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History of Science

6 May, 2.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

As part of the Medieval and Early Modern Science Seminar
'Colonial Climatology and Hydraulic Architecture in the Age of Revolutions'
Simon Schaffer (University of Cambridge)

11 & 12 May, Maison Française d'Oxford

Workshop *'Utopianism and Early Modern Scientific Collaboration'*
Convened by Niall Dilucia (MFO/NOTCOM)

27 May, 10.00am-4.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Closed Workshop *'Matter, Media, Milieu: Ecologies of Writing'*
Jenny Oliver (Harvard University)
Marie Thébaud-Sorger (Centre Alexandre Koyré)

11 & 12 June, Maison Française d'Oxford

History of Science, Medicine, & Technology Graduate Conference

16 June, 5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Talk *'The Medical World and Public Health Policies in Montpellier during the Age of Enlightenment'*
Pierre-Yves Lacour (Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier)

Oxford Seminar in the History of Alchemy and Chemistry

Convened by Ellen Hausner, Georgiana Hedesan (University of Oxford),
& Sergei Zotov (Warburg Institute)

13 May, 3.00-5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Session 1 — Life and Nature in Early Modern Alchemy
Chair: Sergei Zotov (Warburg Institute)
'Can Life Rise from Ashes? Discussions on the Possibility of the Palingenesis of Plants in the Seventeenth Century'
Oana Matei (Western University of Arad):
'Cosmos or Coitus? A Copy Census of Oswald Croll's Basilica Chymica, 1609-1690'
Xinyi Wen (Warburg Institute)

20 May, 3.00-5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Session 2 — Spiritual Foundations of Alchemy
Chair: Ellen Hausner (University of Oxford)
'Ancient Alchemy as Philosophy'
Mark Edwards (University of Oxford)
'Alchemy as Divination'
Charles Burnett (Warburg Institute)

3 June, 3.00-5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Session 3 — Computational History of Alchemy and Chemistry
Chair: Rob Iliffe
'Tracing the Histories of Early Modern Conceptual Ecosystems: Remote Sensing Methods for the Archaeology of Alchemical Knowledge'
Vojtěch Kaše (University of West Bohemia, Plzeň)
and Sarah Lang (Max Planck Institute, Berlin)
'Computational History of Chemistry: How Big Data Illuminates Macrohistorical Trends and Microhistorical Events'
Guillermo Restrepo (Max Planck Institute, Leipzig)

History

16 & 17 April, Maison Française d'Oxford

Workshop *'Protect and Control. The Politics of Uncertainty and Danger in the Soviet Union'*
Convened by Katja Doose (Lyon 2), Grégory Dufaud (UPHF),
& Anna Safronova (ZMO)

23 & 24 April, Maison Française d'Oxford

2026 Oxford Graduate Medieval Conference
'Sounds and Silence'

11 May, 5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

2026 Zernov Lecture
'SS. Gregory of Narek (c.945-1003) and Nersēs of Klay (1102-1173) as poets, musicians and ecumenists'
Haig Utidjian (Charles University, Prague)

21 May, 12.30-7.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

22 May, 9.00am-2.00pm, European Studies Centre
Workshop *'Gender, Women, and Decolonization(s)'*
Convened by Anna Nasser (Deakin Fellow)
& Paul Betts (St Antony's College)

22 May, 5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Talk *'Public history as a tool to rethink and rewrite academic history: the example of the French Revolution'*
Guillaume Mazaud (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

Classics

29 & 30 April, Maison Française d'Oxford

Journée Vernant 2026 *'Society of Gods, Society of Men'*
Convened by Beate Dignas (Somerville College)

Literature

Medieval French Research Seminar

Convened by Daron Burrows (St Peter's College),
Sophie Marnette (Balliol College),
and Helen Swift (St Hilda's College)

28 April, 5.15pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

'Représentations et mythes du viol dans la littérature médiévale en français : le cas du roman'
Benedetta Viscidi (Université de Fribourg)

12 May, 5.15pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

'Testopolis: The Testament as Urban Art'
Adrian Armstrong (Queen Mary University of London)

26 May, 5.15pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

'In the Beginning: Re-Creating the Creation Story in Medieval French Translations'
Laura Campbell (Durham University)

9 June, 5.15pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

'Between Familiarisation and Historicisation: Visualising Ancient Greece in Raoul Lefèvre's Histoire de Jason'
Rebecca Dixon (University of Liverpool)

Early Modern French Seminar

Convened by Wes Williams (St Edmund Hall),
Rachel Hindmarsh (St Catherine's College),
and Marina Perkins (The Queen's College)

30 April, 12.30pm, St John's College, Oxford

'The Making of Modern Languages: Disciplinary History in the Archives'
Emma Gilby (Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge)

14 May, 12.15pm, St John's College, Oxford

'Non-Consent and the Problem of Influence in Marie-Jeanne Roland's Mémoires particulières'
Olivia Russell (Worcester College, Oxford)

11 June, 12.30pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

'Rabelaisian Interactions'
Kathryn Banks (University of Durham)

Modern French Research Seminar

Convened by Andrew Counter (New College),
Katherine Lunn-Rockliffe (Hertford College),
and Matthew Phillips (Trinity College)

7 May, 5.15pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

'A Sculptural Investigation into Materiality in the Works of Annie Ernaux'
Susan Diab (sculptor and writer)

21 May, 1.00pm, Taylor Institution

'"Il faut rêver, je crois": creative freedom and the anticolonial imagination in the work of Sarah Maldoror'
Alex Reza (University of Bristol)

4 June, 5.15pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

'Claire de Duras: révolution intime et révolution historique'
Xavier Bourdenet (Université Rennes II)

