

Nuit de la MFO Night

Wednesday 25th June, 4 pm - 11pm

The MFO Night brings together scholars, writers, students, and researchers for a series of interdisciplinary conversations exploring major contemporary issues and the role of the Maison Française d'Oxford in Franco-British scientific and intellectual cooperation. Through roundtables dedicated to scientific diplomacy, British politics, literature, the humanities and social sciences, and interdisciplinarity, the evening will showcase the diversity of research and intellectual exchange supported by the MFO.

Talks and discussions will be held in both French and English.

The event will also provide an opportunity to pay tribute to leading intellectual figures closely associated with the Maison Française d'Oxford, notably Agnès Alexandre-Collier and Alain Viala.

La Nuit de la MFO réunira universitaires, écrivains, étudiants et chercheurs autour d'une série d'échanges interdisciplinaires consacrés aux grands enjeux contemporains et au rôle de la Maison Française d'Oxford dans la coopération scientifique et intellectuelle franco-britannique. À travers plusieurs tables rondes dédiées à la diplomatie scientifique, à la politique britannique, à la littérature, aux sciences humaines et sociales, ainsi qu'à l'interdisciplinarité, cette soirée mettra en lumière la diversité des recherches et des dialogues intellectuels que la MFO encourage et accompagne.

Les interventions et discussions se dérouleront en français et en anglais.

Cette rencontre sera également l'occasion de rendre hommage à des figures intellectuelles majeures étroitement liées à la Maison Française d'Oxford, notamment Agnès Alexandre-Collier et Alain Viala.



Programme

3:45 pm: Tea ceremony with artist Bing Ye

4pm - 5pm: Scientific Diplomacy

Roundtable organised in partnership with the Department of Higher Education, Research and Innovation of the French Embassy in London

Chair: Stéphane Van Damme (MFO)

Speakers:

- William Berthomière (CNRS/INSHS)
- Léonard Laborie (CNRS/MEAE)
- Jean-Christophe Mauduit (UCL)
- Minh-Hà Pham (CNRS)

5pm - 6pm: The MFO as an Observatory of Politics

Chair: Patrice Baubeau (MFO)

Speakers:

- Nathalie Berny (SciencesPo Rennes)
- Soazick Kerneis (MFO)
- Cécile Laborde (University of Oxford)
- Pierre Purseigle (University of Warwick)
- Berny Sèbe (University of Birmingham)

Tribute to Agnès Alexandre-Collier

6pm - 7pm: Literature and French Studies

Chair: Philippe Roussin (CRAL, CNRS-EHESS)

Speakers:

- Andrew Counter (University of Oxford)
- Tim Farrant (University of Oxford)
- Raphaele Garrod (University of Oxford)
- Sophie Marnette (University of Oxford)
- Caroline Warman (University of Oxford)

Tribute to Alain Viala with Kate Tunstall (University of Oxford)



7pm - 8pm: Buffet Dinner

8pm - 9pm: History of Science, Science Studies, and Interdisciplinarity

Chair : Stéphane Van Damme (MFO)

Speakers :

- Michael Drolet (University of Oxford)
- Robert Fox (University of Oxford)
- Rob Iliffe (University of Oxford)
- Pierre-Yves Lacour (University of Montpellier)
- Mogens Laerke (CNRS/NOTCOM)
- Marie Thébaud-Sorger (CNRS-EHESS)

9pm - 10pm: The MFO as an Institution

Chair : Antoine Destemberg (MFO)

Speakers :

- Stéphane Benoist (University of Lille)
- Niall Dilucia (CNRS/NOTCOM)
- Janet Foot (Bodleian Library/MFO)
- Alexis Tadié (Sorbonne Université)
- Frédéric Thibault-Starzyk (CNRS)

10pm - 11pm: Thinking the World from Oxford

Chair : Martine Drozd (MFO)

Speakers :

- Wallerand Bazin (University of Oxford)
- Paul Betts (University of Oxford)
- Morgan Clarke (University of Oxford)
- Delphine Mercier (CNRS)
- Perig Pitrou (MFO)



Liste des intervenants et intervenants

Tea ceremony with artist Bing Ye.

Bing Ye is a visual artist and researcher based in London and Hangzhou, primarily working with photography and printmaking

Scientific Diplomacy.

Roundtable organised in partnership with the Department of Higher Education, Research and Innovation of the French Embassy in London

Chair: Stéphane Van Damme. Director of the MFO and Professor of History of Science at the École Normale Supérieure of Paris.

