



Fondation Pierre du Bois

pour l'histoire du temps présent

The Pierre du Bois Foundation



The aim of the Pierre du Bois Foundation is to promote and support research in the area of Current History. It provides access to books, journals and documents for students and researchers. The Foundation also awards scholarships, and research and publication grants, as well as the Pierre du Bois Prize. Through public conferences and sym-

posia, it encourages interaction among researchers and the creation of networks.

Following the untimely death of Professor Pierre du Bois in 2007, the Foundation was set up in his name. An expert in European integration and contemporary international relations, Pierre du Bois was Professor of International History and Politics at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva. The Foundation seeks to perpetuate his passionate, probing, and multidimensional approach to research, which was both demanding and very human.

The Foundation is structured around a community of researchers united by common interests and projects. To enable its future evolution and growth, the Pierre du Bois Foundation invites all those who are interested in current history to participate in its activities and to contribute to its development.

Current History

The Pierre du Bois Foundation supports the study of the recent past, of historical yet ongoing issues, and of the interaction between past and present. Within this context, the Foundation provides support to researchers who develop interdisciplinary approaches to Current History, using diverse and complementary sources. It thus intends to highlight the deep historical processes at work in the social, economical, political or cultural spheres.

The Foundation primarily promotes projects related to Professor Pierre du Bois' preferred fields of research:

- European areas and the challenges of European construction
- Security issues

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Research Focus



European Areas and the Challenges of European Construction

The Pierre du Bois Foundation is interested in the political, economic, social, cultural and ideological foundations of the European project, the institutional evolution of the European Communities and



the European Union, and in the development of their internal and foreign policies. It contributes towards the analysis of perceptions of the European Union, of the EU's relations with other states and international organisations, and of its regional partnerships and collaborations.

Security Issues

The Foundation deals with security-related issues in an interdisciplinary manner and within the broadest sense of the word. It favours the exchange of ideas on the causes and relevance of the evolution of the concept of security, as well as on the continuities and the discontinuities existing in this area. The Foundation examines threats from traditional state players as well as transnational threats such as organised crime, terrorism or environmental hazards.

Activities



The Pierre du Bois Foundation for Current History - *La Fondation Pierre du Bois pour l'histoire du temps présent*

- Organises public conferences and symposia
- Offers scholarships for Latin-American students to prepare for a PhD at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva
- Grants research and publication subsidies
- Offers the *Pierre du Bois Prize* for a thesis in the area of Current History
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If you have projects that you feel strongly about...

If you would like to work with the Pierre du Bois Foundation for Current History...

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