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**Luc BOROT**

### NATION AND GLOBALISATION

**Monday 27 April, 5.15pm, St Hugh's College**

*"Police and Identification in France, From the Enlightenment to the Napoleonic Empire."*

Vincent DENIS, Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne  
Chair: David HOPKIN, Hertford College

**Tuesday 28 April, 5.00pm, Law Faculty, St Cross Building**

*"The Reform and the Europeanisation of French Contract Law"*

François ANCEL, Ministère de la Justice, Paris  
Co-organised with the Institute of European and Comparative Law, with the support of the *Fondation pour le droit continental*

**Thursday 30 April and Friday 1 May,  
from Thursday 12.00pm to Friday 16.45pm**

**European Studies Centre, St Antony's College**

*"European Stories. How National Intellectuals Debate Europe"*

Workshop organised by the European Studies Centre in collaboration with Oxford University, Université Libre de Bruxelles and St Antony's College

**Friday 1 May, 10.30am-6.00pm, St Antony's College**

*"New Directions in French/ Algerian History"*

Workshop organised by Raphaëlle BRANCHE, Univ. de Paris I-MFO and Michael WILLIS, Middle East Centre, St Antony's College

**Saturday 2 May, 9.00am-5.30pm**

*"Political Leadership in France: Presidents and Prime Ministers of the Fifth Republic"*

Conference organised by David BELL, University of Leeds, Jean-Pascal DALOZ, CNRS-MFO and David GOLDEY, Lincoln College

**Wednesday 20 May, 10.00am-4.00pm**

*"Current Research on Elites"*

Workshop organised by Jean-Pascal DALOZ, CNRS-MFO

**Thursday 4 June, MFO and Friday 5 June, Department of  
Politics & International Relations, Manor Road**

*"Political Rituals"*

International Conference organised by Jean-Pascal DALOZ, CNRS-MFO and Sudhir HAZAREESINGH, Balliol College (in partnership with the Department of Politics & I.R and Balliol College)

**Thursday 18 and Friday 19 June,  
from Thursday 5.00pm to Friday 6.30pm,  
European Studies Centre, St Antony's College**

*"Agents of Change in the Mediterranean"*

Conference co-organised by European Studies Centre and Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, under the aegis of RAMSES2  
Conveners: Leila VIGNAL and Dimitar BECHEV, St Antony's

**Saturday 27 June, 9.30am-5.30pm**

*"Constitutional Change in France and the United Kingdom"*

Conference organised by the Franco-British Lawyers Society, the Franco-British Council and the School of Law of the University of Essex

### LITERATURE

**Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 April,  
from Monday 9.00am to Tuesday 4.00pm**

*"Blanchot romantique"*

Conference organised by John MCKEANE, St Anne's College and Hannes OPELZ, University of Cambridge

**Saturday 25 April, 9.30am-5.00pm**

*"Voices in Medieval French Narrative"*

Conference organised by Helen SWIFT, St Hilda's College

### MEDIEVAL FRENCH SEMINAR

Conveners: Tony HUNT, St Peter's College, Sophie MARNETTE, Balliol College and Helen SWIFT, St Hilda's College

**Tuesday 28 April, 5.15pm**

*"Imagining History, Myth and Invention in Late Medieval French Texts"*

Finn SINCLAIR, University of Cambridge

**Tuesday 12 May, 5.15pm**

*"No Way to Treat Your Mother: Understanding Petit Jean de Saintré's Rage"*

Catherine EMERSON, NUI Galway

**Tuesday 26 May, 5.15pm**

*"Theological Debate and Wace's 'Conception Notre Dame'"*

Françoise LE SAUX, University of Reading

**Tuesday 9 June, 5.15pm**

*"The Poetics of Political Engagement in Late Medieval France"*

Susan DUDASH, Fordham University-Notre Dame Mellon Fellow

### EARLY MODERN FRENCH SEMINAR

Conveners: Kate TUNSTALL, Worcester College-Besterman Centre for the Enlightenment; Alain VIALA, Lady Margaret Hall; James AMBROSE, Exeter College and Rowan TOMLINSON, St John's College

