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The EUROSOC project was launched on February 15th from 10 a.m to 7 p.m at the Institut de Recherches Interdisciplinaires Homme et Société (IRIHS, Normandy University) The partners present at that meeting discussed the project as it was presented and then accepted.

Steffi Marung (Leipzig University) mentioned the relevance of applying the transnational methodology to the history of socialism and Bertel Nygaard (Aarhus University) mentioned the specific case of Denmark. As for Thierry Hohl (University of Burgundy), he presented us his ongoing research on socialism at the regional level in the case of the socialist federation of the Yonne department before 1914.

Among the projects that were brought up, two collections of archives attracted particular attention.

On the one hand, the Pierre Renaudel collection; Pierre Renaudel was a major figure of the Socialist Party history and succeeded Jean Jaurès as editor of the daily newspaper *L'Humanité* the day after his assassination in August 1914. This collection of archives is of particular interest to the EUROSOC project since Renaudel was an official of the French Socialist Party (1902-1905) and then became one of the leaders of the French Section of the Workers' International (SFIO, founded in 1905) in the Seine-Inférieure department. His personal collection of archives is rich in archives on the history of socialism in Rouen and its region even though the national and regional archives on the SFIO before 1914 are extremely rare. The EUROSOC project will help to digitalize this part of the Renaudel collection and will also help to index its library as it contains a representative set of books and brochures on pre-

war socialism. This package represents a collection that may be used for future research. Gilles Cander and Thierry Merel will present this collection on our research notebook in the weeks to come.

On the other hand, we also selected the archives of Georges Haupt – a historian of Romanian origin who went into exile in France in 1957. He was a leading expert on the history of the Second International before 1914 and had notably retrieved an important part of the International leadership collection of archives (the International Socialist Bureau), including many very little known or even unpublished documents. His archives have just been made available at the Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme library (FMSH) in Paris. The EUROSOC project will hold a seminar on these archives in 2016-2017 with the goal of initiating research around this collection and also wish to make it accessible in digital form. Two Master students in historical sciences (Normandy University) have already consulted this collection for their research and our colleagues of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences have already started to translate in Mandarin an unpublished extract of correspondence related to the history of the emergence of socialism in China at the beginning of the 20th century for their yearbook on socialism.