This initiative is a follow-up to a series of research seminars which took place from February 2014 to June 2015 (see the following link for a description in French: [http://altexpert.hypotheses.org](http://altexpert.hypotheses.org)). While the seminars focused on French experiences only, the upcoming international symposium will aim at contrasting the French context with distinct experiences from other European countries and North America.

The symposium will open a forum for discussion and interaction on the production of the knowledge and expertise that inform occupational health policy.

This event will bring together a wide range of actors involved in the production of knowledge for public policy making, namely: scientists from various disciplines, notably toxicology and epidemiology; social science - sociology, history, political science - researchers interested in knowledge production and application in occupational or environmental health; field actors - practitioners, workers, members of associations - involved in collective actions which led to knowledge production; unionists committed to workers’ health protection; members of institutions which produce or use scientific expertise regarding work and health (typically health protection agencies); and Master’s and PhD students from diverse disciplines.

Some of the key questions that will be addressed are: how the biomedical and social sciences could be unlocked to facilitate their interplay; how the social sciences could help more; and how these different disciplines could work together better, using field expertise to support advocacy and inform decision-making in occupational health. This will involve identifying recurrent and specific difficulties as well as opportunities for improvement.

The international symposium is organized by Emilie Counil (EHESP, IRIS) and Emmanuel Henry (Université Paris-Dauphine, IRISSO) under the responsibility of a scientific committee representative of both the biomedical and the social sciences. This event is supported by CNRS, DIM Gestes (Paris Region), EHESP, ETUI, IRIS, IRISSO and PRINCEPS program (USPC).

**Useful information**

The symposium will take place at the Paris EHESP campus, which is in the same building as the Maison des sciences de l’Homme (MSH) Paris Nord.

20 avenue George Sand
93 210 La Plaine Saint-Denis

By public transports:

- The campus is easy to reach by public transports, notably subway: Métro ligne 12 | Front populaire (at the station take exit no. 3)
- RER B | La Plaine – Stade de France puis Bus 139/239
- RER D | Stade de France – Saint-Denis puis Bus 139
- RER E | Gare Rosa Parks puis Bus 239
- Bus lignes 139 / 239 / 512 | Front populaire – Proudhon

FYI: Simultaneous translation into English and French will be available.

Registration is free but required before November 25, 2016 at the following link:


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EHESP (MSH Paris-Nord site), La Plaine Saint-Denis, France
Wednesday, December 7th, 2016

09:00am | Keynote speakers | Citizen-Scientists: The Role of the Courts and the Public in Redefining Science and Public Health
Gerald Markowitz and David Rosner (historians, City University of New York and Columbia University, USA)

10:30am | Coffee break

11:00am | Round table | Knowledge and expertise in health protection agencies
Child: Eve Bourgkard (epidemiologist, INRS, ADEREST, France)
Francois Buton (political scientist, CNRS, France)
Pascal Emmanuel-Bissonnet (deputy director, Occupational health direction, Santé Publique France)
Brice Laurent (sociologist, Mines ParisTech, France)

Christophe Paris (professor of occupational medicine, Université Rennes I, France)
Christophe Perrey (anthropologist, Santé Publique, France)

12:00am | Lunch break (on-site)

1:30pm | Session | Scientific expertise and Low Dose Exposure
Child: Eve Bourgkard (epidemiologist, INRS, ADEREST, France)

Nuclear workers studies: controversy about risks to health from low dose radiation
Aurele Krueminiene (epidemiologist, IARC, France)

Reconstructing radiation doses for international epidemiological studies: Main challenges in nuclear workers studies
Isabelle Thiery-Chef (physician, IARC, France)

How Expertise deals with Scientific and Political Uncertainty of Low Dose Exposure
Soraya Boudia (sociologist, Université Paris Descartes, France)

3:30pm | Coffee break

4:00pm | Keynote speaker | Methods for collaboration across different forms of situated knowledges; the REACH Audier Project
Britt Dahberg (anthropologist, Chemical Heritage Foundation, USA)

5:00pm | Conclusions
5:30pm | End