

The LabEx HASTEC studies, in a pluridisciplinary way, the historical interweaving of Knowledge, Techniques, and Beliefs – a structuring element of human cultures and societies – following a chronological arc that extends from Antiquity to the 21st century. Each of these three terms is understood according to a regulated polysemy, which transcends the limits of the history of sciences and techniques, or of the history of religions, and integrates the plurality of knowledges, the diverse modes of belief (including in the economic field), and unfolds the meanings of the word “ technique ” in a vast spectrum that includes rhetoric and the intellectual (argumentative, exegetical) and spiritual techniques. Particular attention is paid to the Digital Humanities. The meshing of the seven axes of research (or “ collaborative programs ”) has the function of thematically unifying the innovative synergies encouraged by the LabEx. In 2014, HASTEC recorded, apart from doctoral and post-doctoral students, 322 persons belonging to 23 « partners », including 19 research units (5 EA, and 14 CNRS teams : 1 UPR and 13 UMRs), as well as 4 specific « partners » (Musée du CNAM, ESCP-Europe, Archives Nationales, EPCS Campus Condorcet). Since 2011, 429 persons have been registered as active or potential “ members ”, sometimes for a limited duration, in the various lists of the LabEx. Despite the dispersion in 2014 of the ComUE heSam Université (“ project bearer ” until 2014), the community of researchers and teacher-researchers of the HASTEC clearly expressed its desire to pursue the scientific collaborations undertaken in the dialogue space created collectively, although henceforth most of the partners are distributed, in a balanced way, between the ComUE heSam and the ComUE « Paris Sciences et Lettres » (PSL). The Ecole pratique des hautes études (which has entered the PSL) continues to manage the LabEx. Since October 2011, four “ Research ” calls for proposals have been launched, at an annual rate, and after evaluation of the grant requests (by two blind reviewers), a total of some 147 research or training actions (40% of which are multiannual) will have been co-financed by the LabEx between 2011 and 2015 (up to 50% of the overall budget of some operations); the last funding decision took place on December 15, 2014. In parallel, HASTEC has made a strong choice in favor of the training of doctoral students and young post-doctoral researchers, chosen as a function of the scientific objectives of the LabEx. Thus, 4 calls for candidates have been published annually since 2011 (a 5th call for candidates was published on February 12, 2015). The selection procedures (double-blind evaluation of each application, with interview of pre-selected candidates) have already enabled the attribution of 10 doctoral contracts (for 3 years) and of 22 post-doctoral contracts (for 1 year). In addition, together with the FMSH the LabEx has co-financed 12 Fernand Braudel scholarships for nine months. Governance is defined in the by-laws adopted on January 17, 2013. Finally, the website (<http://www.hesam.eu/labexhastec/>) ensures communication for the LabEx, publishes calls for offers and funding decision procedures, and posts the programs, actions, and results of the LabEx.