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### The latest news in the Lascaux Program

For our Lascaux Program, 2010 has been a fruitful year, enriched by new ideas and by a variety of projects, trips, and collaborations. As a result, the Lascaux team has been enlarged, and [many colloquia and seminars](#) have been organized to develop the research directions of our Program. At the same time, the trips to [China](#) and [Costa Rica](#) have also offered opportunities to stimulate our reflection.

We hope that 2011 will also be a rich year. For Lascaux, which is inaugurating its second year in February, it should be the year of careful headways and of concrete works. The year 2011 begins with the arrival of a new member in our Lascaux team, whom we will warmly welcome in February: Claire Blandel. Claire will be in charge of financial issues as well as translations from French to English. She will follow the development of the PhD students' work and monitor how it takes shape step by step. She will also see the decisive progress of two major projects of the Lascaux Program: one is the Code, and the other is the Dictionary.

So we wish you all an excellent year 2011!

### Lascaux's activities

**Sovereignty - September 2011, Canada:** Lascaux Program will organize a doctoral research *seminar* on the notions of food security, food quality, and poverty. This seminar will be a wonderful opportunity to organize debates as they become suggested by Professors and representatives of indigenous people. They will also open the way for doctoral seminars involving many PhD students.

**Agriculture and biodiversity - December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Paris (France):** as a PhD student of Lascaux, Camille Collart Dutilleul has participated in a colloquium on the reconciliation between agriculture and biodiversity. The report of that event can be found [here](#).

### Worldwide agro-food activities ([click here](#) for further information about current news)

**Information and quality - December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** strengthening of the information about the quality of food products: EU has adopted the "Quality Package". Read the [press](#)   release and the [presentation of this "package"](#).  

**Market stability - December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** The Commission has published a proposal of regulation for new measures to improve the stability in the dairy sector. Read the [press](#)   release and the [proposal](#).  

**Olivier De Schutter - December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** The special rapporteur on the right to food within the United Nations has expressed worries about the growing concentration in food supply chains. Read the [press](#)   release or the [note](#).

### The work of Céline Fercot, a new member of the Lascaux Program

As a postdoctoral researcher in the Lascaux Program, Céline Fercot defended her thesis on the protection of fundamental rights in Federal states through an analysis of German, American and Swiss law. Her dissertation analyzes the relationships between different instruments of protection of fundamental rights under the multiple levels that exist within a federal constitutional structure.

In addition, she has contributed to research on the questions of poverty from the perspective of fundamental rights. She was the coordinator of the research project ["Rights of the poor, poor rights? Research on the justiciability of social rights"](#) directed by Prof. Diane Roman and linked to the [Center for Research and Studies on Fundamental Rights \(CREDOF\)](#) of the University Paris Ouest Nanterre – La Défense. There, she worked on the right to minimum conditions of existence in comparative law, and also on the social rights of homeless people. She has written two articles on these topics, which will be published in a couple of months (see [her publications](#)).

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