

ACTIVITY REPORT

2024

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

2024, a year of achievements!

2024 was a pivotal year for Noria Research, marked by the culmination of long-standing projects and the consolidation of our research teams.

The newest addition to our research programs, the Africa Program, focused on "Contemporary Dynamics of Sub-Saharan Africa: Colonial Legacies, Political Transformations, Environmental Crises," was launched with a series of open-access seminars and aims to structure field-based research on these key issues affecting the continent.

The Mexico and Central America Program established itself as a local structure in Mexico City, with an autonomous office to continue its analysis of political violence in the region.

Thanks to an active fundraising strategy, we were able to sustain our research efforts on the MENA region, particularly through the recruitment of a scientific coordinator for the program. This allowed us to produce analyses on authoritarian regimes, economic reforms, and the impacts of austerity policies.

Our podcast series "Sous-Terrains" launched an impressive second season, scheduled to go live in February 2025. Moreover, with the continued support of public and private institutions, we sustained our training activities, scholarship programs, and workshop cycles.

2024 also marked the fruition of a long-term, collective, and deeply committed effort with the publication of the collective book "La fabrique de la thèse en sciences sociales. Guide collectif d'un exercice personnel," published by Karthala Editions and available on CAIRN.

Despite the financial challenges faced by the entire nonprofit sector and the increasingly targeted attacks on academic freedoms (closed or inaccessible field sites, unstable political environments), 2025 promises to be a turning point for Noria.

In particular, we will work on the consolidation of a recruitment policy for researchers, the continuation of the production and dissemination of independent, high-quality knowledge to combat misinformation, inform public debate, and defend critical scholarship. We will also focus on developing new research valorization projects with diversified formats for dissemination and accessibility and implementing a summer school for doctoral training.

With the unwavering support of our partners and volunteers, whom we thank warmly, Noria will continue to defend independent, free, and high-quality research, accessible to the widest possible audience in a global geopolitical context marked by instability and political crises.

Alice JUDELL
Executive Director



OUR MISSIONS

Noria Research is a non-profit association under the French law of 1901 with close ties to the academic world. Our main objective is to translate data collected in the field into original analyses, to bring this research to a wide audience, and to contribute to informing the public debate.

Our activities are structured around three axes:

RESEARCH

Conduct fieldwork and produce quality knowledge

We develop research programs rooted in the local realities of the regions we study. Our work focuses on major themes related to political, social, environmental and economic crises, exploring their impacts and long-term dynamics.

EDITION

Spread knowledge differently and make it accessible to as many people as possible

True to its goal of opening up social sciences to as many people as possible, Noria Research offers free access to all of its content. While maintaining rigorous academic standards, we innovate by developing new formats, such as podcasts, maps or photo reports, in order to broaden our audience.

TRAINING

Passing on the tools of the trade and training the researchers of tomorrow

We offer training and support programs for early-career researchers to prepare them for the profession and craft of research in the humanities and social sciences. Our goal is to equip them with the tools and methods needed to conduct rigorous fieldwork and produce high-quality research.

STRUCTURE

The association is managed by a collegiate board of directors in close collaboration with two employees, whose work of coordinating the various activities is linked to the administrative, human, financial and digital management of the association on a daily basis. In addition, a team of 10 active volunteers and a large network of researchers contribute to the various activities of Noria Research.

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PARTNERS

Noria Research works in the frame of its projects in partnership with different organizations:

