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The French institute of international relations (Ifri) is France's main independent center for research and debate devoted to analysis of international issues.

Founded in 1979 by Thierry de Montbrial, Ifri is the first French think tank based on the Anglo-Saxon model. Its mission is to spur debate among actors and analysts of the international scene and pursue in-depth thinking on contemporary world challenges free of constraint. Its activity has two main focuses:

- develop applied research in public policy with an international scope
- foster dialogue and constructive interaction between researchers, practitioners and opinion leaders

Ifri's independence, enshrined in its charter, notably rests on a diversification of its sources of financing that is unique in France.

Research and debate constitute the two pillars of Ifri's activities, each enhancing and stimulating the other.

Research: knowledge for action in a complex world

A multidisciplinary research center, Ifri has assembled a team of about thirty researchers and draws on a broad range of outside specialists in France and abroad. The institute's work is organized around **seven research areas** that can adjust as the international situation changes.

Regional approaches: Ifri runs programs on Europe and the European construction, Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia, the United States, North Africa, Middle East and Mediterranean.

Cross-disciplinary approaches: Ifri runs programs on politico-strategic trends, including transatlantic relations, the global economy (analysis of the globalization process and consequences for national economies, the outlook for international trade and farming policies, and so on) and global issues (international governance, resource management – particularly energy, environment, migration).

Enriching the public debate

Debate fostered at Ifri is intended to offer the widest possible range of interpretations. The institute provides an informal and non-partisan forum for discussion with public and private actors, analysts and experts from France and abroad.

Since 1979, Ifri has organized: **950 talks, 75 international conferences, 325 meetings** with leading French or foreign personalities. The institute has been host to many state and government leaders.

Publications / dissemination of the work: providing keys for deciphering current events

Ifri publishes the **RAMSES** report, the standard reference on major world trends with average print runs of about 12,000 copies, the quarterly review **Politique étrangère** – the oldest French review of international relations. Ifri publishes its research work in several collections and via www.ifri.org:

The *Notes de l'Ifri*, the *Travaux et Recherches de l'Ifri*, the *Cahiers d'Asie* and *Les Nouvelles de Chine* published by the Centre asie ifri, the CFE's *Policy Papers*, the *Notes du Cerfa*, the *Radioscopie de l'Allemagne*, the *Visions franco-allemandes* published by the Research center on Franco-German relations (Cerfa), the *Russie.CEI.Visions* and the *Actualité Maghreb/Moyen-Orient*.