A multidisciplinary centre for research, education and expertise in social sciences, Latts explores the technical and territorial factors at work in organised action

Two primary empirical domains

The main focal areas of our research are, on the one hand, territorial systems, networks and urban services, local public action, development, risks; and on the other hand, public and private organisations, work, sociotechnical innovation and organisational changes. Through its work, Latts seeks to foster dialogue between the social sciences and the engineering world in both private and public sector organisations.

Strong involvement in education and research management

- Contribution to teaching at the École des Ponts ParisTech, Université Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée, ESIEE Paris.
- Organisation of Masters programmes (development and sociology of business, innovation and communication).
- Heading of the Cities chair at École des Ponts ParisTech. Partnership with AFD, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, GDF SUEZ.
- Assistant management of IFRIS – Île-de-France Research, Innovation, Society Institute.
- Contribution to the two LabEx (Excellence laboratories) Urban Futures and Science, Innovations and Techniques in Society.
MAIN RESEARCH FIELDS

- Cities, techniques, innovation – Main theme: Urban socio-technical change
- Metropolitan development, firms, public action – Main theme: The reorganisation of firm-Government relations in large cities
- Local government – Main theme: Transformations in local public action
- ICT and cooperation between disparate worlds in organised action – Main theme: The role of IT networks in transforming forms of cooperation
- Production of “new sciences”: spatial organisation and market construction – Main theme: Characterisation of industrial research and innovation systems
- Innovation and changing work patterns – Main theme: Mutations in the working environment brought about by scientific and technical innovation

2012 Highlights

Research Centre life

- Simon Guy (Manchester University, director of the Manchester Architecture Research Centre), Visiting Professor at Latts (May-July 2012)
- 2012 Université Paris-Est Thesis Prize for Vinciane Zabban (OMI Doctoral School): “This is a world.” The sharing of online games: design, techniques and practices, (supervisor Patrice Flichy)
- University Prize from the Academic Association for Historical and Sociological Research in the Field of Energy, awarded to Hélène Subremon, for her work “Anthropology of energy uses. The state of play.”
- Global Planning Education Association Network Prize awarded to Ludovic Halbert and Louise David, for their article “World-Class Cities: Hubs of Globalization and High Finance”

Scientific events

- Colloquium on “Energy uses in buildings: preparing the transition” (organised by Hélène Subremon) in Champs-sur-Marne
- International workshop on “From networked to post-networked urbanism” (organised by Olivier Coutard and Jonathan Rutherford) in Autun, Burgundy
- Colloquium on “The governance of metropolitan development in the world’s large metropolises”, (codirected by Christian Lefèvre), at Paris City Hall
- Risk inSight Exhibition, (dir. Valérie November), at EPFL (Switzerland)
- Seminar on “Metropolises and energy in developing and emerging countries: governance of a new urban public issue”, (co-organised by Sylvy Jaglin), at the French Development Agency

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