OUR INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

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- Rosa Luxemburg Foundation
- General Directorate of International Relations and Strategy of the Ministry of Defense
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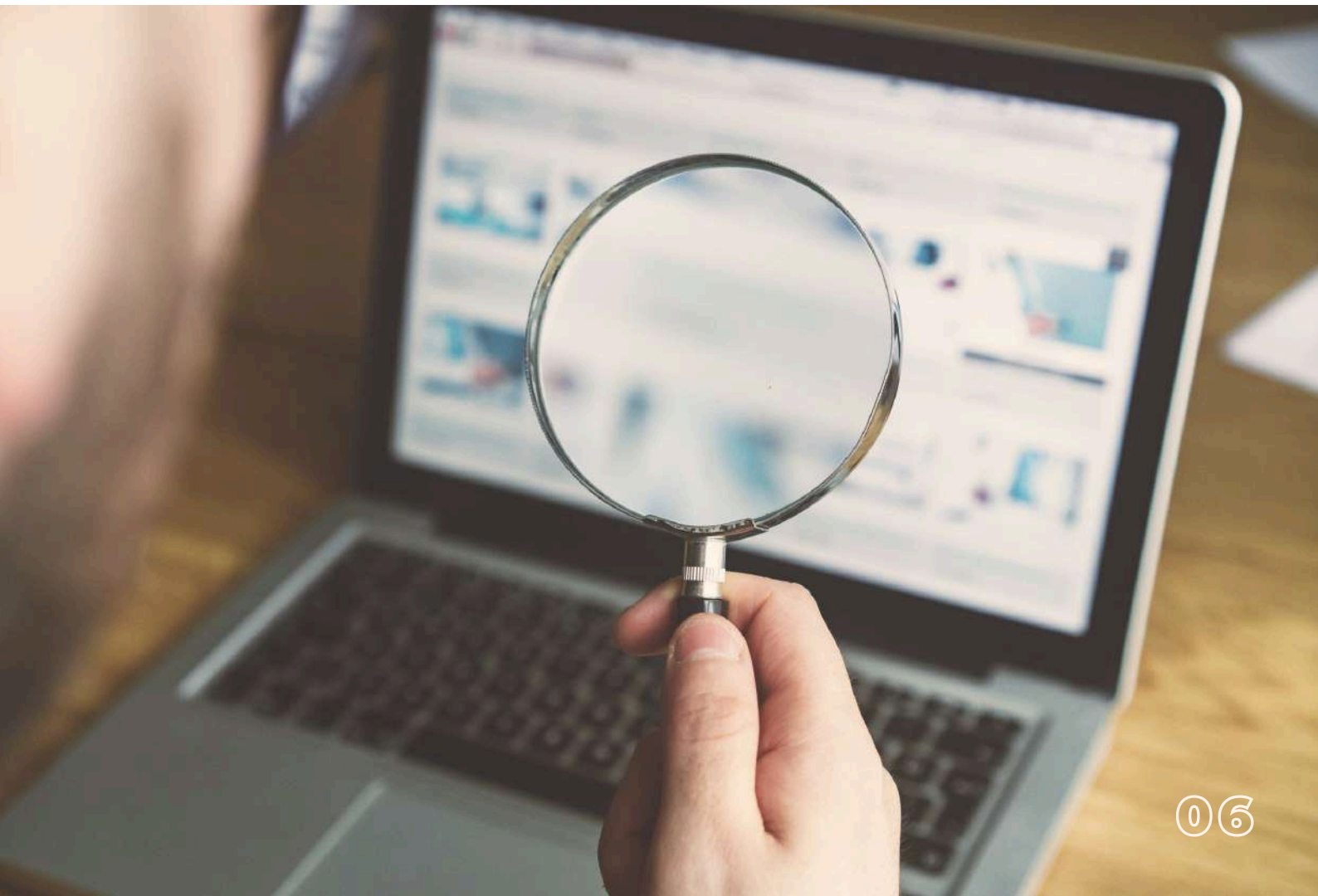
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OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2024

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RESEARCH

AFRICAS

We are bringing together researchers in humanities and social sciences to offer rigorous analysis based on in-depth empirical studies on Sub-Saharan Africa. These reflections help in understanding the major contemporary issues and challenges facing the African continent, fostering public debate and combating misinformation.



RESEARCH

Launch of the new AFRICAS research program

In 2024, the association launched a new research program dedicated to Africa, bringing together researchers in human and social sciences.

This program offers rigorous analyses based on in-depth empirical investigations, aimed at shedding light on the major contemporary issues and challenges of the African continent. These reflections help to understand the major contemporary issues and challenges of the African continent in order to promote public debate and combat disinformation.

The program is structured around 5 research axes:

1. Colonial legacies and decolonial perspectives

2. Political dynamics and transformations

3. Conflicts and violence(s)

4. Risks, health and environment

5. Gender and societies

To find out more, find all the program information [here](#).

RESEARCH

Launch of the new AFRICAS research program

As part of the launch of the new Africas research program, the team is organizing a monthly research seminar, both in person and on Zoom.

This initiative has a dual purpose. On the one hand, it aims to highlight the complexities and diversities of these regions, moving beyond narratives that reduce them to broad categories (such as “Southern,” “Central,” “Western,” or “Eastern” Africa). On the other hand, it seeks to explore Africa and the world, emphasizing and questioning the historical and contemporary connections of these regions with the rest of the globe.

The goal is to restore the continent to its rightful place, both in the type of knowledge produced and in the processes by which this knowledge is developed—processes that are often hindered by financial, political, institutional, or discriminatory barriers.

The first three sessions of 2024:

- 1 Brice Molo: Disasters, public utility and renegotiation of the State in Cameroon. History of an event-based socialization**
discussed by Eric Essono Tsimi (06/11/24)

- 2 Léonel Noubou Noumowe: Decolonization shooting: genesis, issues, uses and status of photography in the war of decolonization in Cameroon (1955-1971)**
discussed by Daniel Foliard (11/22/24)

- 3 Jules Villa: Discontinuities in attention in public health: from monkeypox to mpox in the DRC**
discussed by Simplice AYANGMA BONOHO (03/12/24)

RESEARCH

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

Action-oriented and internationalist in outlook, we strive to serve as a window allowing Europe to more clearly see the MENA region, and vice versa. Fighting against the shrinking of public space, our Program works to advance the causes of social justice, inclusion and democracy.



