



École des officiers de la gendarmerie nationale
Centre de recherche



Chair History

Gendarmerie, Securities and Territories

What is it about?

The creation of a chair is the result of a convergence of interests around a shared theme of companies and the skills held by a research structure. The Chair makes it possible to raise the level of partnership on the legal basis of agreements between the research structure holding the Chair format and various partners, the first of which are companies. Finally, the Chair makes it possible to stabilise a common theme formalising a new form of cooperation requiring a long-term approach.

For companies, funding a Chair is also part of a communication policy (e.g. CSR Report) and image sharing with partners whose brand image matches or enhances their own. The actors of the partnership define the field of activity and the terms of the Chair in collaboration, which are the subject of an agreement for a minimum of 3 years, generally 5 years.

An institutional Chair held by the National Gendarmerie Research Centre

In this perspective, the CREOGN wishes to create a research chair entitled: "History, Gendarmerie, Securities and Territories" (HiGeSeT). This chair will be positioned at the crossroads of several historical research projects, the two main ones being military history (carried out by the Service historique de la Défense) and police history. This chair should allow the institution to reflect on the five pillars that form the identity of the gendarme: militarity, territoriality, legality, adaptability and humanity. It must be structured around a strong axis: militarity and technicality at the service of security/safety in the territories.

Objectives of the "HiGeSet" Chair

Its activities, in conjunction with the academic world, will focus on the following points :

- creation of digital research tools,
- development of oral history,
- organisation of study days and conferences in France and abroad,
- publication of books and articles in academic journals,
- support for doctoral students within the institution and in universities,
- animation of the network of researchers in the history of the gendarmerie (integration of the gendarmerie of the world)
- scientific expertise for the benefit of the National Gendarmerie Museum.

Interests for patrons

- developing a high level of research in connection with the fundamentals of the gendarmerie and university expertise;
- mobilising the knowledge of more than 300 researchers in the community led by the CREOGN and partner universities;
- collaborating in the development of innovative teaching programmes;
- building its reputation and develop its employer brand;
- creating privileged links between the gendarmerie and university research;

Organisation & means

As an extension of the research programme on the history of the gendarmerie, the HiGeSeT chair, managed by CREOGN in partnership with a university, could be organised as closely as possible to the following areas

- **Territorial change (including digital change), memories and legacies.** The aim is to study the way in which the gendarmerie has adapted to the territories in which it has been established at the metropolitan level, in the ultra-marine area;
- **Safety, security and sovereignty.** The aim is to determine the role played by the gendarmerie in terms of intelligence, the fight against terrorism and OPEX;
- **Transformation of law enforcement and police organisations.** The aim is to examine the positioning of the gendarmerie within the internal security forces, particularly the national police. The issues of policing, personnel training and the legal framework for employment will be addressed.
- **Developments in security technology and innovation.** The aim is to see how the gendarmerie has been able to anticipate, or not, certain major technological developments in mobility, space management and information and communication systems.
- **Ethics.** The aim is to learn from the ethical problems that gendarmes have faced in the past.

In addition,

- Several doctoral theses will be attached to the chair;
- The budgetary resources will come from an agreement between the Chair (CREOGN) and the contributing companies;
- Each year an activity report will be distributed to the sponsors;
- The logos of the sponsors will appear on the documents issued by the Chair.