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IRIS 26TH IN RANKING OF INTERNATIONAL THINK TANKS ON FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The *Global Go To Think Tanks Index 2015* has been published, leads by Prof. James McGann at the University of Pennsylvania. Covering 6,846 organizations, it is the most comprehensive ranking of international think tanks. Over 4,500 experts (academics, policymakers, representatives from NGOs, think tanks, and journalists from around the world) contributed to the final ranking.

19 FRENCH THINK TANKS RANKED

IRIS ranked better overall than last year:

- 44th in the “Top think tanks in Western Europe” category (out of 1,276), jumping five places above last year’s position
- 31st in the “Top Defense and National Security Think Tanks” category (out of 6,846)
- 26th in the “Top think tanks on foreign policy and international affairs” category (out of 6,846)
- Finally, IRIS rose from 52nd to 43rd in the “Best Conference” category (out of 6,846).

This progression acknowledges the quality of the Institute’s work beyond France’s borders in the fields of international affairs, defense, and security, as well as in the organisation of high-level international events.

On the whole, 19 French think tanks appear in this ranking on the 180 listed in Global Go To Think Tanks Index 2015. IRIS and IFRI are the only French think tanks to appear in the “Foreign Policy and International Affairs” and “Best conference” categories.

Categories	IFRI	IRIS	FRS	CERI	EUSS	Fondation Robert Schuman	Notre Europe	CEPII	Fondapol	Terra Nova	Fondation Jean Jaures	Institut Choiseul	IRSEM	IDDR1	Génération libre	Institut Molinari	OECD	Fondation Telecom	Altran	Centre pour l'intégration en Méditerranée
Western Europe	3e	44e	76e	39e	38e	97e	46e	47e	49e			117e	118e	122e	106e	119e				
Defense & National Security	32e	31e	37e		12e															
Foreign Policy & International Affairs	9e	26e			72e															
Best Conference	29e	43e																		
Worldwide (Non-U.S.)	3e				89e															
Worldwide (U.S. and non-U.S.)	16e				170e															
Domestic Economic Policy								80e												
International Development	105e							96e						33e			123e			
International Economic Policy	54e							26e									76e			
Science and Technology																		16e		
Best for Profit																			34e	
Best Government Affiliated					10e															
Best Institutional Collaboration Involving Two or More Think Tanks							59e													
Best Managed						32e														
Best New Idea or Paradigm Developed	23e					20e														
Best Policy Study Report					23e															
Best Think Tank Network							13e													
Best Think Tanks with Political Party Affiliation									19e	24e	34e									
Best Transdisciplinary Research	59e																			
Best University Affiliated				15e																
Best use of social Network	60e																			
Think Tank to Watch	82e														55e					
Best Use of the Media (Print or Electronic)	35e																			
Most Innovative Policy Ideas/Proposal	32e																			
Outstanding Policy-Oriented Research Programs	41e																			
Annual operating Budgets of Less than \$5 Million USD															37e					
Best Quality Integrity Policies and Procedures																				35e

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