RESEARCH

Project: Tunisia in Transition

Tunisia's democratic transition was brought to an end in 2021 with the "self-coup" of President Kais Saied. This project draws to light the social, political, and economic variables which have most decisively shaped the post-2021 period.

Analyses

The era of community enterprises: Rural women in Kais Saied's vision for alternative development

By Dhouha Djerbi (January 2024)

→ Dhouha Djerbi draws an often neglected population—female agrarian workers—to the fore, evaluating their function and prospects within Kais Saied's bid for food sovereignty.



Kais Saïed and Tunisian Capital: Intimidation, Conspiracy and Collaboration

→ Hakim Fekih interrogates contemporary state-business relations, unwinding the failures of "criminal reconciliation" and the desperation that is driving Saïed to squeeze members of the oligarchy for cash.

Tunisia's Dr. No: Restore Sovereignty or Deepen Dependency?

By Bassem Snaije (January 2024)

→ Bassem Snaije dives into Tunisia's precarious financial position, probing the factors behind the country's debt and balance of payment issues and assessing how engagements with institutional creditors, the IMF and EU in particular, may play out in the months ahead.

RESEARCH

Project: Tunisia in Transition

The Kaïs Saïed regime: Populist authoritarianism by default

By Hatem Nafti (January 2024)

→ Hatem Nafti traces the origins of the Tunisian president's populist appeal, and reveals how Saïed leverages conspiracy, fear, and support from partners within the state apparatus and the international community to buttress his power.

Anti-NGO Bill in Tunisia Risks Stifling Civil Society

By Alessandra Bajec (January 2024)

→ Alessandra Bajec examines efforts by Saïed-aligned lawmakers to alter Tunisia's laws on associational life, and considers what this may mean for the country's future.

An Italian Connection? Racism and Populism in Kaïs Saïed's Tunisia

By Houda Mzioudet (January 2024)

→ Houda Mzioudet analyses the policies and rhetoric of the Tunisian President when it comes to domestic migrant communities. Drawing to light Saïed's developing partnership with Giorgia Meloni, she connects the racist populism observed in Tunisia to the one powering the right's strength in present-day Italy.

Kaïs Saïed and senior Tunisian officials

By Hatem Nafti (April 2024)

→ Hatem Nafti examines the relationship between the Tunisian President and the country's senior bureaucrats. Bridging history with contemporary dynamics, Nafti reveals what is keeping those running the Tunisian state in the camp of Saïed.



Black Women Pioneers in Tunisia: Fighting for Emancipation in the Face of Racism

By Houda Mzioudet (June 2024)

→ Houda Mzioudet surveys the state of the struggle for black rights in Tunisia today. Covering the hard-fought gains of the post-2011 period and the fraughtness of our present moment, Mzioudet shows the immense dangers now facing black Africans and black Tunisians.

THE RESEARCH

Project: Tunisia in Transition

Reports (in French, English and Arabic)

Kaïs Saïed today, and tomorrow? Tunisia in the era of hyperpolitics

By Colin Powers (January 2024)

→ Colin Powers considers the character of the political regime that has been consolidated by Kais Saïed over the last two and a half years. Taking a historical and comparative lens, he also lays out why the odds of a democratic restoration are quite low.

State-capital relations in Kais Saïed's Tunisia

By Colin Powers (October 2024)

→ The report probes the relationship between Kais Saïed and the business community. After unveiling the incoherence and inconsistency of the President's engagement with capital (domestic and foreign), the report connects Saïed's illogic to Tunisia's flailing economic performance. With Saïed's tenure in Carthage just extended for another five years, his lack of a developmental vision is certain to grow even more consequential for the Tunisian people in the months and years ahead.



RESEARCH

Project: Tunisia in Transition

Event

Democratic and political crisis: what does the future hold for Tunisia under Kais Saïed?
(Held in November 2024 - Closed conference that gathered 30 people : Tunisian civil society representatives, journalists, French foreign ministry officials, business leaders, and researchers)

After the sham of the October presidential elections, a reassessment of Tunisia's political and economic situation is needed, focusing on several key questions:

- How will Kais Saïed's second term be configured?
- What impact did his presidency have on state institutions and the legacy of the 2011 revolution?
- How did Saïed strengthen his control over different sectors of the state and civil society?
- What is the state of its relations with the main interest groups, particularly those linked to security?
- How have social conditions evolved during his first term?
- What are the development prospects for Tunisia under his leadership?

