Revues.org, online humanities and social sciences portal

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1.   Introduction

Since 1999, the CLEO, "Centre pour l'édition électronique ouverte", ("Centre for open electronic publishing"), has been developing **Revues.org**, the oldest French social sciences portal, which now gathers more than one hundred and fifty journals.

The centre promotes the dissemination of scientific literature in the humanities and social sciences by developing electronic publishing. It federates scholarly journals, provides them with a technological support and helps them to settle their visibility on the internet. It also fosters the learning of skills linked to electronic publishing by organizing trainings and by producing documentation.

This project originates from the French scientific community. All journals follow academic and scholarly standards in the fields of history, politics, geography, sociology, anthropology, psychology, etc. They are owned by learned societies, major research centres, university institutes or private publishers. Most of them receive funds from the CNRS, the CNL (Centre national du livre in France) or universities.

To date, Revues.org has predominantly been involved in the publishing of French journals. It is now receiving an increasing number of international applications and has started to welcome multilingual French publications and international publications. The portal interface will soon be multilingual.

Revues.org is a non profit service supported by the CNRS (Centre national de la recherche in France), the EHESS (Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, the main French social sciences institute), the University of Provence (Aix and Marseille) and the University of Avignon. The unit has offices in Marseilles and is now part of ADONIS, the major French cyber infrastructure for the humanities and social sciences. For more information on its current activities, you can subscribe to Revues.org online newsletter, la Lettre électronique de Revues.org.

2.   Electronic skills and tools for publishing teams

Revues.org offers a simple publishing process and supports the learning of electronic skills, in order to give more freedom and more independence to journals.

It has developed a specialized software, Lodel (Logiciel d'édition électronique : Software for electronic publishing, http://www.lodel.org). It is a free of charge open source software (GPL licence, **http://sourcesup.cru.fr**), that can be used by any publishing team after a few hours of training.

Each journal in Revues.org has its own layout, designed to reflect its editorial specificities. The journals can publish footnotes, photographs, tables, graphics, fine indexes, etc ..

Revues.org also provides each journal with a panel of communication and promotion tools, which are easy to run and free of charge:

- newsletters to inform users. More than ten newsletters have already been created, notably *Terrain*, *Nuevo mundo* and *Cultures & conflits* newsletters.
- internal newsletter and lists for each journal team
- publishing blog by using the CLEO new service called **Hypotheses.org** <http://www.hypotheses.org>.
- statistics, publicly available
- web feeds. For example, a journal can publish the latest news related to discipline (through Calenda, le calendrier des sciences sociales) and/or to its own activities.

Revues.org also maintains and secures servers and databases.

3.   Citability and visibility

From the very beginning, each document published on Revues.org has received a simple and stable URL. This ensures the long term preservation of articles on the web and makes them citable in other work, like a traditional paper publication. Revues.org projects to use DOI (Digital object identifier), in order to be linked to Crossref service.

A department in Revues.org is dedicated to the optimisation of the web visibility of the portal. Revues.org is now clearly identified by several major scientific citation index and search engines. It is linked to:

- *Scirus* (Holland), the Elsevier scientific search engine,
- *Google scholar* (USA), Google's scientific search engine,
- the *directory of open access journals* (DOAJ, Sweden),
- the *SUDOC* (France), Système universitaire de documentation,
- *OAISTER* (USA), the biggest search engine , which is harvesting more than 800 OAI-PMH depots worldwide,
- the *Hispanic American Periodicals Index* (HAPI, USA),
- *Intute* (England).

4.   Dissemination of scientific information

The CLEO has also created ***Calenda, le calendrier des sciences sociales*,** the main online announcement service in the humanities and social sciences in France. Since 2000, it has been publishing information about colloquiums, seminars, job offers and calls for papers. It currently stores 8 000 entries and welcomes 100 000 visitors every month. Announcements remain accessible through a stable URL in order to build a record of social sciences activities. Each announcement proposal is submitted to a verification process supported by a scientific committee.

The CLEO is currently developing a new online service, "**Les manuscrits de Revues.org"**, (http://manuscrits.revues.org), a free and multilingual online tool to collect, select and correct articles on a double blind peer review basis. It will be adapted for journals working with an international team.