

Interdisciplinary Events

History and History of Science and Technology

Literature and Arts

Politics, International Relations and Migration Studies

Please note that online booking is required for all our events this term

### 1st Week

#### 26 Apr., 4.00pm, Online

HISTORY OF SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR  
*'Jacques Rohault's Traité de physique between Cartesianism and Newtonianism – historical and historiographical considerations'*  
Mihnea Dobre (Bucharest)

#### 28 Apr., 3.00-4.30pm, Online

SCIENCE AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE SEMINAR  
*'Vaccine passport I: An ethical conundrum'*  
Katrien Devolder (Reuben College) and Marie Gaille (CNRS)

#### 29 Apr., 2.00-3.30pm, Online

BOOK LAUNCH AND DISCUSSION  
*'Défendre l'humanité en protégeant son patrimoine. Un nouveau mandat pour les opérations de paix onusiennes'* (2021, Dalloz)  
With the author Mathilde Leloup (OxPo/MFO)  
Discussant: Laurence Whitehead (Nuffield College)

#### 29 Apr., 5.00pm, Online

EARLY MODERN FRENCH SEMINAR  
*'Jacques Callot's Egyptians'*  
Juliette Cherbuliez (Minnesota)

#### 30 Apr., 10.00am, Online

CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE  
*'Quand la peinture devient un poison : la céruse, les inventeurs et l'état, 19e-20e siècle'*  
Judith Rainhorn (MFO)

### 2nd Week

#### 6 May, 4.00-6.00pm, Online

AFHOPOS III (Anglo French Seminar in the History of Philosophy of Science)  
*'20th Century French Philosophy of Science: Hélène Metzger and Georges Canguilhem'*  
Cristina Chimisso (Open University)  
Wolf Feuerhahn (CNRS, Centre Koyré)

#### 6 May, 5.00-7.00pm and 7 May, 9.00am-3.30pm, Online CONFERENCE

*'Women and the Politics of Civility/Incivility in Parliament and Public Life'*  
Convened by Agnès Alexandre-Collier (MFO/Bourgogne) and Michael Drolet (Worcester College)

#### 6 May, 5.00pm, Online

MODERN FRENCH RESEARCH SEMINAR  
*'Peut-on dissocier l'œuvre de l'auteur?'*  
Gisèle Sapiro (EHESS)

### 3rd Week

#### 10 May, 4.00pm, Online

HISTORY OF SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR  
*'Viruses in the making: the notion of emergence seen from the history of influenza'*  
Frédéric Vagneron (University of Strasbourg)

#### 10 May, 5.30pm, Online

BOOK LAUNCH *'Racine en 12 questions'* (PUR, 2020)  
With the author Jean Rohou (Rennes 2)  
Discussants: Jérôme Lecompte (Rennes 2) and Tristan Alonge (MFO)  
Organised by the *Centre International Jean Racine*.

#### 11 May, 5.00pm, Online

MEDIEVAL FRENCH RESEARCH SEMINAR  
*'Courtly Loving in Arras and Paris: Refrain Quotation and Textual Communities in Thirteenth-Century Motets and Romans'*  
Matthew Thomson (Merton College)

#### 13 May, 12.00pm, Online

EARLY MODERN FRENCH SEMINAR  
Graduate showcase with Nora Baker, Rachel Hindmarsh, Alex Lawrence, and Becky Short (Oxford DPhil students)

#### 14 May, 5.00pm, Online

ELEC (Ecriture et Lecture en Conversation)  
Discussion with Maylis de Kerangal and translator Jessica Moore about *'Painting Time'* (MacLehose Press, 2021)

### 4th Week

#### 17 May, 4.00pm, Online

HISTORY OF SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR  
*'Food, Farming and Trade in Medieval Croatia: an archaeological perspective'*  
Kelly Read (Oxford)

#### 17 May, 5.00pm, Online

BOOK PRESENTATION *'The Black Spartacus: The Epic life of Toussaint Louverture'* (Allen Lane, 2020)  
With author Sudhir Hazareesingh (Balliol College)  
Discussants: Laurent Brassart (MFO/Lille), Pascal Marty (MFO), and Yves Sintomer (MFO)

#### 18 May, 3.00-4.30pm, Online

SCIENCE AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE SEMINAR  
*'Vaccine passport II: law-making and scientific uncertainties'*  
Timothy Endicott (All Souls College) and Christine Rollier (Oxford Vaccine Group)

#### 19 May, 5.00pm, Online

ELEC (Ecriture et Lecture en Conversation)  
Discussion with Maël Renouard and translator Peter Behrman de Sinety about *'Fragments of an Infinite Memory'*

#### 20 May, 3.30-4.45pm, Online

OXFORD SEMINAR IN THE HISTORY OF ALCHEMY AND CHEMISTRY  
*'The role of chemists in the development of First World War respirators'*  
Shelley Castle (Somerville College)

#### 20 May, 5.00pm, Online

MODERN FRENCH RESEARCH SEMINAR  
*'Sexuality, Translation, and Polylinguaging in some Francophone Contexts'*  
Michael Lucey (UC Berkeley)

#### 20 May, 5.00pm, Online

MEETING of the TORCH Interdisciplinary Network  
*'Writing Technologies'*  
With a book presentation by Paola Bertucci (Yale)  
*'Artisanal Enlightenment. Science and the Mechanical Arts in Old Regime France'* (Yale University Press, 2017).