The aim of this conference was to open up a space for dialogue in order to carry out the dual mission of taking stock of Kais Saïed's first term in office (2019-2024) and to identify the risks of political and economic crises on the eve of his second term.

THE RESEARCH

Project: Tunisia in Transition

Podcasts

FlousStory by Mohamed Haddad (in Tunisian Arabic)

<https://noria-research.com/mena/project/flousstory-podcast/>

→ FlousStory is a podcast that delves into the complex economic issues facing Tunisia and the world. Through a series of captivating episodes, this Arabic-language podcast explores crucial topics such as Tunisian public debt, multilateral projects, and economic relations with major players such as China and the IMF. With a critical and nuanced perspective, FlousStory demystifies economic narratives and offers an in-depth analysis of financial policies.

The aim of the podcast is to foster an open and constructive debate on economics, using Tunisian dialect to make these issues more accessible to all listeners. Whether it is stories from the author or interviews with guests, this podcast offers original perspectives on topics such as history, economics and geopolitics.



RESEARCH

Project: Gender and socio-economic transformations in the MENA region

With support from the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, this series of analyses examines how gender shapes contemporary dynamics such as austerity, deindustrialization, and social reproduction in the MENA region.

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Gendered impact of austerity measures on public services in Tunisia

By Kais Attia (November 2024)



→ Kais Attia explores the consequences of austerity reforms on Tunisia's health and public transport systems. He highlights their disproportionate impact on women and suggests avenues for alternative policies.

Gendered impacts of deindustrialization in the Middle East and North Africa

By Yasmin Dildar (December 2024)

→ Yasmin Dildar considers the acute effects that regional women have suffered as a result of industrial stagnation. Marshaling longitudinal data, she identifies when deindustrialization commenced, why it disproportionately damaged the prospects of women, and what policies governments should consider to reverse the trend.

Further publications from this project are planned for 2025.

RESEARCH

Project: MENA in the polycrisis

With the support of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, this series of analyses examines the problems of inequality, indebtedness, unemployment and low growth in the MENA region.



Deindustrialization in the Middle East and North Africa

By Colin Powers (December 2024)

, explains how deindustrialization was set into motion in the region and why its effects endure so profoundly. For anyone hoping to better understand what the future may hold for the MENA -- be it socially, economically, or politically -- the report should make for a clarifying if sobering read. Read the report [here](#).

Reversing the gaze: The ineffectiveness of IMF stabilization policies in the WANA region

By Osama Diab & Colin Powers (December 2024)

→ Osama Diab and Colin Powers explain why policies meant to control inflation and restore macrostability in Egypt and Tunisia have done the opposite, and posit that a better approach might be found in the strategies of the postwar period.

The Bitter Aftertaste of Colonialism: Monetary and Ecological Trade Balances in the WANA Region

By Osama Diab & Colin Powers (November 2024)

→ Osama Diab (with Colin Powers) highlights the monetary and ecological imbalances that predispose WANA economies to structural fragilities. They warn against an over-reliance on global economic integration, which could aggravate these problems without a reorganization of the global economic system.

Further publications from this project are planned for 2025.



RESEARCH

Other publications from the MENA program

The failure of IFI policies to address gender inequality in the MENA region

By Sahar Mechmech (January 2024)

→ Sahar Mechmech assesses the gender equality strategies implemented by the IMF and the World Bank in the Middle East and North Africa. Examining the cases of Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, and Jordan, she concludes that these strategies are disappointing even by their own standards, and argues that they are structurally compromised by the lending institutions' commitment to austerity policies.

The Architects of Economic Collapse: Abdel Fateh el-Sisi, International Finance, and Egypt's Road to Scarcity

By Colin Powers (January 2024)

→ Colin Powers reflects on Egypt's ongoing financial crisis. In addition to identifying its causes and assessing the prospects for the IMF-supervised bailout, Powers explores how fiscal distress could influence Egypt's policy toward Gaza in the months ahead.

The social life of phosphate on both shores of the Mediterranean: ecology, work and migration

By Mustapha Azaitraoui, Lorenzo Feltrin, Francesco Vacchiano (January 2024)

→ Mustapha Azaitraoui, Lorenzo Feltrin, and Francesco Vacchiano examine how the mining and processing of phosphate links the destinies of Morocco, Tunisia, and Italy. Moving from the present to Italy's fascist past, they demonstrate how this mineral shapes the lives and futures of many Mediterranean communities.



RESEARCH

Other publications from the MENA program

Can the Turkish regime absorb Israel's opposition to the war?

By Cihan Tugal (March 2024)

→ In this article, sociologist Cihan Tugal examines Ankara's diplomatic and trade relations with Israel. Written prior to Turkey's imposing of an export ban, Tugal furnishes key insights into the Erdogan government's attempt at co-opting radical energies without alienating allies in industry.

