



# The Society for the Study of French History

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## 34th Annual Conference

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organised by the University of Westminster in collaboration with the Society for the Study of French History, and hosted by H-France

## POWER, PROTEST AND RESISTANCE

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Defenders of the barricades in Paris, 1848

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## Monday, 28 June 2021

### 3:00 -- 4:00pm (BST) Parallel Session I

<b>Panel I-a: Early Modern Power, Discipline and Protest</b>	<b>Panel I-b: People, Politics and the Church: Rethinking Protest in Modern France</b>	<b>Panel I-c: Anti-Imperial Protest and Colonial Repression in French Algeria: Struggles Over Race and Identity in Education, Military Service, and Policing</b>
Chair: Tom Hamilton (Durham University)	Chair: Julia Nicholls (King's College London)	Chair: Daniel Lee (Queen Mary University of London)
Haley Bowen (University of Michigan Ann Arbor) 'The Politics of Collaboration: Convents as Sites of State Discipline in Early Modern France'	Jessica Wardhaugh (University of Warwick) 'Politics, Protest and Performance: Writing on the Walls of Paris during the Third Republic'	Rabah Aissaoui (University of Leicester) 'The politics of colonial education in late 19th and early 20th century Algeria'
Sean Patrick Marrs (Queen's University, Canada) 'Flies on the Walls: Power, coercion, and counterespionage in 18th century Paris'	Aaron Clift (University of Oxford) 'Anticommunism as a Form of Protest in France, 1945-1953'	Samuel Kalman (St. Francis Xavier University) 'A Very Modern Imperial Police? Technology and Investigative Technique in the Service of Racial Hegemony and Settler Domination in Interwar French Algeria'
Julia Osman (Mississippi State University) '"Their Just Complaints": How Soldiers Wielded Power in Old Regime France'	Rachel Johnston-White (University of Groningen) 'Bad Catholics: Resistance and Anti-Authoritarianism in the French Catholic Church'	Claire Eldridge (University of Leeds) 'Absence, Agency and Empire: Re-thinking Desertion during the First World War'
Giora Sternberg (University of Oxford) 'Protestations as a Mode of Resistance: Addressing Royal Authority in Regency Paris'		

### 4:30 -- 5:30pm (BST) Parallel Session II

<b>Panel II-a: Letter-writing in the Age of Revolution, 1780-1800: Politics, Authenticity and the Limits of Resistance</b>	<b>Panel II-b: Materialities and Textualities of Resistance across the Francophone World</b>	<b>Panel II-c: Rethinking gender in the French Resistance</b>
Chair: Rob Priest (Royal Holloway University of London)	Chair: James Connolly (University College London)	Charlotte Faucher (University of Manchester)
Miranda Spieler (American University of Paris)	Elizabeth Tuttle (Michigan State University)	Laure Humbert (University of Manchester)

'Slavery and the Enlightened Self: Correspondence of the Chevalier de Boufflers from Africa'	'Power, Protest, and Pamphlets at the 1931 Exposition Coloniale'	'Gender, wounds and intimacy in the international Hadfield-Spears Hospital, 1941-1945'
Thomas Dodman (Columbia University) 'Revolution as Passing: Becoming a Citizen Soldier during the French Revolution'	Spencer Austin (State University of New York at Stony Brook) 'Constructing a Textual Community: Newspapers in the French American Anarchist Movement'	Raphaële Balu (ENS Paris-Saclay) 'Les femmes dans les maquis français de la Seconde Guerre mondiale : une transgression de genre'
Colin Jones and Simon Macdonald (Queen Mary University of London) 'Resisting Revolution: The Duchesse d'Elbeuf's Letters to a Friend, 1799-1794'	Katharine Hargrave (College of Charleston) 'Beaumarchais and Salieri's Tarare and the Politics of Cautious Resistance'	Géraud Létang (Service Historique de la Défense / Sciences Po) 'Performing 'heroic' virility and maintaining colonial order: Free French masculinities in Chad (1940-1943)'

**7:00 -- 8:30pm (BST) Plenary Session I: Professor Hanna Diamond**  
(Cardiff University), **'Exhibiting Resistance: Thoughts from the Front Line'**

Chair: Ludivine Broch (University of Westminster)

