1. Noteworthy productions

1.1. Outstanding progress regarding research

The project team already has an excellent publication output in scientific journals, including in international outlets, bringing an essential critical and unique contribution to very current academic debates.

1.2 Striking progress in other ‘Labex’ fields

a. Formation

The team has designed very innovative training methods: a network of Masters programmes, already running, which helps collaborative practices around teaching; and specialised methodological doctoral workshops which are very appropriate to the overarching conceptual framework of the whole project, providing scientific coherence and cohesion.

b. Valorization

Excellent and well-focused initiatives are in evidence, such as a thinktank, a livinglab, and an online journal. The project is also involved in the creation of a startup, displaying the capacity to address socio economic concerns.

c. International (outreach, attraction, networking…)

Several international and very well-established researchers who have contributed major insights to the overall conceptual framework of the project were invited.

2. Added-value resulting from labelling and funding as a “Laboratoire d’Excellence”

A very well-designed and imaginative project structure which enables crossovers and a true exploration of concepts. The chosen overarching paradigmatic vision of critical social network analysis anchors inter-disciplinarity into the various projects and ensures high level academic fundamental research.

3. Main weaknesses

3.1. Main weaknesses that might require corrective actions regarding the research performed in the “Labex”

Nothing to report

3.2 Main weaknesses that might require corrective actions regarding other fields of the “Labex”

a. Formation

Nothing to report

b. Valorization

Nothing to report

c. International (outreach, attraction, networking…)

The team could perhaps build further on their current successful publishing activities and adopt a possibly more instrumental and selective publication strategy to target more international top ranked journals.

4. “Labex” contribution to structuring the gathered scientific strengths (governance, synergy, common scientific programming, visibility…)

Nothing to report
5. Beyond scientific results specifically obtained by the “Labex”, give an assessment on its contribution to the development, outreach and overall visibility of the concerned institutions and of the corresponding site.

Nothing to report

6. Overall opinion and recommendations

Scientific questions, methods, and the vocabulary of the various disciplines involved are being confronted very constructively and productively. This research team has developed a very coherent view and set of activities rather than a juxtaposition of projects. It goes beyond ‘cross-cutting’, and shows a true inter- even trans-disciplinarity. The overarching conceptual framework has great intellectual traction based on a very strong paradigmatic vision. This provides solid theoretical tenets, combined with an integrated application to a series of fascinating and very varied empirical domains. This has already produced important academic insights and published results. It is clear that this team will carry on producing innovative and ground breaking fundamental research for the rest of their Labex life and beyond, and will grow in reputation nationally and internationally.