

# The documentation centre

The Unit's documentation centre combines tangible and intangible resources. Its aim is to enable physical and virtual access to the research teams' document collections, to create databanks accessible to the academic community as a whole and to establish a documentary monitoring system for themes and research areas relating to the Unit's spheres of interest.

The Roger-Henri Guerrand Documentation Centre collection is the result of the successive accumulation of several types of collection since the creation of the Institute for Architectural Studies and Research (IERAU) in 1970. IERAU became IPRAUS in 1986. This accumulation accounts for the originality and interest of a collection including the products of individual and group research carried out by the laboratory at the Paris-Belleville National School of Architecture and other specialist laboratories; theses from various higher education establishments; and most of the reports on the research financed by the Committee for Architectural Research and Development (CORDA) between 1972 and 1979.

Recent activity has enabled the creation of new documentary products including a Unit monitoring blog ( Blog de veille de l'UMR AUSser), a newsletter covering the latest on the blog, and the digital news bulletin DOC'INFOS IPRAUS. Other developments are closer, more formalised partnerships with resource centres – agreements signed with the Paris Urbanism Workshop (APUR), the Ile-de-France Institute for Development and Urbanism (IAU), and the National Geographic Institute (IGN) for access to its Geographic Information Systems – and with various networks (ArchiRès, DocAsie and UPEdoc) that share their thematic interests.

Thus the centre has joined the ArchiRès project, which means a shared catalogue for all the National Schools of Geography in France, the creation of a documentary portal and the setting up of an Electronic Document Management System (EDMS).

Home to the Paris-Belleville school's collection of maps and plans, the Documentation Centre's map library is pursuing a policy of enhanced communication with teachers, researchers and students at the school as well as, more generally, all of France's schools of architecture. It is also currently creating a digital collection devoted to the history and evolution of South-East Asian cities as portrayed by maps.

These changes in the Documentary Centre and the map library have helped them reinforce their activities and develop new functions aimed at a broader audience of researchers, teachers and students in France and abroad.

Opening hours: Monday–Friday, 9:30 am–12:30 pm and 2:00–5:30 pm

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