

Agreement between Stanford University and Bibliothèque nationale de France

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The cultural partnership between Stanford University and the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF), begun a few years ago, led to the creation of a digital archive that brings together both the resources of the archive known as *Images de la Révolution française* and the *Archives parlementaires*. The French Revolution Digital Archive (FRDA) nowadays includes thousands of resources regarding the French Revolution, making them available to the international scholarly community and enabling digital research.



The French Revolution Digital Archive (FRDA) is a multi-year collaboration of the Stanford University Libraries and the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF) to produce a digital version of the key research sources of the French Revolution and make them available to the international scholarly community. The archive is based around two main resources, the *Archives parlementaires* and a vast corpus of images first brought together in 1989 and known as the *Images de la Révolution française*.

The first archive includes thousands of high-resolution digital images regarding the French Revolution: about 14,000 visual objects like prints, illustrations, medals, coins, and other objects, showing aspects of the Revolution. These materials have been selected, mainly from the collections of the *département des Estampes et de la photographie*, but also from other departments of BNF. It is possible to do a search by artist, subject, genre, and place.

The *Archives parlementaires* is a chronologically ordered collection concerning the sources of the French Revolution: it includes parliamentary deliberations, letters, reports, speeches and other first-hand accounts from a wide variety of published and archival sources. It was conceived in the mid-nineteenth century. FRDA contains AP volumes referring to the years 1787-1794. It's possible to easily find places, dates and terms in the published index. Users can see either scanned images of AP pages or text only.

As we can read in the presentation of the project ?the FRDA was first conceived in 2006 by Stanford French professor Dan Edelstein, with input from other scholars and librarians, and was launched in spring 2013. It has been supported by grants and collaboration from The Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation, the ARTFL project, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford University's Division of Languages, Cultures, and Literatures, Stanford University Department of History, and the Bibliothèque nationale de France?.



Timeline of the Revolution

January 24, 1789
Estates general summoned

AUGUST 8, 1788
Announcement of the Convocation of Estates-General

JULY 14, 1789
Fall of the Bastille

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Declaration of rights of man and citizen

Civil Constitut the Clergy

Students also have an interactive Timeline of the Revolution on which they can read events year by year.

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