The LLSETI research group was formed in 2003 following a merger between four existing research structures. As an interdisciplinary group, it brings together over 60 tenured researchers and more than 30 doctoral students working in literature (French, comparative and foreign), language science, foreign language studies, foreign history and politics, art, French history, sociology, philosophy and information and communication technology (15 separate university disciplines in total).

**RESEARCH THEMES**

There are three key research areas organised under the overall theme of ‘international and cross-border studies’. These are in turn subdivided into different research teams. These are:

1. **Heritage, environment and mediation**
   - Institutions and religious practices
   - Environmental humanities
   - Conflict and cultural exchange in Europe, the Mediterranean and Italy

2. **Text, image and digital arts**
   - Making history
   - Impossible realities
   - The body in question

3. **Interactions between the State and the individual**
   - Languages, cultures, population movements
   - Freedom of expression
   - «Pôle enquête» (Social survey unit)

**SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT AND EXPERTISE**

- Social survey unit: This specialised unit carries out surveys and data collection for various organisations outside the university: local authorities; associations; government departments; private companies etc.

**PHD STUDENTS SKILLS**

- Multilingualism
- IT skills including ICT for didactic purposes
- Creation and processing of large data corpora
- Ability to problematise from a disciplinary and transdisciplinary perspective

**NETWORKS / PARTNERSHIPS**

**Collaborations académiques**

- Université Paris 8 (‘excellence network’ IDEFI-CREATIC)
- Université de St Etienne
- ANR MYSTPOL (leading partner)
- ANR LODOCAT (partenaire)
- INTERREG TRANSFRANTOUR
- INTERREG CRENOHM (partner)
- INTERREG ALCOTRA FEAST

**Collaborations institutionnelles**

- Conseil Savoie Mont Blanc
- Région Auvergne Rhône-Alpes
- FACIM
- CAUE 73 et 74
- Pôle de compétitivité « Montagne inventive »
- Sociétés savantes de Savoie et de Haute-Savoie

**Collaborations industrielles**

- EDF
- INES
- ADEME

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

Universities of Milan, Turin, Vercelli
- Aosta Valley University
- Universities of Geneva and Lausanne
- Complutense University Madrid
- University of Malta
- University of Québec Trois Rivières
- Ohio State University
- PUCPR Parana, Curitiba
- Anahuac Universidad, Mexico
- Senghor Chair for the promotion of French culture