**Thursday 30 April, 5.15pm**

*"L'écriture de l'Histoire au XVIIe siècle"*

Gérard FERREYROLLES, Université de Paris IV-Sorbonne

**Thursday 14 May, 5.15pm**

*"Sade and the Ethics of Fictional Violence"*

Will MCMORRAN, Queen Mary, University of London

**Thursday 28 May, 5.15pm**

*"Liberté des théâtres' and cultural control : the case of Paris Opera"*

Mark DARLOW, Christ's College, Cambridge

**Thursday 11 June, 5.15pm**

*"Functions of Apocalypticism in French Reformation Poetry"*

Kathryn BANKS, University of Durham

#### MODERN FRENCH SEMINAR

Convener: Michael SHERINGHAM, All Souls College

**Thursday 7 May, 5.15pm**

*"The Joyce-Proust parallax"*

Jean-Michel RABATÉ, University of Pennsylvania

Co-convener with Nathalie AUBERT, Oxford Brookes University

In conjunction with Oxford Brookes University

**Thursday 28 May, 5.15pm (please note: odd week)**

*"Logical Rouband"*

Ann SMOCK, University of California Berkeley

**Thursday 4 June, 5.00pm, Taylorian Main Hall**

**Zaharoff Lecture 2009**

*"Racontar avec des photos"*

Antoine COMPAGNON, Collège de France

**Thursday 18 June, 5.15pm**

*"Beckett and the Ethics of Humour"*

Suzanne DOW, University of Nottingham

#### CLASSICAL STUDIES/ MODERNITIES

**Friday 15 and Saturday 16 May**

*"The background of Cudworth's Ethics in Early Modern Moral Philosophy"*

Conference organised by Luc BOROT, MFO, and Martine

PÉCHARMAN, CNRS-CRAL-Paris

**Friday 29 and Saturday 30 May**

*"Déterminisme climatique et modération politique"*

Conference organised by Jean-Louis LABARRIÈRE, CNRS-MFO

and Jean-Frédéric SCHAUB, EHESS

#### DIGITAL HUMANITIES SEMINAR

Convener: Paolo D'ORIO, CNRS-MFO

**Wednesday 29 April, 5.00 - 6.30pm**

*"Digital Humanism"*

Milad DOUEIHI, University of Glasgow

**Wednesday 6 May, 10.00am-6.00pm**

*"Philosophy in the Digital Era"*

A study day around the eContent project "Discovery"

**Wednesday 13 May, 5.00-6.30pm**

*"E-Science in the Arts and Humanities"*

David ROBAY, Oxford eResearch Centre

**Wednesday 20 May, 4.30-7.00pm**

*"The French policy on research infrastructures and eJournals for the Humanities: Adonis and Revue.org"*

Yannik MAIGNIEN, Director of Adonis and Marin DACOS,

Director of the *Centre pour l'édition électronique ouverte* (CLEO)

**Friday 19 June, 10.00-12.00am**

*"Europeana. A digital library for the humanities?"*

Stefan GRADMANN, Humboldt University, Berlin

#### DURKHEIMIAN STUDIES

**Saturday 9 May, 10.30am-4.30pm**

*"Evil and Suffering in the Durkheimian Mode"*

Study day organised by William PICKERING, British Centre for

Durkheimian Studies - University of Oxford

#### HISTORY OF CHEMISTRY SEMINAR

Conference organised in partnership with Oxford University, Oxford Brookes University, and the Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry

**Thursday 30 April, 3.00-5.00pm**

*"Chemistry, pollution and the environment in the 19<sup>th</sup> century"*

Laurence LESTEL, Conservatoire Nationale des Arts et Métiers, Paris and Peter REED

**Thursday 14 May, 3.00-5.00pm, Oxford History Faculty,**

**Old Boy's High School, George Street**

*"Chemical Philosophy in the 19<sup>th</sup> century"*

Robert BUDD, Science Museum, London and Hasok CHANG,

University College, London

**Thursday 28 May, 3.00-5.00pm**

*"The German chemical industry in the 20<sup>th</sup> century"*

Peter MORRIS, Science Museum, London and Michel DUPUY,

Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris

#### CINEMA

The MFO will show four films by Olivier ASSAYAS. Each film will be shown in French with English subtitles, and will be introduced by Dr Reidar DUE, Tutor in European Cinema at Magdalen College. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

**Tuesday 5 May, 8.00pm**

*"Irma Vep"* (1996, 99 min.)

**Tuesday 19 May, 8.00pm**

*"Fin août, début septembre"* (1998, 112 min.)

**Tuesday 2 June, 8.00pm**

*"Les destinées sentimentales"* (2000, 180 min.)

**Tuesday 16 June, 8.00pm**

*"Clean"* (2004, 110 min.)

#### CHRONOLOGY

20-21 Apr.	Conference	<i>Blanchot Romantique</i>
25 Apr.	Conference	Medieval French Narrative
27 Apr.	Lecture	Police & Identification
28 Apr.	Lecture	French Contract Law
28 Apr.	Seminar	Medieval French Seminar
29 Apr.	Seminar	Digital Humanities
30 Apr.	Seminar	History of Chemistry
30 Apr.	Seminar	Early Modern French Seminar
30 Ap-1 May	Conference	European Stories
1 May	Workshop	Algerian/French History
2 May	Conference	Political Leadership
5 May	Film	<i>Irma Vep</i>
6 May	Study Day	Digital Humanities
7 May	Seminar	Modern French Seminar
9 May	Study Day	Durkheimian Studies
12 May	Seminar	Medieval French Seminar
13 May	Seminar	Digital Humanities
14 May	Seminar	History of Chemistry
14 May	Seminar	Early Modern French Seminar
15-16 May	Conference	Cudworth
19 May	Film	<i>Fin août, début septembre</i>
20 May	Workshop	Elites
20 May	Seminar	Digital Humanities
26 May	Seminar	Medieval French Seminar
28 May	Seminar	History of Chemistry
28 May	Seminar	Modern French Seminar
28 May	Seminar	Early Modern French Seminar
29-30 May	Conference	<i>Déterminisme climatique</i>
2 June	Film	<i>Les destinées sentimentales</i>
4 June	Seminar	Modern French Seminar
4-5 June	Conference	Political Rituals
9 June	Seminar	Medieval French Seminar
11 June	Seminar	Early Modern French Seminar
16 June	Film	<i>Clean</i>
18 June	Seminar	Modern French Seminar
18-19 June	Conference	Change in the Mediterranean
19 June	Seminar	Digital Humanities
27 June	Conference	Constitutional Change