The Wages of Genocide: Prospects for Israel's War Economy

By Colin Powers (June 2024)

→ Colin Powers probes the outlook for Israel's economy and in so doing, grants a sobering look at the country's capacity to continue down its destructive path. Highlighting Israel's strong capital markets and resilient external relations, Powers argues the country's warmaking faces few obstacles in the short to medium term. In the long term, however, he notes that divestment trends and increasing social tensions may undermine Israel's ability to pursue its current course.



The Petro yuan and the Internationalization of the Renminbi: Issues in Gulf-China Relations

By Salam Al Shareef (July 2024)

→ Salam al Shareef evaluates the prospects of the Gulf's deepening economic entanglements with China. Tracing shifts in trade and investment as well as institutional developments in the domain of finance, al Shareef proposes that the petrodollar may be living on borrowed time.

Green (neo)colonialism in the Arab region

By Hamza Hamouchene (July 2024)

→ Hamza Hamouchene puts the microscope on the green transition. Probing solar and wind energy projects alongside recent efforts aimed at green hydrogen production, he explains why colonial and neoliberal logics threaten to compromise the transition in the Middle East and North Africa--and to reproduce existing power imbalances.

Suspension of Palestinian labor in Israel since October 7: a turning point?

By Walid Habbas (September 2024)

→ Walid's analysis centers on Israel's suspension of labor market permits for West Bank Palestinians. Diving into the motivations of Israel's policymakers, his research shows why this suspension may signal a broader (and extremely worrisome) shift in Israel's colonial strategy.

RESEARCH

Other publications from the MENA program

Rivals in the service of the Empire: Abu Dhabi, Qatar and the United States

By Gilbert Achcar (September 2024)

→ Gilbert Achcar considers Abu Dhabi and Qatar's divergent paths and what they mean for Palestine and the region. While at odds with one another across a number of theaters, Achcar discerns that this intra-GCC beef benefits the United States in the final instance, as it affords the latter a greater diversity of tools in advancing its agenda.

Elections in Jordan: the return of parties to the assembly

By Camille Abescat (September 2024)

→ Camille Abescat examines the reintegration of political parties into the Jordanian parliament. The article analyzes recent electoral reforms and their impact on political representation, while assessing the challenges and opportunities for the Jordanian political landscape.

Living young in Halabja: leisure spaces, social infrastructure and marginalization

By Tom Prével (September 2024)

→ Tom Prével explores how young people in Halabja, Iraqi Kurdistan, navigate limited social infrastructure and feelings of marginalization. The study highlights the strategies these young people adopt to create spaces for socialization and belonging, despite the socio-economic challenges they face.

The Palestinian Authority, a plausible solution for the post-Gaza period?

By Xavier Guignard (November 2024)

→ Xavier Guignard furnished an update on the situation in Gaza. Specifically, Guignard assesses the viability of a "day after" presided by the Palestinian Authority (PA). Drawing attention to a host of reasons--many of which relate to the PA's widening legitimacy gap--he makes the case that a solution premised upon an unreformed PA is wishful thinking at best.

Capital and Genocide in the 21st Century

By Colin Powers (December 2024)

→ Colin Powers turned the lens onto the private actors implicated in the Israeli genocide. His study generates a number of novel findings, the most significant of which concerns Wall Street's grand financial houses. In tracing those providing the arms, logistical operations, and credit flows which have sustained Israel's army and economy over the past fourteen months, Powers shows these institutions' fingerprints are everywhere.



RESEARCH

SOUTH ASIA

Launched in 2014, Noria Research's South Asia Program (SAProg) has become an international reference in South Asian studies. Through the organization of round tables and a series of conferences in partnership with academic institutions, SAProg has built a large network of researchers in France and abroad.

