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The UNESCO Chair is jointly granted to the University of Cergy-Pontoise and the Francophone University Agency (AUR)

The UNESCO chair is based on an international team of French-speaking professors invited by UCP.

- Thierry Karsenti, member of the Academy of Science of the Royal Society of Canada, Canada Research Chair in Educational Technologies, University of Montreal (Canada)
- Christian Depover, University of Mons Hainaut, Director of the UTE Laboratory (Belgium)
- Vassilis Komis, Dean of the Faculty of Educational Science of the University of Patras (Greece)
- Pierre Fonkoua, Director of the Doctoral School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Yaoundé 2 (Cameroon)
- Said Berrouk, Director for Scientific and Technological Information at CERIST (Algeria)

UCP Team:

- Alain Jaillet, in charge of the Chair
- Béatrice Mabilon-Bonfils, Director of the EMA Laboratory
- Laurent Jeannin, Deputy Director of the TECHEDULAB Technological Platform
- François Villemonteix, Director of the EAD Unit of the ESPE

PhD Program:

Among the Chair's different programs, the PhD program is the one in which the guest professors are involved the most. Guest professors have strong ties with the EMA Laboratory, and that enables them to fully supervise, for the University of Cergy-Pontoise, PhD students who have been through the TECHEDU Masters program which is also included in the Chair. This is in fact the second program in which they are involved.

The PhD supervisory team supervises 22 second-year and 11 first-year PhD students.

The PhD students meet by conference call every Monday from 12 to 1 PM GMT. The supervisory team proposes working themes in relation with research subjects and addresses questions about the research. This creates a de facto laboratory of over 30 people from all over the French-speaking world.

Each year, a residential doctoral week is organized for all supervisors and students in Cergy-Pontoise. This year, it will take place from November 20 to November 26.

MOOC Program:

Three MOOCs have been implemented in the framework of the Chair in partnership with the guest researchers: Learning to Learn, with Christian Depover; MOOC of MOOC, with Thierry Karsenti; and Development Policy, with Pierre Fonkoua

Tender Bids:

In the framework of collaboration with guest professors, the Chair has submitted applications to three calls for tender: a European tender with Patras, Mons and AUF for the development of MOOCs in Africa; another one in the joint ANR-FQRSC call for the development of citizen science (Montreal), and another one for designing development and educational initiatives through technology for the AFD (Yaoundé).

HDR Program:

In 2016, the supervisory team started a program to develop the accreditation to conduct research (HDR) in the universities of the South. Headed by Pierre Fonkoua, this program aims to support five colleagues in the South each year in the acquisition of the authorization to defend a thesis according to international standards.

AUF involvement:

The French language institute for knowledge engineering and distance learning funds 35 ACCREDITED Master 1 and 2 grants and also accommodation for PhD students during the annual doctoral seminar.