



## ***Our history***

The Gabriel Peri Foundation was set up in the initiative of the French Communist Party in July 22nd, 2004. It is recognized to be in the Public interests.

PCF has based the creation of this Foundation on two main ideas:

- The need for a structure, out of any instrumentation, able to work at the understanding of the recent History and in particular the labour history movement and the communist in France, for a better appreciation of the future ;
- The need for a meeting space in which to compare and support the emergence of reflections, useful proposals for the construction of Europe and a world of democracy and social progress.

A political Foundation is the structure, which corresponds best with these requirements. Its independence allows an open reflection to all, and does not run up against partisan logics.

The Gabriel Peri Foundation gives itself these ambitions of rigour in the scientific exploitation of the files, open-minded meetings which are organized, and especially useful, to all those who are interested in the fight for human emancipation.

## ***Our main activities***

### **1. To clarify the past:**

One of the main tasks of the Gabriel Peri Foundation is to endeavour to understand the history, which has been made, and the one we contribute to make, to act better in the present time and to influence the future.

The contemporary history of France, inseparable of European history, and of an upheaval world is rich in political, social, cultural and democratic events, whose lessons can be invaluable.

The French Communist Party is since 1920 one of the actors of this history. In order to explore and understand its history, it has the will to create and facilitate partnerships especially with the departmental records of Seine-saint-Denis holder of its files.

The purpose of the Gabriel Peri Foundation is amongst other things to keep alive and develop the inheritance of reflections and experience accumulated in France by social fights and evolution of ideas.

### **2. To clear the future:**

« Political time » does not leave much time for analysis and even less for research. It is however necessary to take this time to open a new vision of the social transformation.

The Gabriel Peri Foundation proposes to be a place in which we can take time to study, seek and confront tracks for the future, far from the pressure, which weigh on political organizations. Through initiatives, debates, publications, the Gabriel Peri Foundation will propose tools for analysis, reflection, to help those wishing to look further into the questions, which arise in society as a whole.

Thus, the Gabriel Peri Foundation takes part in the democratic and political life of the country, in endeavouring to develop the exchange and the reflection, and in placing at the disposal of all citizens, politicians and social forces concerned, knowledge and tools, in order -we hope- to help them to build their own proposals, actions or claims.

Political item, like the other political Foundations, but with its own identity, resulting from the communist current of thought in France, the Gabriel Peri Foundation is, as the Law stipulates, independent in all its decisions, its operations and its financial gestion. This independence is a factor for success.

### 3. Workgroups

#### *In process*

- Religious movement and social relations movement nowadays
- Which energies to answer challenges of 21st Century
- New employment in the informational capitalism : the stakes of political resetting
- Education and formation: New challenges
- The alternative thought in economics today
- Agrarian and rural issues in Africa
- The challenge of development in the context of the energetic and environmental crisis in Asia

#### *Previous*

- Fair trade
- Market and Democracy
- Paris: Is another urbanization possible?
- Power and gender

### 4. Symposiums

- **Social transformation at the time of globalization**, 2005.
- **Marx's thought and work nowadays** - organized with Espaces Marx, 2005.
- **Alternatives, emancipations, communism** - organized with Espaces Marx, Transform network, the European Parliamentary group GUE/NGL, 2006.
- **Peace prospects in Middle-East**, 2006.
- **Rethinking the relations between France and Africa 1**, Dakar 2005.
- **Rethinking the relations between Africa and Europe 2**, Dakar 2008.
- **OTAN: a crisis of legitimacy?** 2008.
- **Market, history, society and becoming of humankind** - organized with the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, under the High Patronage of the UNESCO, 2008.

The Gabriel Peri organises many others events like **meetings** with researchers from the whole world and **documentary screenings**. It takes part in foreign activities and develops partnerships in Latin America, West Africa, United State of America and China.

### 5. A Comparative tool on European social issues: the new website [www.eurocompar.eu](http://www.eurocompar.eu) (« Comparatif social européen »)

The Gabriel Peri Foundation has created a new interactive website dedicated to the collect of data and indicators in the 28 countries of the European Union concerning incomes, inequities, solidarities and social protection, labour, education. The purpose is to gather scattered data, make them available and understandable for the militants of social movements, the people in responsibility, or for those who daily face the social regression, and to whom it is often suggested to look on what is been doing elsewhere without having the opportunity to check whether it is better or not.

This tool enables you to generate your own comparative table by choosing the data that you want to put forward among the available criteria.

## 6. Publishing (only available in French)

The Gabriel Peri Foundation publishes working papers related to its research activity and its field of intervention, in particular but not only in the field known as the Memory one.

All the proceedings of the symposiums and workgroups are available in French. The Foundation edits books in partnership with other institutions.

For instances:

- ***Paradoxes of Blairism***, John Crowley, researcher at CERI (Sciences-Po), director of the international review of the UNESCO for the social sciences (2007).
- ***Guidebook of the Fair Economy***, under the direction of Sylvie Mayer and Jean-Pierre Caldier (2007).
- ***African Agriculture and Global Market***, Marc Dufumier (2007).
- ***After oil, Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century***, Claude Aufort (2006).
- ***The Dollar: A Worldwide Currency***, Jean-Claude Delaunay (2006).
- ***Bread, Peace, Liberty – Experiences and Territories of the Popular Front***, under the direction of Xavier Vigna, Jean Vigreux, Serge Wolikow, Editions Sociales, collection Histoire essays (2006).
- ***50 years of activity for the central committee of PCF***: Edition of a catalogue of documents relating to 50 years of activity in the PCF Central Committee: 1944 - 1994 (printed documents, paper documents, recordings).

### **GEME, The large edition of Marx and Engels' writings in French:**

The GEME proposes to realize a complete edition of the writings of the two authors, and of the tools needed for the scientific work on their texts (index of concepts, etc.). This project is possible thanks to the Marx-Engels Gesamtausgabe (MEGA), which has already published around 60 tomes of their writings that is more than the half of the whole.

This initiative is led in partnership with "Les Editions sociales", the GEME association, the University of Bourgogne, the Maison des sciences de l'homme (literally "House of the Sciences of Man") of Dijon, the Centre de recherche de l'histoire des systèmes de pensée moderne (CHSPM, center of research on History of modern thought systems) of the University of Paris 1.

The University of Bourgogne organises a cycle of seminars, which propose to open new prospects of philological and historical researches in the framework of the critical work that goes with this initiative of translation.

Moreover, **the website** of the Foundation puts on line more than 400 papers of more than 200 different authors.

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