



# Third Chile-France Academic Forum SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES Main conclusions

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2 panels:

- 1) research
- 2) human capital

6 speakers, 30  
researchers attending

Assuming that the COVID-19 pandemic has severely slowed down cooperation at best or paralyzed it in other cases and has been anyway a severe blow...

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# 1. ACHIEVEMENTS

- Training of students at the doctoral level
- Reciprocity and horizontality in Chile-France cooperation
- Other successful collaborations: joint publications, long-term academic exchanges, specifically with scholars
- Scaling-up to biggest projects (European Union)

## 2. DOUBTS

- How can more recent or smaller universities join cooperation programs (i.e.. If they do not have doctoral programs yet)? The chicken or the egg causality dilemma.

# 3. PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES

## (1: BUREAUCRACY)

- Bureaucracy in general and regarding Ph.D co-directions and joint degrees
- Asymmetries: concentration in metropolitan universities, especially in Chile, lack of institutionalization in our universities and continuity, disparities in metrics (different assessment of certain journals and formats, which prevent a homogeneous advance in the construction of an academic career between both countries)
- Information: lack of centralized information channels
- Loss of attractiveness of ECOS (less resources, more bureaucracy, unjustified delays that may result in cancelling stays): is it still worth it?

# 3. PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES (2: STRUCTURAL LIMITS)

- Lack of continuity in cooperation from one stage of training to another and precariousness of academic life
- Difficulties finding students, especially for gender reasons
- Global geopolitical loss of influence from Latin America and France / Europe; less weight of Social Sciences and Humanities

# 4. CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Virtuality has made it possible to set up activities that could not be carried out before, but we should not fall into enthusiasm either
- We could explore more the tools for cooperation with the European Union which are quite unknown in Social Sciences and Humanities and could boost Chilean-French cooperation
- Bottom-up strategy that goes through sustainability, multiplier potential, external / internal accountability and progress towards joint degrees
- Context opportunities for Social Sciences and Humanities: the constitutional convention in Chile and the possibility of intercultural dialogue, search for the common good and justice that must continue to be the horizon
- We could think of a development of cooperation towards the Francophonie, but it remains to be seen whether or not it exceeds cooperation with France or if there are specific tools
- Digitalization as a project and objective (history, literature)
- Organizational challenge: stop being a protocolar space (coupled with presidential visits until 2017) and create a vibrant academic community

# 5. AGREEMENTS AND TASKS TO BE CARRIED OUT

- Keeping in touch after this first meeting and setting up a mailing list (Drive file) [here](#). Full report of the workshop is also available in this file.
- Creation of a network for the exchange of information (common database with all the initiatives to recover memory, consolidate what has been done and know what we do): we need institutional support if it does not exist yet
- Preparation of joint doctoral courses (Access 2.0, Platform Chile-Sweden, Postgraduate Department, Universidad de Chile)



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