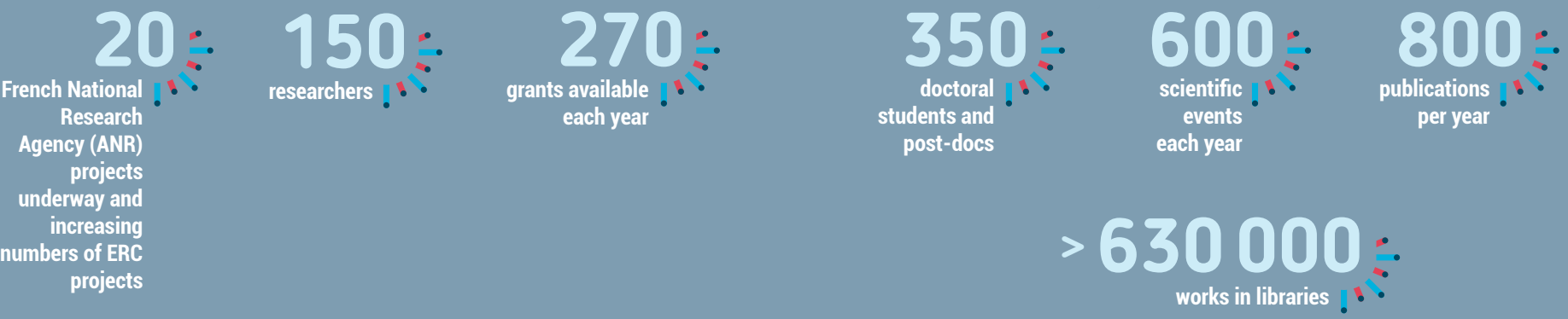
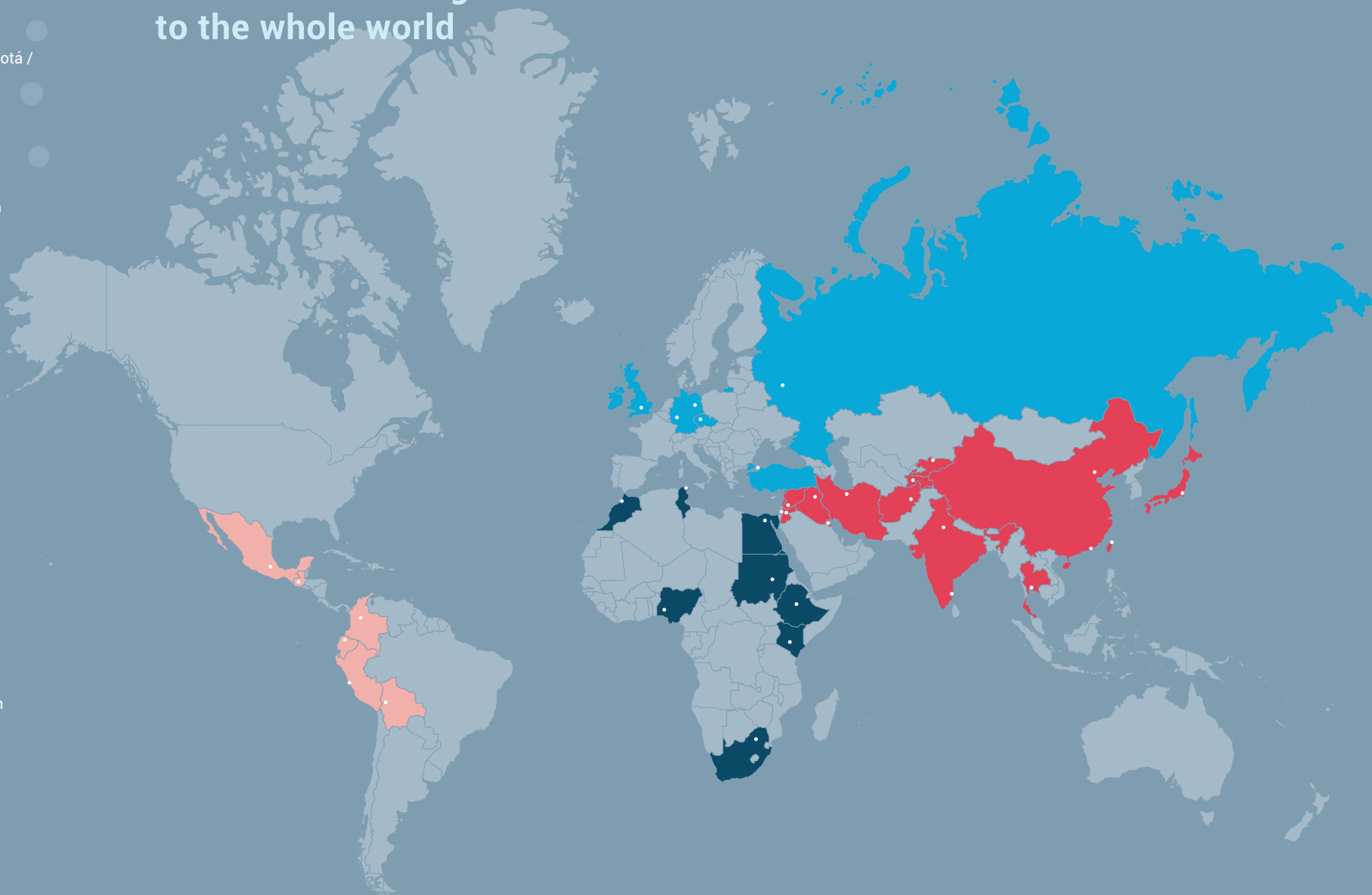
Thailand • Bangkok
- French Research Institute on the Contemporary Maghreb (IRMC) ♦ ×

Tunisia • Tunis
- French Institute for Anatolian Studies (IFEA) ♦ III ×

Turkey • Istanbul
- Maison française of Oxford (MFO) ♦ III ●

United Kingdom • Oxford

A network reaching out to the whole world



Former UMIFRE members

- Roland Besenval

DAFA • Archaeologist, Central Asia expert
- Michel Bonnin

CEFC • Founder of the journal *Perspectives chinoises*
- Henry Corbin

IFRI • Philosopher and orientalist
- Françoise Daucé

CEFR • Russia specialist
- Mathias Énard

IFPO & IFRI • Writer, 2015 Goncourt Prize laureate
- François-Xavier Fauvelle

CFEE, IFAS & CJB • Historian, specialist in mediaeval Africa
- François Houllier

IFP • Forests specialist, former President of the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA), now President of Sorbonne-Paris-Cité University
- Stéphane Lacroix

CEDEJ • Political scientist and specialist in political Islam
- Jean-François Pérouse

IFEA Istanbul • Specialist in contemporary Turkey
- Christian Robin

CEFAS • Orientalist, member of the Académie des inscriptions et belles-lettres
- Yves Saint-Geours

IFEA Andes • Latin America specialist, now French Ambassador to Spain



Jessica Giraud's experience

My four-year stay at the French Institute for the Near East in Erbil was one of the greatest experiences of my life. Thanks to my field work and contact with local researchers, my work as an archaeological researcher took on all its meaning. All sorts of collaboration were possible, and research and training projects emerged naturally. I am now still an associate of the IFPO. I have created the research company Archaios so as to continue this collaboration with my Iraqi colleagues.