



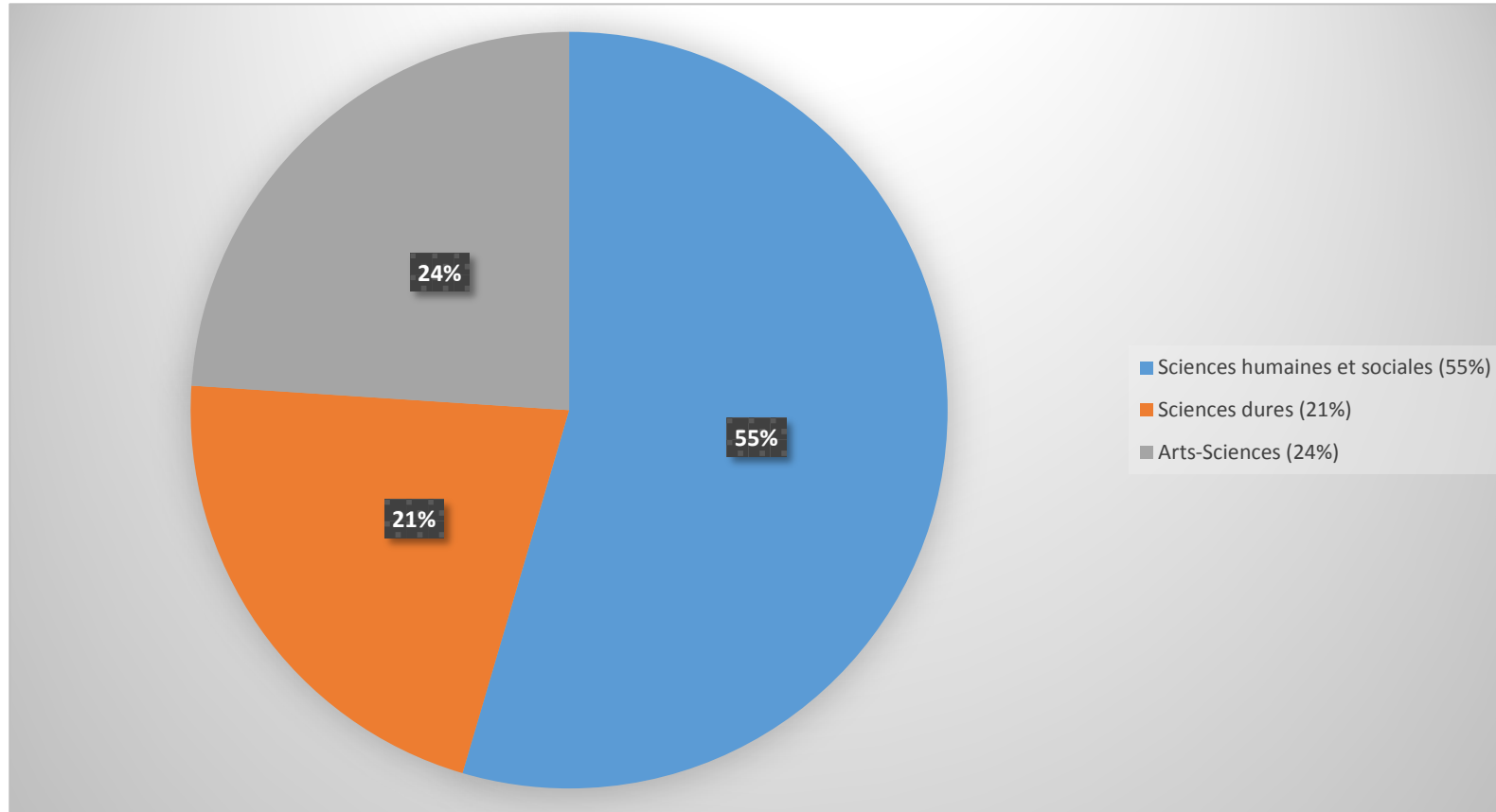
# What about IMERA

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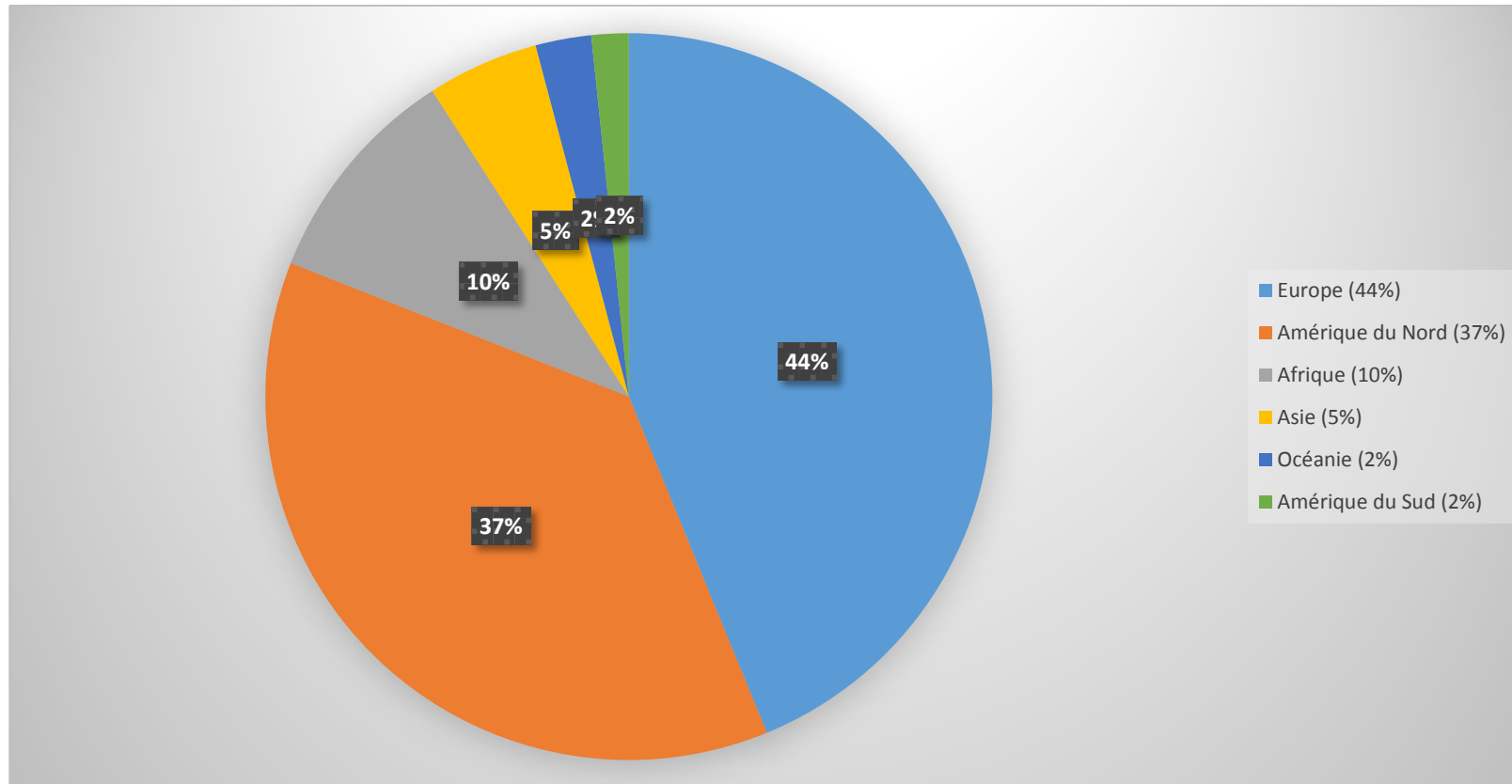
# What's IMERA?

- Created on May 31 2007, IMERA is an **institute for advanced study (IAS, IEA in french)**. As such, IMERA is meant to build communities of first-class **international** researchers and artists (**residents**) undertaking highly innovative **interdisciplinary** projects. From 2019, IMERA will also host writers.
- **Residents are central to the IAS community: they participate in a range of IAS activities while pursuing individual research projects.** Ideally, they stay connected with the institute after their residence through a variety of mechanisms.
- Since 2013, IMERA is university-based (UBIAS), which drastically strengthens the scientific capacity and logistics of the institute and speeds up the integration of fellows without affecting its scientific independence.
- **Doubling of residences in 4 years:** 100 months in 2014-2015 to 199 months in 2018-2019!

# Distribution by discipline



# Distribution by geographic origin



# IMERA's networks and positions in networks at AMU

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
FIR Invités (DRV)	Sans objet	47 mois	56 mois	60,5 mois	29 mois	39 mois
DRH	40 mois	14 mois	52 mois	11,5 mois	60 mois	41 mois
A*Midex	5 mois	6 mois	15 mois	22 mois	14 mois	49 mois
IMéRA	67 mois	72 mois	73 mois	100 mois	142 mois	154 mois
<b>Total</b>	<b>112 mois</b>	<b>139 mois</b>	<b>196 mois</b>	<b>194 mois</b>	<b>245 mois</b>	<b>283 mois</b>

# IMERA's networks and positions in networks

## National level

- IMERA is a member of the French network of Institutes for Advanced Study (RFIEA). It includes the IAS of Lyon, Marseille, Nantes and Paris.
- Since 2013, RFIEA has been co-financing IMERA together with AMU. (Hence, solicitations to contribute to the outlets of the network, *Fellows* and *Perspectives*).
- A significant part of the latter financing comes from a LABEX grant (RFIEA+), an out of AMIDEX project, which has been renewed over the period 2020-2025.