Speakers:

- William Berthomière. Senior Researcher in Social Geography at the CNRS and Deputy Scientific Director in charge of the Europe and International Division at CNRS Sciences Humaines et Sociales.
- Léonard Laborie. Senior Researcher in History at the CNRS and Consular Officer at the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs responsible for science diplomacy.
- Jean-Christophe Mauduit. Associate Professor of Science Diplomacy at University College London.
- Minh-Hà Pham. Research Director in Neurosciences. Officer for International Development at the CNRS Foundation and former Counsellor for Science and Technology at the French Embassy in London (2020-2024).

The MFO as an Observatory of Politics.

Chair: Patrice Baubeau. Associate Professor in Modern History at Paris Nanterre University and Researcher at the MFO.

Speakers:

- Nathalie Berny. Professor of Sociology at Sciences Po Rennes and Associate Member of Nuffield College, University of Oxford.
- Soazick Kerneis. Professor of Legal History at Paris Nanterre University and Researcher at the MFO.
- Cécile Laborde. Professor of Political Theory at the University of Oxford, Fellow of Nuffield College.
- Pierre Purseigle. Reader in Modern European History and Director of the Global History and Culture Centre, University of Warwick.
- Berny Sèbe. Senior Lecturer in Colonial and Post-Colonial Studies at the University of Birmingham.



Literature and French Studies.

Chair: Philippe Roussin. Emeritus Research Director at the CNRS. Based at the Maison Française d'Oxford and Visiting Professor in French Studies at Wadham College, University of Oxford, from 2012 to 2016.

Speakers:

- Andrew Counter. Professor of Modern French Literature at the University of Oxford, Fellow and Tutor in French at New College.
- Tim Farrant. Reader in Nineteenth-Century French Literature at the University of Oxford, Fellow and Tutor in French of Pembroke College.
- Raphaelle Garrod. Associate Professor of French at the University of Oxford, Fellow of Magdalen College.
- Sophie Marnette. Professor of Medieval French Studies at the University of Oxford, Fellow of Balliol College.
- Caroline Warman. Professor of French Literature and Thought at the University of Oxford, Zeitlyn Fellow and Tutor in French at Jesus College.
- Kate Tunstall. Clarendon Professor of French at the University of Oxford, Sir Lindsay Owen-Jones Fellow in Modern Languages and Tutor in French at Worcester College.

History of Science, Science Studies, and Interdisciplinarity.

Chair: Stéphane Van Damme. Director of the MFO and Professor of History of Science at the École Normale Supérieure of Paris.

Speakers:

- Michael Drolet. Senior Research Fellow in the History of Political Thought at the Centre for Intellectual History, University of Oxford, Fellow of Worcester College.
- Robert Fox. Emeritus Professor of the History of Science, History of Science Museum.
- Rob Iliffe. Professor of the History of Science at the University of Oxford, Fellow of Linacre College.
- Pierre-Yves Lacour. Senior Lecturer in Early Modern History at the University of Montpellier and Visiting Researcher at the MFO.
- Mogens Laerke. Senior Researcher at the CNRS and Senior Associate at Pembroke College, University of Oxford. Principal Investigator of the ERC research project The Common Notion: Science and Consensus in the Seventeenth Century (NOTCOM).
- Marie Thébaud-Sorger. Director of the Centre for the History of Science and Technology – Alexandre Koyré at the EHESS, and Senior Researcher in History of Science at the CNRS.



The MFO as an Institution.

Chair: Antoine Destemberg. Associate Professor in Medieval History at the University of Artois, Associate Member of the Faculty of History, University of Oxford, and Researcher at the MFO.

Speakers:

- Stéphane Benoist. Professor in Roman History at the University of Lille.
- Niall Dilucia. Postdoctoral Fellow in the History and Philosophy of Science at the CNRS and MFO. Member of the ERC Research Project NOTCOM.
- Janet Foot. Librarian at the MFO Library and Celtic Subject Librarian at the Taylor Institution Library, Oxford.
- Alexis Tadié. Professor of English Literature at Sorbonne Université and Honorary Senior Research Fellow of the Institut Universitaire de France. Former Director of the MFO (2003-2008).
- Frédéric Thibault-Starzyk. Research Director in Chemistry at the CNRS. Former Director of the MFO (2016-2020).

Thinking the World from Oxford.

Chair: Martine Drozd. CNRS Senior Researcher in Urban and Social Geography at the MFO.

Speakers:

- Wallerand Bazin. DPhil Student in Geography and the Environment at the University of Oxford.
- Paul Betts. Professor of Modern European History at the University of Oxford, Fellow of Saint Anthony's College.
- Morgan Clarke. Professor of Social Anthropology at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford, Fellow of Keble College.
- Delphine Mercier. Director of Research in Sociology at the CNRS.
- Perig Pitrou. Senior Researcher at the CNRS and Director at the Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Sociale of the Collège de France, PSL University.