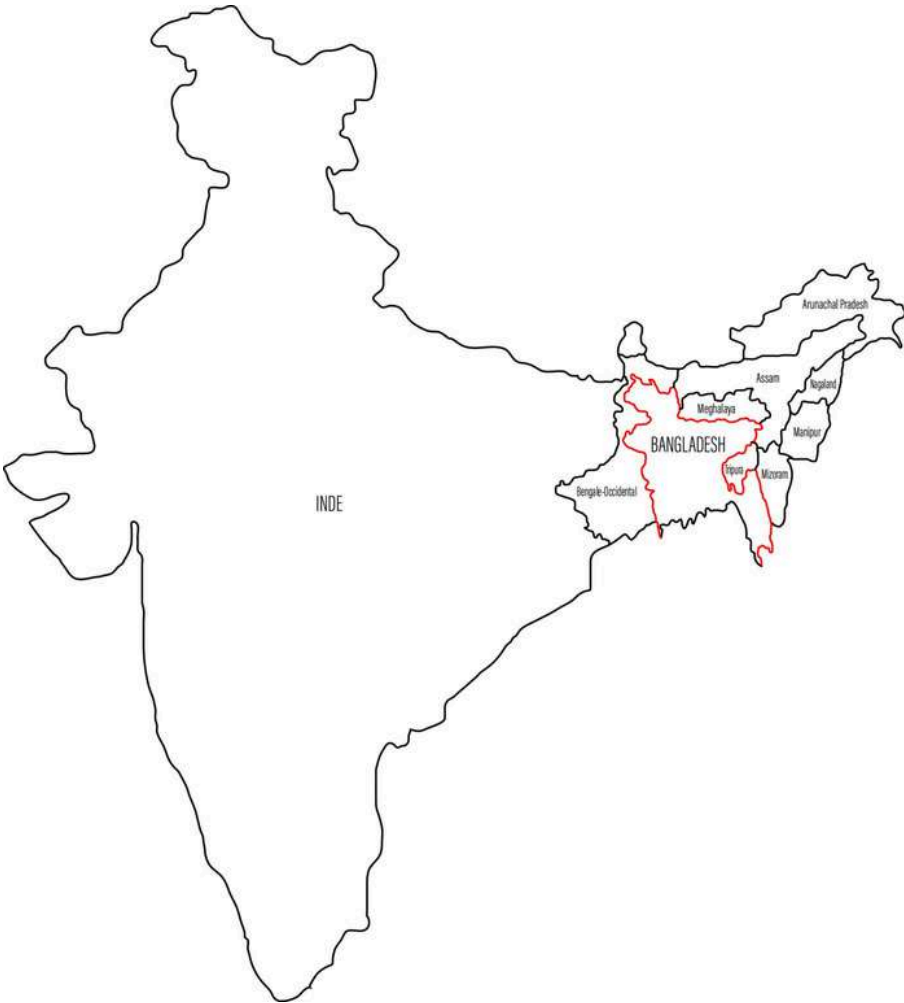
RESEARCH

Publication

Life around an Indian border: Understanding territorial issues along the unfinished barrier in Meghalaya

By Maurane Hillion (April 2024)

→ The author examines the territorial and social dynamics along the unfinished border between India and Bangladesh. The article analyzes the impact of this barrier on local communities, perceptions of security, and the political implications of its construction.



RESEARCH

MEXICO & CENTRAL AMERICA

We approach security as a social issue that deeply impacts people's daily lives, not merely as a public matter for the state to address. We are committed to building alliances with local and national organizations, engaging with communities, and understanding their specific contexts. Our critical methodology examines security issues in Mexico while broadening the scope of our studies to include both affected communities and the general public, always guided by a human rights approach and an intersectional feminist perspective.

RESEARCH

Launch of an autonomous MXCA Office

This year, the [Mexico & Central America \(MXCA\)](#) program reached a new milestone with the opening of an autonomous office in Mexico and the recruitment of a new team, aimed at intensifying research efforts in the region. While remaining administratively and financially tied to the French association, Noria MXCA now operates as a distinct entity in Mexico, facilitating its local presence and the expansion of its fieldwork activities.

The program manifesto

A call for a local understanding of violence in Mexico and Central America

[Read it here](#)

RESEARCH

Project: Violence and political participation of women in Puebla

This project aims to develop a public policy to prevent, protect, and address political violence against women in Puebla through an intersectional approach. It is grounded in high-quality empirical research and provides recommendations to strengthen the capacities of key institutions, while improving the identification, visibility, and management of the forms of violence experienced by women in the exercise of their political rights.

This initiative was marked by three key achievements:

- A report on political violence against women, co-authored with the Working Group on Political Violence, established through workshops involving CSOs, experts, women politicians, and representatives of institutions such as the INE. This report synthesizes the challenges identified during the 2023-2024 electoral process.
- The co-production of a campaign for the INE's pilot protection program for women candidates during the 2024 elections, aimed at raising awareness and strengthening prevention measures.
- A policy brief titled "Women and Political Violence in Puebla" (scheduled for publication in February 2025), based on qualitative research conducted during the elections, including interviews and field observations.

As part of these efforts, the results were also presented at various stages during key moments, including at the Tec de Monterrey campus in Puebla (November 2024) and at an event organized by the INE (National Electoral Institute) for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.



OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2024

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TRAINING

The round tables

Noria launched its roundtables to keep up with new research in the making. The monthly meetings allow students to present on their work and to discuss their research techniques with more experienced colleagues. Noria supports young researchers in a constructive environment in order to train them in various research practices, such as field studies, structuring of scientific analyses, and publication in innovative formats.

Since their creation, nearly 80 young researchers have presented their work on five major regions of the world, including 2 in 2024:

#78 • February 27, Samir Abdelli. “Resting with Mevlana: Historical Investigation into the Reception and Memory of Eva de Vitray-Meyerovitch (1909-1999) in Konya”

#79 • June 4, Fulbert Ngodji. “Financing Arab-Islamic education in the Chadian social field. Territorial dynamics and construction of a national space”

Find the history of the round tables [here](#).



