



**TEMPS, MONDE, SOCIÉTÉS (TEMOS) - CNRS FRE 2015**  
**TIME, WORLD, SOCIETIES LABORATORY (TEMOS) - CNRS FRE 2015**

**Universities of Angers, Le Mans and South Brittany**

Research in history helps us to better understand the present in the light of the past, by dealing with sources that are often unpublished, whether archaeological, manuscripts or oral. The research topics of the TEMOS research team cover all periods, from antiquity to the present day, and echo several contemporary challenges. The research at TEMOS focuses on childhood and gender, coexistence and conflicts in social, political, and religious context, and on the construction of knowledge, in a continuous dialogue with contemporary issues.



**120 people** including  
55 researchers and teachers-researchers | 13 at Le Mans  
60 doctoral students | 10 at Le Mans  
6 administrative and technical staff | 2 at Le Mans



**Partnerships**

The TEMOS laboratory collaborates with numerous universities both in France and abroad (Sheffield, Buenos Aires, Agadir, etc.) and several research units in the fields of social sciences, literature and languages. The expertise of the team is made available to local authorities (the Pays de la Loire Region, the Sarthe Department), to local associations and to cultural establishments.



A strong link between research and teaching curricula from the "Licence" degree to the PhD (training in and through research).  
A strong territorial involvement, particularly with actors in the cultural heritage sector.

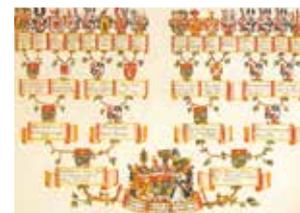
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## 3 main areas of research

### Childhood, gender and archives of self: individualities and subjectivities in movements

The research carried out deals with the construction of the self and of the subject throughout history by prioritising two inputs: age and gender. The research addresses simultaneously the construction of collective identities, the formation of social groups, and personal trajectories and experiences. To this end, researchers make special use of archives and self-narratives (e.g. genealogical practices) to understand how the individual constructs and affirms himself.



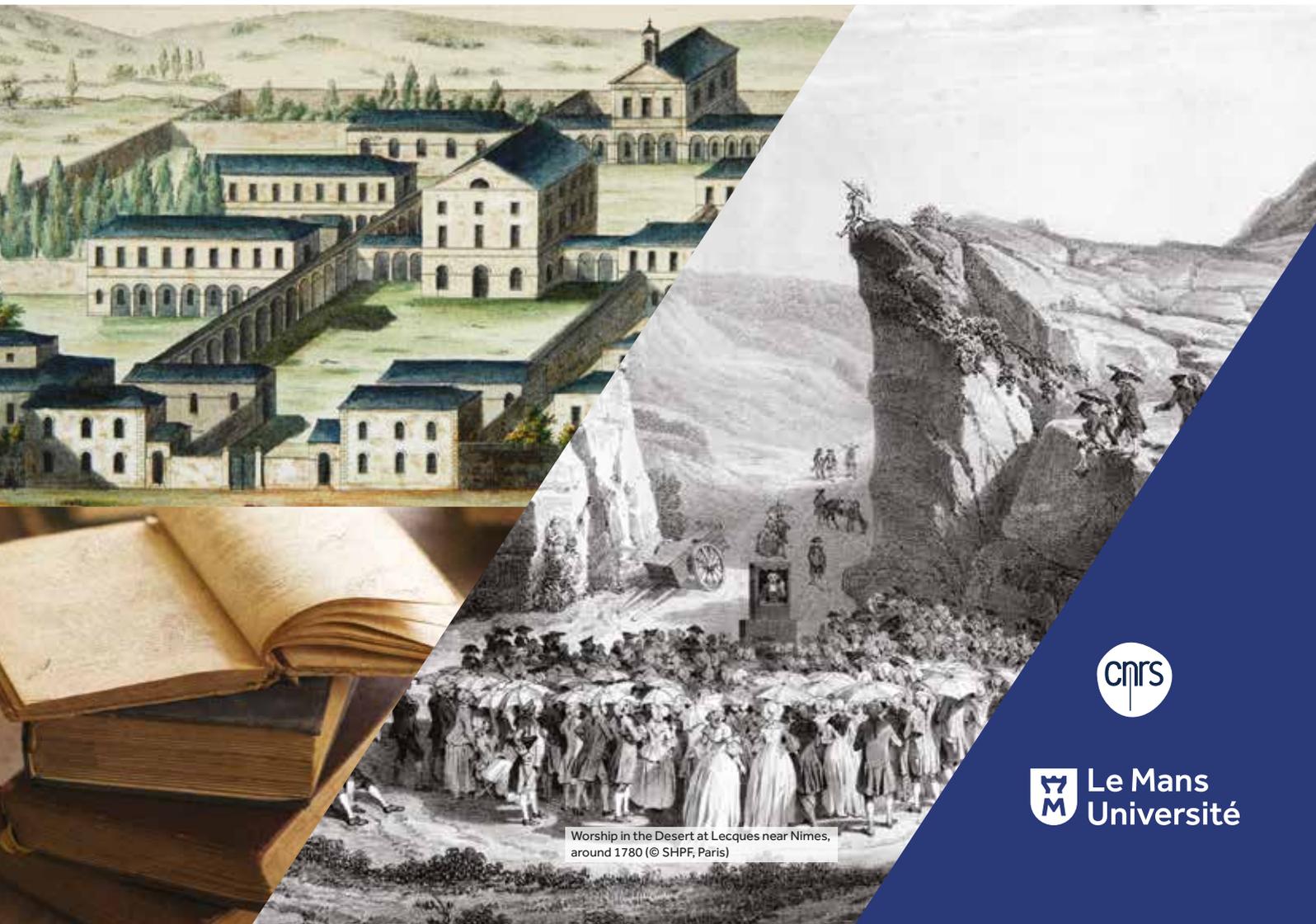
### Biological resources and the construction of knowledge: circulation and uses

The research carried out focuses on knowledge about biological resources, on conservation and transformation techniques, and on how this knowledge is put into practice. This research addresses more specifically the relation between theoretical knowledge and practices, dealing with processes for the acquisition of knowledge, transformation techniques, exploitation and consumption. Its main challenge is to identify the cultural dissemination, the technical exchanges and the economic circulation that biological resources generate over the long term, from antiquity to the present day. Research on this topic deals with two main themes: plant resources and marine resources.



### Communities and plurality: authority, violence and coexistence

This axis topic is positioned at the intersection of several dynamic fields of research on the possible diverse forms of relationship between the collective interest and the existence of diversity inherent in to any group, within a single community to which people belong or between communities - political, religious, economic, cultural, etc. In order to understand the tensions present in each collective between unity and fragmentation in human groups, researchers consider the weight of authority, cultural values, violence, and study the various modalities for the management of diversity.



Worship in the Desert at Lecques near Nîmes, around 1780 (© SHPF, Paris)

