

Workshop

MEDICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL APPROACHES TO MILITARY NUCLEAR RISK PROGRAM

Maison Française d'Oxford, May 7 & 8, 2025



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Organizers:
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May 7

1:30pm

Opening remarks

Renaud Meltz (CNRS – CAK)

Benoît Pouget (Sciences Po Aix – MESOPOLHIS)

1:45pm

Panel 1 – “Objectivising knowledge, sharing knowledge and managing uncertainty”

Chair: **Laure Humbert** (Manchester University)

- **Quentin Comminsoli** (SPX – SOSI CEP): “Theoretical Knowledge and Uncertainties in Radioprotection: Shaping Norms Before the CEP (1940s–1960s)”
- **Manatea Taiarui** (Université de Polynésie Française): “The transnational dimension of knowledge production and the development of safety infrastructures at the CEP in the era of atmospheric testing (1962-1975)”
- **Fiona Bowler** (Oxford University): “‘You saw, you heard, and you felt’: The Perception of Nuclear Risk during Britain’s Nuclear Weapons Testing Programme”

3:15pm

Coffee break

3:30pm

Panel 2 – “Environmental consequences of nuclear testing in the pacific area”

Chair: **Jeong Ran Kim** (Oxford University)

- **Benjamin Furst** (Université de Haute-Alsace): “« Le SMCB se devait d’être le Maître d’Oeuvre de ces études multidisciplinaires » : Radiological Control and Environnemental Studies of the French Nuclear Tests in the 1960s”
- **Ryoo Kyoryul** (National Korea Maritime and Ocean University) : “South Korea’s Long-line Tuna Fishery and military nuclear tests in the Pacific Ocean”

5:15pm

Keynote speaker

Renaud Meltz (CNRS – CAK): “Risk governance at the Pacific Experimental Centre19h”

7pm

Dinner

May 8

9am	<p>Panel 3 – “Preparing for/anticipating nuclear/atomic risks: civil defence under pressure”</p> <p>Chair: Christopher Hill (South Wales University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark Harrison (Oxford University): “Exercising Armageddon: Civil Defence Exercises in the UK, 1950s-1980s ”• Benoît Pouget (SPX – MESOPOLHIS): “Civil defense and anticipation of nuclear and radiological threats in France (1950s-1960s)”• Jeong Ran Kim (Oxford University): “Rethinking Civil Defence in a Nuclear Age: The United States and its Test-beds in Japan and Korea”
10:45am	<p>Coffee break</p>
11am	<p>Panel 4 – “Legacy and long-term effects of nuclear testing on human health”</p> <p>Chair: Fiona Bowler (Oxford University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marie Brualla (Université Montpellier III): “Medical research and territorial health organisation in French Polynesia: French imperialism put to the test by health cooperation (1945 - 1970)”• Florence Mury (MSHP – SOSI CEP): “The memory of health risks among former Polynesian CEP workers: a critical rereading of life on the sites in the light of recent revelations”• Christopher Hill (University of South Wales): “Bodies of Evidence: Nuclear Test Veterans and the Archive”
12:30am	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p>Renaud Meltz (CNRS – CAK)</p> <p>Benoît Pouget (SPX – MESOPOLHIS)</p>
1pm	<p>Lunch</p>



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