TRAINING

Field grants

Noria has organized the sixth edition 2023-2024 of the field grants for young researchers, worth €1,000 each. These grants support researchers who are conducting research in a field considered difficult and/or whose work develops a strong methodological reflection and/or who carry an original publication project in order to valorize their work.

The 2024 grants laureates



TRISTAN HILLION

In the name of Imam al-Şadr, Leaders, activists and militiamen of the Amal movement during the Lebanese wars (1975-1990)



LINA THOMAS

Study of the conflict between the feminist movement of Mexico and the State in the public space: Alternative feminist heritage and urban struggles



CAI CHEN

Intimacy Across Boundaries: An Ethnography of Ethnoracial Dynamics among Sino-Congolese Couples in Postcolonial Congo (DRC)



DHOUHA DJERBI

Boundaries of Contention: Gender Mechanisms of Rural Discontent in Post-uprising Tunisia

EDITORIAL PROJECTS

Collective work

Publication of the edited volume *La fabrique de la thèse. Guide collectif d'un exercice personnel* (Mangon, Garapon, Jeanmougin, Judell, 2024) by Karthala Editions.

This unconventional guide aims to provide doctoral students with the essential knowledge (usually scattered and informal) to navigate the academic environment. *La fabrique de la thèse* is a practical, collective guide, written by early-career researchers for early-career researchers, offering a behind-the-scenes look at this academic exercise. A wide range of topics is covered, from practical aspects like funding and time management, to questions related to fieldwork and researcher relationships, as well as challenges in disseminating research, such as teaching or alternative writing approaches.

This book stands out both for its unique methodology (a collective writing process carried out by a team of fifty authors and contributors) and for the diversity of formats used (testimonies, roundtable discussions, practical guides, annotated bibliographies, and a comic strip). It thus offers both an in-depth look at the concrete and personal experiences of writing a thesis, and a collective reflection on the production of social sciences and humanities in France.



[Learn more about the book](#)

EDITORIAL PROJECTS

Photo report

Photo report: Living young in Halabja

By Zewan Sirwan (September 2024)

→ This photo essay offers a visual perspective on the lives of young people in Halabja, complementing Tom Préel's analysis. Through a series of black and white photographs, the reportage captures the gathering places, daily activities and expressions of resilience of this youth in the face of social and economic obstacles.



EDITORIAL PROJECTS

Fighting gender-based and sexual violence

Translation of texts written by Gunilla Bjerén

By Lou Rouquet and Claire Lefort Rieu, in partnership with Les Cahiers du Genre

The collective translation from English to French of "Rape in the Field. Reflections from a survivor" and its appendix "Comments on Rape in the Field" is part of Noria Research's commitment to combating sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), particularly in the academic and university setting. These crucial texts, written by Gunilla Bjerén (under the pseudonym Eva Moreno), address a topic of extreme sensitivity that was largely ignored at the time: the SGBV experienced by researchers in the field, especially rape. Written in 1995 and 2017 respectively, these texts remain tragically relevant because, despite the importance of these issues, there is still a significant lack of academic publications and resources addressing them.

By making these texts accessible to a French-speaking audience, we aim not only to expand the existing body of work on this critical issue, but also to broaden the reach and impact of this struggle.

This translation thus serves as a valuable educational tool for early-career researchers. It provides them with resources and perspectives to address or prevent similar situations they may encounter. By bringing these issues to the academic agenda and constantly raising awareness of their presence, we hope to contribute to a safer and more inclusive research environment.

[To learn more](#)

EDITORIAL PROJECTS

Podcast

Season 1 of the podcast series SOUS-TERRAIN

Noria Research launched its podcast series SOUS-TERRAIN in 2023. This original audio content highlights the work of social science researchers while sharing fieldwork stories from around the world.

In line with its mission to make social sciences accessible to a wide audience without compromising on academic rigor, Noria Research explores the potential of an innovative audio format to reach a broader public. This podcast is also designed as an educational tool, aimed at inspiring and guiding a new generation of early-career researchers in their learning of research methods and practices.

Whether in Lebanon, China, or Senegal, each 40-minute episode features a researcher who takes us on their fieldwork journey. Through a detailed narrative, they share their research, methods, and how their work contributes to understanding complex social phenomena. With firsthand audio recordings and direct exchanges, SOUS-TERRAIN offers an embodied and concrete view of fieldwork in social sciences today.