### 5th Week

#### 24 May, 4.00pm, Online

HISTORY OF SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR  
*'Tarzan The Man Ape: chimpanzees, science and colonial memory at the Pasteur Institute in Kindia'*  
Marion Thomas (MFO/Strasbourg)

#### 25 May, 5.00pm, Online

MEDIEVAL FRENCH RESEARCH SEMINAR  
Graduate Students Work in Progress  
Sebastian Dows-Miller, Alice Hawkins and Mara-Elena Ciuntu

#### 25 May, 5.00pm, Online

BOOK PRESENTATION *'Les Impériaux. Administrer et habiter l'Europe de Napoléon'* (Fayard, 2019)  
With the author Aurélien Lignereux (IEP Grenoble)  
Discussants: Alan Forrest (York) and Laurent Brassart (Lille/MFO)

#### 26 May, 3.00-4.30pm, Online

SCIENCE AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE SEMINAR  
*'Vaccine passport III: Social and economic implications'*  
Alberto Giubilini (Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics) and Carine Milcent (CNRS/PSE)

#### 27 May, 5.00pm, Online

EARLY MODERN FRENCH SEMINAR  
Book showcase: *'Colonialism and Slavery in Performance'* (Voltaire Foundation/Liverpool UP, 2021)  
With the editors Jeffrey Leichman (LSU) and Karine Bénac-Giroux (Université des Antilles)

**28 May, 10.00am, Online**

CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE

*'Mémoire familiale et postcoloniale de l'Île Maurice dans l'oeuvre de J.M.G. Le Clézio'*

Justine Feyereisen (MFO)

**28 May, 4.00-5.30pm, Online**

SCIENCE AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE SEMINAR

*'Migration and the ethics of journalism'*

Robert McNeil (Migration Observatory)

and Catherine Guilyardi (Paris)

**6th Week**

**4 June, 4.00-5.15pm, Online**

OXFORD SEMINAR IN THE HISTORY OF ALCHEMY AND CHEMISTRY

*'The Politics of Chemistry: Science and Power in Twentieth-Century Spain'*

Agustí Nieto-Galan (Barcelona)

**7th Week**

**7 June, 4.00pm, Online**

HISTORY OF SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR

*'Bearing Witness. Ruth Harrison and British Farm Animal Welfare (1920-2000)'*

Claas Kirchhelle (Dublin)

**8 June, 5.00pm, Online**

MEDIEVAL FRENCH RESEARCH SEMINAR

*'Why write the calendar in French? Computus texts and the languages of medieval England'*

Edward Mills (Exeter)

**10 June, 4.00-5.15pm, Online**

OXFORD SEMINAR IN THE HISTORY OF ALCHEMY AND CHEMISTRY

*'Restricted Priority: Debating the Invention of Agent Orange in the Aftermath of War'*

Alison McManus (Princeton)

**11 June, 5.00-6.30pm, Online**

BOOK LAUNCH *'Papa, qu'as-tu fait en Algérie ?*

*Enquête sur un silence familial'* (La Découverte, 2020)

With the author Raphaëlle Branche (Paris Nanterre)

Discussants: Andrea Brazzoduro (Venice/MFO), James McDougall

(Trinity College) and Robert Gildea (Worcester College)

**8th Week**

**14 and 15 June (date tbc), Online**

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

*'Radical(ised) Ideologies in the 21st Century.*

*Conservatism, (Neo)Liberalism, (Neo)Fascism Revisited'*

Convener: Eve Gianoncelli (MFO)

**14 June, 4.00pm, Online**

HISTORY OF SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR

*'Socialist medicine: rethinking the history of global health'*

Dora Vargha (Exeter)

**17 June, 5.00pm, Online**

MODERN FRENCH RESEARCH SEMINAR

*'On Ecoapathy, or the End of Nature, from Rousseau to Huysmans.'*

Göran Blix (Princeton)

**24 June, 4.00-6.00pm, Online**

ROUND-TABLE *'Community, Brexit and Fiction'*

Conveners: Henriette Korthals Altes (MFO), Robert Eaglestone

(Royal Holloway) and Anne Varty (Royal Holloway)

**25 June, 10.00am, Online**

CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE

*'Innovation démocratique dans la lutte contre le réchauffement climatique : la convention citoyenne française pour le climat'*

Yves Sintomer (MFO)

**1-3 July, Online**

AFA DOCTORAL WORKSHOP in Early Modern Philosophy

- The **Medieval French Research Seminar** is convened by Sarah Bridge (St Hilda's College) and Sophie Marnette (Balliol College).
- The **Early Modern French Seminar** is convened by Catriona Seth (All Souls College), Wes Williams (St Edmund Hall) and Katherine Ibbett (Trinity College).
- The **Modern French Research Seminar** is convened by Andrew Counter (New College), Emily McLaughlin (Wadham College), Ève Morisi (St Hugh's) and Seth Whidden (Queen's College).
- The **History of Science, Medicine and Technology Seminar** is convened by Rod Bailey (University of Oxford), Erica Charters (Wolfson College), Rob Iliffe (Linacre College), Catherine Jackson (Harris Manchester College) and John Lidwell-Durnin (Linacre College).
- The **Oxford Seminar in the History of Alchemy and Chemistry** is convened by Judith Rainhorn (MFO) and John Christie.
- The **Science in the public Sphere Seminar** is convened by Thomas Lacroix, Mogens Laerke, Pascal Marty and Judith Rainhorn (MFO). It is organised in collaboration with the Higher Education, Research and Innovation Department of the French Embassy in the United Kingdom.
- The **Anglo-French Seminar in the History of Philosophy of Science (AFHOPOS)** is convened by Mogens Laerke (MFO).
- The **'Ecriture et Lecture en Conversation' (ELEC) series** is convened by Catriona Seth and the Maison Française d'Oxford.
- The **Café Scientifique** is organised in collaboration with the Alliance Française d'Oxford.

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