Coordination and participation in major research projects and other initiatives

The Departments is involved in several international research projects, often playing a coordination role:

IPERION

SM@RTINFRA
(SSHCH-Integrate Intelligent Infrastructure for the ecosystem of the data of Social Sciences, Humanities and Cultural Heritage) aimed at integrating existing research infrastructures in the domains of Humanities, Social Sciences and Cultural Heritage.

MIGRATION
The interdisciplinary project gathering together researchers in the fields of history, philosophy, linguistics, demographics, law, economics, education with the aim of studying migration processes from different points of view.

DSU
www.dsu.cnr.it
Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, Cultural Heritage

**Institutes**  |  20

**Permanent employees**  |  705, 435 of which are researchers and technologists

**Main research themes**

The Department’s research embraces social sciences as a whole as well as material and immaterial cultural heritage. The disciplinary macro-areas - cultural heritage, humanities, law, economics, social sciences, linguistics and cognitive research - delve into domains that are very different from each other, and are nonetheless unified by the common goal of contributing to knowledge, preservation, use of cultural identity and cultural heritage. Its mission is devoted to basic and applied research, doctoral and post-doctoral training, technology transfer. By dialoguing with hard sciences, the Department promotes a unitary and broad vision of knowledge, which aims to develop critical knowledge.

**Main areas of research are:**

**Humanities**
- Collective memory on migrations and transmission of culture
- History of ancient and modern Mediterranean
- Training models
- Intellectual and economic history

**Social Sciences**
- Sustainable development of societies aligned on environmental issues
- Consolidation of democracy and participation and effectiveness of rights
- Assessment of European, national, regional and local institutions
- Cooperation with third countries
- Analyses of migration flows
- Safety of communications
- Freedom of access to the internet
- Innovation and creativity services within the knowledge society
- Law internalisation, social cohesion and economic and competitiveness patterns
- Public policies and territorial strategies

**Cultural Heritage**
- Cultural heritage preservation, archiving, cataloguing and representation
- Cultural heritage diagnostics, preservation and restoration
- Archaeology data processing
- History research, archaeology, archaeometry

**Patents**  |  The Department manages 36 patents of which 20 copyrights, 10 software and 6 registered trademarks

**Spin offs**  |  The Department participates with its Institutes in 3 spin offs in the field of ICT for the humanities and social sciences and educational technology

**Main technologies developed and services provided**

Within Migration Studies, the Department has developed, since 2008, specific expertise in order to promote an interdisciplinary research program on migration issues, with studies including demography, law, economics, linguistics, history, philosophy, education.

In 2014 the Department was appointed National Contact Point of the European Migration Network, a Europe-wide network set up in 2003 by the European Commission, on behalf of the European Council, whose aim is to provide up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information on migration and asylum issues.

Territorial development studies (industrial districts, clusters) with reference to environment, food and agriculture, arts and culture.

Development of technological solutions-oriented to intelligent use of tangible and intangible cultural heritage.

Research within the fields of digital library and open and restricted access to offer new ways of enjoying digital heritage and new models of digital publication.

Development and access of national and pan-European research infrastructures in the domains of humanities, social sciences, and cultural heritage.

**Editorial activity**

Some of the associated research institutes publish editorial series of special significance. Here are a few examples:

- Lessico Intellettuale Europeo, book series collecting volumes published by the Institute for the European Intellectual Lexicon and History of Ideas from 1969 (ed. Leo S. Olschki)
- Linguistica Computazionale, periodical by the Institute of Computational Linguistics
- Bollettino del Centro Studi Vichiani (Edizioni di Storia e Letteratura)
- Rapporti sullo stato del regionalismo in Italia, by the Institute for the Study of Regionalism, Federalism and Self-Government (ed. Il Sole 24 Ore)
- TD Tecnologie Didattiche, four-monthly magazine on digital technologies by the Institute for Educational Technology
- Informatica e Diritto, periodical by the Institute Legal Information Theory and Technology (ed. Scientifiche Italiane)
- TLIO (Tesoro della Lingua Italiana delle Origini) by The Italian Dictionary: the largest database available concerning the Italian language before 1375, published online with free access in the OVI website (www.ovi.cnr.it)