The podcast also addresses fundamental questions for young researchers: How do you actually conduct research? What are the challenges and surprises of fieldwork? What lessons can be drawn from these experiences to progress in one's own academic path? By reducing the distance between research and the general public, SOUS-TERRAIN provides an immersive auditory experience of a profession that remains largely unknown, offering a unique glimpse into the craft of research and knowledge production.

You can find all episodes of the series on [all your listening platforms](#).

A project carried out in partnership with:

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INTERNATIONALES

Ceped

Centre Population
et Développement



CEDEJ



LAM
Les Afriques dans le monde

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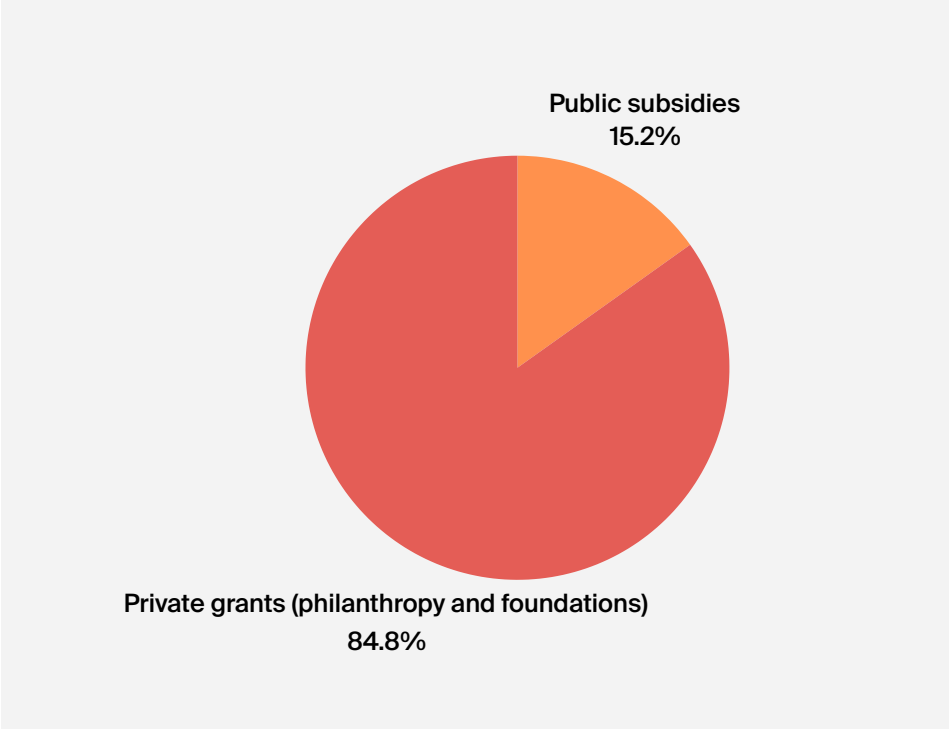
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income

Total income 2024: €226,580 *



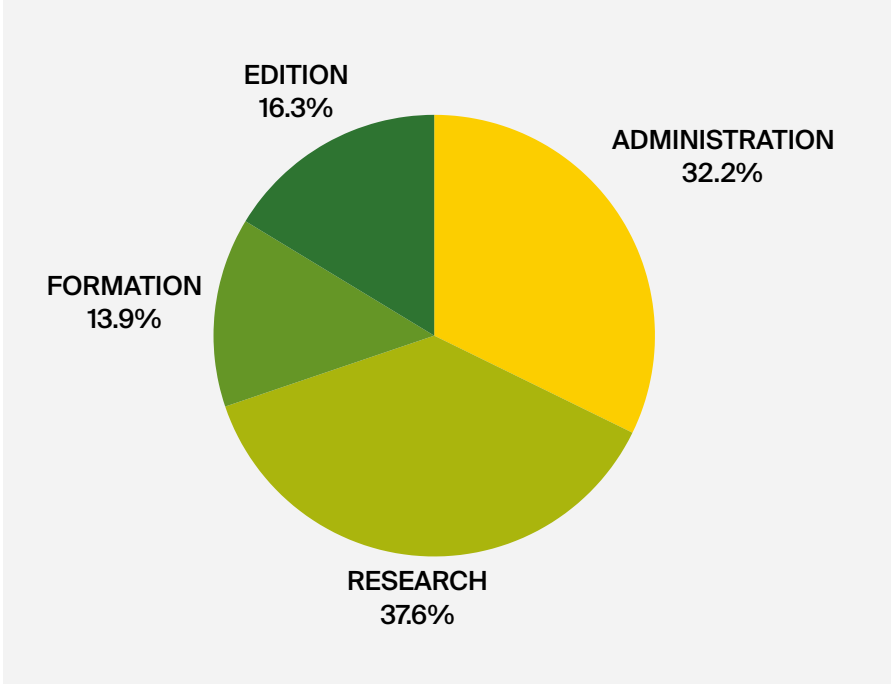
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