

PROGRAMME
MICHAELMAS TERM 2017
8 October – 2 December



Director: Frédéric Thibault-Starzyk



HISTORY AND HISTORY OF SCIENCE

Saturday 30 September, 10.00am-5.30pm

Autumn Meeting of the Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry (SHAC)

Friday 10 November, 2.00-6.00pm

"Enjeux, savoirs, pratiques des reconstitutions"

Workshop with speakers including Pascal Brioiest, CESR, Université de Tours: "De Marignan 2015 au 'Serious Game' Leonard de Vinci"

Convenor: Marie Thébaud-Sorger, CNRS-MFO

Tuesday 14 November, 5.00pm

Presentation of the Book: "La contamination du monde.

Une histoire des pollutions à l'âge industriel", François Jarrige, Thomas Le Roux, Le Seuil, 2017

With Thomas Le Roux, CNRS-EHESS

NATURAL SCIENCES

Wednesday 29 November, 9.30am-5.30pm

"Movement and/ in the Body: Interdisciplinary Approaches in Anthropology, Experimental and Cognitive Psychology, and Neurosciences"

Convenor: Véronique Bénéï, CNRS-IIAC-LAIOS

Wednesday 6-Friday 8 December

(From 4.00pm on Wednesday to 5.00pm on Friday)

"The Many Faces of Epigenetics: Multidisciplinary Perspectives 'Over' Genetics"

Convenors: Frédéric Thibault-Starzyk, Ludovic Halby and Stéphane Jettot, MFO

In collaboration with: Sorbonne Universités; EpichemBio; Epidapo; Oxford Univ.; Investissements d'avenir; SST, London
Advance registration required: www.mfo.ac.uk

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Thursday 21-Friday 22 September, St John's College

"Decentring Conservatism"

Convenor: Clarisse Berthezène, Université Paris Diderot

Wednesday 15-Thursday 16 November

(Wednesday: 9.00am-7.00pm at St Antony's College;

Thursday: 9.00am-2.00pm at the MFO)

"Exploring Syria's Borders and Boundaries"

Convenor: Matthieu Cimino, Oriental Institute-MEC

In collaboration with: Middle East Centre, St Antony's College

CLASSICS AND BYZANTINE STUDIES

Friday 24 November, 9.00am-6.00pm

"Confessional Fluidity and the Byzantine Inheritance in Early Modern Ruthenian Society"

Convenors: Olenka Pevny, University of Cambridge; Vivien Prigent and Vera Tchentsova, MFO

Friday 1 December, 2.00-6.00pm

"The Byzantine Legacy in Italy: A Reassessment"

Convenor: Vivien Prigent, MFO

LITERATURE AND ARTS

Tuesday 17 October, 2.00-4.00pm

Book Launch: "What is Rhetoric?", Michel Meyer, OUP, 2017
With Michel Meyer, Université Libre de Bruxelles; Paul Earle, University of Bristol; Jas Elsner, Faculty of Classics and Nick Turnbull, University of Manchester

Tuesday 28 November, 2.00-4.15pm

"Saint Just Revisited"

Convenor: Audrey Borowski, TORCH

LE COLLEGE DE FRANCE A OXFORD

Monday 9 October, 5.15pm

"Conversation avec Patrick Boucheron"

Patrick Boucheron, Professor of Medieval History, Collège de France

Convenors: Catriona Seth, All Souls College and Alain Viala, Lady Margaret Hall

Patrick Boucheron will also give the Medieval French Seminar on Tuesday 10 October at 5.15pm (see below)

MEDIEVAL FRENCH RESEARCH SEMINAR

Convenors: Daron Burrows, St Peter's College; Sophie Marnette, Balliol College and Helen Swift, St Hilda's College

Tuesday 10 October, 5.15pm

"Fictions politiques et méchanceté littéraire : une lecture historique de la novellistica toscane de la fin du Moyen Âge"

Patrick Boucheron, Collège de France

Tuesday 24 October, 5.15pm

"Les Faits des Romains and its readers across Medieval Italy"

Florent Coste, Ecole Française de Rome

Tuesday 21 November, 5.15pm

“Jeux de lettres et d’esprit dans la poésie manuscrite en français (XIIIe-XVIe siècles)”

Marion Uhlig, Université de Fribourg

Tuesday 28 November, 5.00pm, Taylor Institution

Oxford Medieval Studies Interdisciplinary Seminar

“Beorhtre bote’: Beowulf and the Satisfactions of Coin and Flesh”

