

## Rennes 2 University and LETG-Rennes are pleased to welcome Guillaume Fortin as part of the International Chair in Humanities and Social Sciences



Guillaume Fortin / Field visit © Valérie Bonnardot

The International Chair in Humanities and Social Sciences is open to researchers and teachers from all countries and all disciplines. Applications are jointly submitted by one of the research units of Rennes 2 and by one of its academic departments. Candidates for this chair must contact the director of one of these laboratories or departments, or one of its teacher-researchers, in order to work together on the application project.

This chair allows researchers from all over the world to come and work for one or two months at Rennes 2 and to build scientific and pedagogical collaborations with Rennes colleagues.

*"During my first stay in 2017, I had already appreciated the exchanges with my colleagues from Rennes. I came back to Canada with a lot of ideas. This year will not be lacking and I sincerely hope that we will be able to set up many projects and encourage even more exchanges between our two universities in the months and years to come."* - Guillaume Fortin

### Courses given to students of Rennes 2 University

- Monday, March 28: Climate change in Canada (L3)
- Monday April 4: Amphi B3: Flood risk in New Brunswick (M1)
- Tuesday, April 12: Climate variability and change in New Brunswick (1 - 3pm, Villejean campus, Building N, Room 104)

New Brunswick is part of the Maritime Provinces region in the east of the country. Although small by Canadian standards, its surface area is 72,908 km<sup>2</sup>, a little more than 2.5 times the size of Brittany. New Brunswick is geographically diverse, with seascapes, Acadian forests and farmland dotting the province, and no less than eleven different climates. The province has not been spared from extreme events, but not all regions of the province have been affected in the same way. However, despite these regional disparities, the increase in flooding, droughts and their intensity, and the decrease in snow cover, are affecting the entire province.

The April 12 conference hosted by Guillaume Fortin will attempt to take stock of this situation, explain the management of climate data and review the consequences of these extreme phenomena.

### Collaboration with Vincent Dubreuil and the LETG laboratory

For several years now, Guillaume Fortin has been working closely with Vincent Dubreuil, Professor at Rennes 2 and member of the [LETG research center](#). In 2019, they together published a paper discussing the importance of geostatistics to create a new map of climate types at the regional scale (case study of New Brunswick, Canada). In addition, they are both experts in applied climatology and work on climate change.

### Institutional meetings and partnerships

During a reception held by the International Office of Rennes 2 on March 25th, 2022, Guillaume Fortin met Lesley Lelourec, Vice President of Internationalisation and Juliette Cornet, Head of the Mobility and Partnership Management Program.

In addition, an agreement was signed this year between Rennes 2 and the University of Moncton, at the initiative of Gudrun Ledegen, teacher-researcher in sociolinguistics at Rennes 2 and Co-director of the [PREFICS](#) research center. *"The sociolinguistic situation on the one hand, and the excellence of research at the University of Moncton on the other, opened the door for us to work together. As part of this agreement, two students from Rennes 2 will be going on exchange at the beginning of the school year."*

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