30 April & 1 May, Maison Française d'Oxford

Voltaire Foundation Workshop on Digital Enlightenment Studies
Convened by Glenn Roe (Jesus College)
and Nicholas Cronk (Voltaire Foundation)

13 May, 12.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

As part of the ELEC Lecture Series
Lunchtime Seminar with Kamel Daoud
'Regard sur la littérature algérienne en langue française'
With Catriona Seth (All Souls College)

25 May, 5.15pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

In conversation with Rachid Benzine
'Espérer malgré tout. Pour une espérance à Hauteur d'Homme'
With Catriona Seth (All Souls College)
Organised in collaboration with the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in the UK and the Alliance Française d'Oxford

4-5 June, Maison Française d'Oxford

Workshop *'Beaumarchais et l'Angleterre : littérature, finances et politique'*
Convened by Catriona Seth (All Souls College)

17 & 18 June, Maison Française d'Oxford

Workshop *'Witnessing the World Otherwise with Jacques Derrida'*
Convened by Cameron Etherton (Lady Margaret Hall) and Eve Judah (Newnham College, Cambridge), with the support of the Society for French Studies, TORCH, and Lady Margaret Hall

1 & 2 July, Maison Française d'Oxford

2026 UK Sartre Society Conference

Social & Political Sciences

Droit en société Lecture Series

Convened by Soazick Kerneis (MFO)

28 April, 5.15pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

'Le procès Pelicot : quels enseignements'
Denis Salas (École nationale de la magistrature)

8 June, 5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

'AI in the Service of the Law — or the Law in the Service of AI?'
Stéphanie Dijoux (Université Paris Nanterre)

10 June, 5.15pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Book Presentation *'East Dreams'*
With author Nastassja Martin (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

15 June, 9.00am-5.00pm, Nuffield College (Chester Room)

Workshop *'The State, Bureaucracy, and Policy in Contemporary Pakistan'*
Convened by Guillaume Beaud (OxPo/DPIR, Nuffield College)

16 June, 12.00-2.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Double Book Launch *'Contemporary Hindu Nationalism and the Politics of Predatory Capitalism in Karachi'*
With authors Christophe Jaffrelot (CERI-SciencesPo/
King's India Institut) & Laurent Gayer (CERI-Sciences Po)

18 June, Maison Française d'Oxford

Launch of the new Lecture Series on Contemporary French Economists
'Making Labor Markets Work for Workers and Businesses'
Alexandra Roulet (INSEAD)

Interdisciplinary events

Inhabiting the World in the Age of the Anthropocene

Sponsored by the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR)

30 April, 5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Talk *'Bâtir avec ce qui reste.'*
Quelles ressources pour sortir de l'extractivisme ?'
Philippe Simay (Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'architecture de Paris-Belleville)

5 May, 5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Talk *'From the formation of anthrôpos in ancient Greece to its contemporary dissolution'*
François Hartog (EHES)
Chair: Beate Dignas (Somerville College)

14 May, 5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Talk *'Climate change: from a health threat to an opportunity for public health'*
Rémy Slama (ENS-PSL)

19 May, 5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Talk *'Universal Earth'*
Jean-Marc Besse (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)
Chair: Nick Millea (Bodleian Library)

7 May, 5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

As part of the 'Perspectives from the MFO' Lecture Series
'Building the evolutionary history of humanity – From the "armchair" to the field (and back)'
Aurélien Mounier (MNHN, Paris & MFO)

12 May, 5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

As part of 'French Sciences in Oxford: Cross-Channel Conversations'
'Mitigating Dimensionality and Uncertainty in Systems: A Transition from Classical Control to AI'
Christophe Prieur (CNRS)
Chair: Dong (Lilly) Liu (University of Oxford)

26 May, 10.00am-1.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

As part of the 'Channels of Digital Scholarship Seminar'
'Modelling, Interpreting, and Circulating Early Modern Texts: Digital Humanities Approaches to Scholarly Corpora, Perspectives from ERC NOTCOM, ERC ModERN, and ObTIC'
Convened by Mouhamadou Khaly Wélé (NOTCOM)

28 May, Maison Française d'Oxford

29 May, Pembroke College
Workshop *'Science, Critique and Opinion: Challenges for scientific consensus'*
Convened by Amélie Berger-Soraruuff (MFO/NOTCOM)

9 July, Time tbc, Maison Française d'Oxford

Workshop *'The Enclosed Mind'*
Convened by Daniel Margulies (MFO) & Josh Berson

Research & Creativity

15 May, 9.00am-5.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford & Online

Workshop *'From Pixels to the Past: AI for Cultural Heritage'*

Marion Charpier (École nationale des chartes – PSL)

Organised as part of the DEVILL project

(Digital Exploration and Computer Vision for Illuminations)

25 May, 12.30-2.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Talk *'Gender-Based Violence in Arts and Culture:*

Perspectives on Education and Work'

Marie Buscatto (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

Discussant: Victoria Alexander (Goldsmiths University of London)

28 May, 7.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Concert by the Oxford Trobadors

MFO 80th Anniversary

25 June, 4.00-11.00pm, Maison Française d'Oxford

Nuit de la MFO/MFO Night

An evening of panel discussions and talks exploring the

MFO's research areas and future directions

26 June, 3.00-7.30pm, Reuben College

Journée de l'AMFO à Oxford

3.00-5.00pm: Annual General Meeting of the MFO Alumni Association

5.00-6.00pm: Annual Conference

'Une « Maison de fous » ? La MFO au sortir de la Seconde Guerre'

Anne Dunan-Page (Aix-Marseille Université)

From 29 June, Maison Française d'Oxford

Exhibition *'MFO turns 80.*

Celebrating Research, Culture, and Scientific Diplomacy'