The LLSETI research group was formed in 2003 following a merger between four existing research structures. As an interdisciplinary group, it brings together over 48 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 two 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. **Interactions between the State and the Individual**
   - Languages, Cultures and Population Movements
   - Freedom of Expression
   - Text, Image and Digital Arts

**Skills and expertise**

- Multilingualism
- Local expertise
- Comparative approach
- Creation and processing of large data corpora
- Ability to problematise from a disciplinary and transdisciplinary perspective

**Key data**

- 48 tenured researchers
- 2 administrative and technical staff
- 35 PhD students

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**Skills and expertise**

- Library with collections about mythology, symbolism, and creation
- History resources
- Specialized collection in English, German, Spanish, and Italian linguistics and civilizations
- Italian literature collection
- Collection of works and critical studies on Joseph and Xavier de Maistre, and on Gilbert Durand

**Networks and partnerships**

**Academic cooperations**

- ANR LIBEX (projet leader)
- ANR APOLOG (partner)
- ANR NUMALYSE (partner)
- Institut des Amériques
- UNITA Universitas Montium

**Institutional cooperations**

- Conseil départemental de la Haute Savoie
- Conseil départemental de la Savoie
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- Région Auvergne Rhône-Alpes
- Local cultural organisations:
  - Musée des Beaux-Arts de Chambéry
  - Musée Savoisien
- Musée des Charmettes
- Espace Malraux
- Archives Départementales, FACIM
- CAUE 73 et 74
- Médiathèque Jean Jacques Rousseau
- Local associations:
  - Amis de Gilbert Durand
  - ADDCAES
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**International relations**

- UNITA: Universitas Montium
- 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

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