## **The XV International Colloquium** took place in Paris – May 2-4, 2018.

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It was hosted by the CEPN, Centre d'Economie de Paris Nord at the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme-Paris Nord.

The central theme of the Colloquium this year was: "The Role and Impact of International Institutions on Economic Theory and Policy" This theme was addressed in the first two days by means of five complementary perspectives:

- 1) the influence of post world war II large International Organisations on economic policies and on the regulations of expanding international transactions,
- 2) the interactions that social movements have been able to develop in this context,
- 3) the progressive acknowledgment of environmental challenge leading to the sustainable development goals policies. The transformations of international transactions induced by a wide spread digitalization,
- 4) the new accounting standards required to monitor all the above processes. On the third day a special focus was put analyzing the developments of New Economic Theory, an ongoing concern of the World Academy of Arts and Sciences, to address the new issues emerging in a globalizing world meeting new challenges. Overall the conference over three days oversaw 10 paper sessions and
- 5) panels, gathering social scientists from all parts of Europe and Americas, all eager to discuss the various topics on the agenda and very ready to take part in the next colloquium, most likely to be held in Roma