## International level

- IMERA is a member of **NETIAS**, the main European network, since the annual meeting of this network in Jerusalem, april 2016.
- IMERA is also a member (through RFIEA) of **UBIAS**, the network of the University Based Institutes for Advanced Study. The network includes the IAS of the universities of Harvard, Stanford and Sao Paolo in America, Helsinki, Munich and Aarhus in Europe, and the universities of Beijing, Fudan and Nagoya in Asia.

# Research structure and tools

- IMERA's research activity is structured around:
  - **The residents' community building seminar**: Frequency becomes weekly from 2016/2017. 2 hours-long seminar followed by a « lunch ». This is the most distinctive activity of the IAS. Different formats tested, some preliminary conclusions out.
  - **Thematic interdisciplinary programs**: 4 programs are scheduled (see list later) for the next 5 years. Each program is organized in a few **yearly cycles and conferences/workshops**.



# Programs

IMéRA's programs have been formalized in 2016 along with a deep institutional and scientific restructuring of the institute. Incidentally, the figure of **program director** emerges.

- Program **Art, Science and Society** : in IMéRA's profile since its creation, structural
- Program **Crossing paths: explorations in interdisciplinarity** : in IMéRA's profile since its creation, structural
- **Mediterranean** program (Dir Thierry Fabre): new (running from 2017), structural
- Program on **Global phenomena and regulation** : non-structural

# Chairs

- **Chairs:** IMERA's chairs started in 2017/2018. Initially, they have been conceived to foster sustainable cooperation between IMERA and major French and international institutions. They also acted as an essential **funding tool** (in anticipation of the exhaustion of the RFIEA foundation funds). AMU excellence labs and AMU foundation A\*Midex have been quickly added to this device later.
- The chairs are topical: « Sustainable development », « migration studies », « Averroes chair on Mediterranean Islam », « Language and brain »...
- IMéRA hosts currently about 10 chairs. Partners are international scientific institutions (AUF, Fulbright...), major French academic institutions (EHESS, IRD, IPC), local labs and foundations (A\*MIDEX, ILCB, AMSE) and non-academic institution (Fondation Islam de France, Conseil Régional PACA...).

# Cycles

- . IMéRA's cycles are typically program-specific (in general, 2 cycles per program).
- . Some cycles may be transversal.
- . A cycle is typically composed of an average of 5 events per year.

# Other events

- IMERA also regularly hosts selected seminars/workshops proposed by (mainly French and AMU) partners. Main criteria: scientific excellence and interdisciplinarity.
- Doctoral (interdisciplinary) lectures proposed by residents will be again possible in 2019-2020 (**IMéRA doctoral program** to be launched).
- Finally, IMERA also hosts, as it should be, the events organized by its fellows. Fellows are particularly invited to submit proposals with explicit socioeconomic relevance and interaction (for which financing is available). Limited funds are available for other fellows events and missions.

# The beauty of the IAS: Endogenous and durable collaborative projects

- By assigning an increasing role to the fellows « community building» seminar, IMERA is willing to encourage cross and interdisciplinary projects resulting from fellows collaboration.
- These projects will be given maximal support, including financial. Fellows launching such projects will be invited to follow up on their initiative at IMERA (through subsequent short visits and/or cofinanced events).
- Continuation of research collaboration beyond residence: Team calls, ERC/European projects hosting, Associate/senior fellows....
- Publication support

# New tools

- **IMéRA's senior fellows:** From 2018-2019, IMéRA will count on « more » permanent fellows, a stock of 2 or 3 senior fellows per year. Senior fellows are drawn from the successive promotions of residents. They are selected for a 3 years appointment (5 months per year, allowances, no accommodation expenses covered) based on full-fledged research projects with a structuring impact on AMU research.
- **IMéRA's associate fellows:** This category includes all residents involved in post-residence **team residences**. This tool will be more intensively used in the future, no call for that.

# Publications

- An IMERA blog (« Cahiers des fellows de l'IMERA ») has been launched since late 2016 at CLEO, open to all the promotions of residents: brief contributions to the IMERA research program are welcome as well as any update on the residents projects.
- In the same line, a new series of monographs is under negotiation with international publishers. The specific format (individual contributions or collective books per promotion) is still an open question. Possible rescaling of the project (UBIAS level).
- More initiatives are to be taken for publication in French of the conferences given within the Mediterranean program.
- Support for publication (to a limited extent) possible

## Useful links

<https://imera.univ-amu.fr/fr>

IMERA's website: Includes information about the scientific agenda of IMERA, about the residents, the programs...and the calls!

<https://imera.hypotheses.org/>

The blog « Les Cahiers des Fellows de l'IMERA »

[https://twitter.com/imera\\_amu](https://twitter.com/imera_amu)