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Health and environmental crises: a CNRS-Inserm joint initiative

The CNRS and Inserm, in association with the CPU, INED, INRAE and IRD, under the umbrella of ATHENA and AVIESAN¹, are joining forces to raise key scientific questions on health and environmental crises and combine the initiatives of the humanities, social sciences and public health research communities arising from the current COVID-19 crisis.

The COVID-19 outbreak is generating a strong mobilisation of the humanities, social sciences and public health research communities. Calls within the scientific communities and the numerous initial proposals for research projects are evidence of their commitment to advancing science, and to helping address and understand the current health crisis, its long-term effects and the health and environmental crises that may arise in the future.

The initiative launched by the CNRS and Inserm, 'Health and Environmental Crises – Humanities, Social Sciences, Public Health' (HS3P-CriSE), is collaborative and multidisciplinary. It will focus on the situation in France and more broadly on the situation in other countries, with a particular interest in the countries of the southern hemisphere.

It will complement current initiatives in France and Europe, by providing scientific proposals and support to the positioning of teams on some central research issues. Although anchored in this current crisis, its action plan is envisaged as being long term.

Under the responsibility of Marie Gaille for the CNRS and Rémy Slama for Inserm, a committee of around ten researchers, bringing different perspectives and disciplinary skills, will meet for the first time within the coming days.

More information can be found [on the CNRS Institute for Human and Social Sciences website](#).

Notes

1. CNRS : the French National Centre for Scientific Research; Inserm: the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research; CPU: the Conference of University Presidents; INED: the French Institute for Demographic Studies; INRAE: France's new National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment; IRD: the French National Research Institute for Development; ATHENA: the French National Thematic Alliance for the Humanities and Social Sciences; AVIESAN: the French National Alliance for Life Sciences and Health.

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