Karen O’Brien O’Keefe, University of California, Berkeley

EARLY MODERN FRENCH SEMINAR

Convenors: Jennifer Oliver, St John’s College;

Catriona Seth, All Souls College and

Wes Williams, St Edmund Hall

Thursday 12 October, 5.15pm

“The Unmentionable Diderot: Dialects of Materialism during the Directoire”

Caroline Warman, Jesus College

Thursday 26 October, 5.15pm

“Un Montaigne avant Montaigne ? Les lettres-préfaces à l’édition de la Mesnagerie de Xenophon et des Vers françois de feu Estienne de La Boétie”

Michel Magnien, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle

Thursday 9 November, 5.15pm

“Homo Bulla”

Jean-Alexandre Perras, Jesus College

Thursday 23 November, 5.15pm

“Tragicomic Thinking in Descartes’s Later Writings”

Emma Gilby, University of Cambridge

WORDS AND THINGS IN EARLY MODERN FRENCH CULTURE

Convenors: Jessica Goodman, St Catherine’s College

and Wes Williams, St Edmund Hall

Thursday 9 November, 3.30pm

“A Digital Monster”

Wes Williams, St Edmund Hall

Thursday 23 November, 3.30pm

“Rhetoric”

Neil Kenny, All Soul’s College

MODERN FRENCH RESEARCH SEMINAR

Convenors: Nikolaj Lübecker, St John’s College;

Ian MacLachlan, Merton College and Jennifer Yee, Christ Church

Thursday 19 October, 5.15pm

“The banality of monstrosity: On Michel Houellebecq’s Soumission”

Douglas Morrey, University of Warwick

Thursday 2 November, 5.15pm

“Reading and Overreading: Interpreting Images in Jean Renoir’s Nana (1926)”

Colin Davis, Royal Holloway, University of London

Thursday 16 November, 5.15pm

Roundtable on Nineteenth-Century French Literature and History: Questions and Problems from Work in Progress

Christina de Bellaigue, Andrew Counter, David Hopkin

and Jennifer Yee, University of Oxford

Thursday 30 November, 5.15pm

“La Grande Guerre dans la fiction française contemporaine”

Laurence Campa, Université de Paris-Nanterre

SEMINAR: “TOWARDS A SOCIAL HISTORY OF PHOTOLITERATURE AND THE PHOTOBOK”

Convenor: Paul Edwards, Université Paris Diderot-MFO

Wednesday 25 October, 5.15pm

Introduction to the Seminar

“Towards a Social History of the Literary Photobook and Contemporary Documentary Bookart”

Paul Edwards, Université Paris Diderot-MFO

“Coetzee and Photography”

Hermann Wittenberg, University of the Western Cape

Wednesday 8 November, 5.15pm

Photography in and out of the Book

“W.G. Sebald and Georges Rodenbach”

Terry Hale, University of Hull

Wednesday 22 November, 5.15pm

Photographic Bookart

“Photographic Constraints: Georges Perec, Joachim Schmidt and Elisabeth Tonnard”

Dennis Duncan, Darwin College, Cambridge

“Joanna Newsom’s Divers, and Kim Keever”

Rebecca Varley-Winter, Clare College, Cambridge

MUSIC

Tuesday 21 November, 7.30pm

Soirée musicale

“The Oxford Trobadors with Peiraguda and Nadau”

Convenor: Denis Noble, Balliol College

THEATRE STUDIES

Monday 27 November, 12.00pm, Ioannou Centre, St Giles

“Singulier pluriel - spécificité des écritures pour la scène théâtrale”

Enzo Cormann, Playwright, ENSATT, Lyon

Convenor: Fiona Macintosh, St Hilda’s College

In collaboration with: Archive of Performances of Greek and Roman Drama

CHRONOLOGY

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| 21-22 Sep. | Conference | Decentering Conservatism |
| 30 Sep. | Meeting | History of Alchemy & Chemistry |
| 9 Oct. | Discussion | Conversation avec Patrick Boucheron |
| 10 Oct. | Seminar | Medieval French Seminar |
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| 19 Oct. | Seminar | Modern French Research Seminar |
| 24 Oct. | Seminar | Medieval French Seminar |
| 25 Oct. | Seminar | Photoliterature |
| 26 Oct. | Seminar | Early Modern French Seminar |
| 2 Nov. | Seminar | Modern French Research Seminar |
| 8 Nov. | Seminar | Photoliterature |
| 9 Nov. | Seminar | Words and Things |
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| 27 Nov. | Seminar | <i>Écritures pour la scène théâtrale</i> |
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