**Tuesday, 29 June 2021**

**1:20 -- 2:30pm (BST) SSFH AMG session**

Chair: David Andress (University of Portsmouth)

**1:30 -- 3:00pm (BST) Manchester University Press Drop-in Publishing Session**

Conference participants are invited to join this session in order to discuss their book proposal ideas with

**Alun Richards, Assistant Editor at Manchester University Press, University of Manchester**

### 3:00 -- 4:00pm (BST) Parallel Session III

Panel III-a: Alternative Approaches to Lordship under the Valois Kings	Panel III-b: After the Great War	Panel III-c: Shaping Ideas about France in the Modern World
Chair: Neil Murphy (Northumbria University)	Chair: Daniel Lee (Queen Mary University of London)	Chair: Laure Humbert (University of Manchester)
Erika Graham-Goering (University of Ghent) ‘Regional Lordships and Royal Power: The Making of ‘France’ as a Comparative Question’	James Connolly (University College London) ‘Patriotism, Protest, Power: Franco-German tensions in the occupied Rhineland, 1920-23’	Charlotte Faucher (University of Manchester) ‘Transnational European cultural diplomacy at the end of the First World War’
Ysaline Bourguine de Meder (University of Ghent / University of St Andrews) ‘The English Crown and the Norman Lords: a Non-zero Sum Game’	Julie Powell (University College Dublin) ‘Fallen on Labour’s Field of Honour: The Fight for Workers’ Rehabilitation Rights and the Power of the Anciens Combattants’	Ludivine Broch (University of Westminster) ‘Letters, Images and Objects: Ideas of France in the American Midwest in the First Half of the Twentieth Century’
Gert-Jan Van de Voorde (University of Ghent / University of St Andrews) ‘Lords in Royal and Comital Hierarchies in Sixteenth-Century Languedoc’	Marius Mitrache (Babes-Bolyai University) ‘Power and Knowledge of Epistemic Communities in the Peace Planning Process: The case of the Comité d’Études and France’s Great War Aims (1917-1920)’	Grace Allen (University of Hong Kong) ‘The Comité Colbert and the Globalization of the French Luxury Industry after World War II’

### 4:30 -- 5:30pm (BST) Parallel Session IV

Panel IV-a: Resistance and Minority Communities, 18C-19C	Panel IV-b: Everyday Life in Vichy France	Panel IV-c: Anticolonialism and Antiracism in the late 20th Century
Chair: Rob Priest (Royal Holloway University of London)	Chair: Daniel Lee (Queen Mary University of London)	Chair: Sarah Dunstan (Queen Mary University of London)
Nicolai von Eggert Mariegaard (Kingston University London / Aarhus University) ‘Institutionalising Rebellion: The Right to Resist in the French Revolution’	Abaigh McKee (University of Southampton) “‘The Boots Impose Their Rhythm’”: Visiting the Paris Opéra during the German occupation of France, 1940-44’	Patrick Soulsby (Edge Hill University / University of Liverpool) ‘Jean Pierre-Bloch, the LICRA and anti-racist memory, c. 1968-1995’
Christy Pichichero (George Mason University) ‘Gens de Couleur, Modalities of Power, and Everyday Resistance in Eighteenth-Century France’	Stacy Veeder (College of Charleston) “‘Did We Not Shed Our Blood for France?’ Identity and Resistance in Entreaties for the	Martin Evans (University of Sussex) ‘Fire in two post-colonial Babylons: Some reflections on a

	Jewish Internees of Occupied France, 1940-1944'	comparative and connected history of anti-racist movements in London and Paris 1976-1985'
Karen Lauwers (University of Helsinki) 'Nonsense and the senses. French perceptions of leadership and resistance in colonial Algeria (1850s-1860s)'		Andrew Smith (University of Chichester) "Third World Harvest": Anticolonial solidarities, the Sahel famine, and the Larzac, 1971-1974'

## 7:00 -- 8:30pm (BST) How to publish? Discussion and Drinks

Breakout room "How to publish a book?"

with **Nimisha Barton** (Princeton University), author of *Reproductive Citizens. Gender, Immigration, and the State in Modern France, 1880–1945* (2020), **Itay Lotem** (University of Westminster), author of *The Memory of Colonialism in Britain and France. The Sins of Silence* (2021) and **Jennifer Sessions** (The University of Virginia), editor of *Studies in Modern French and Francophone History*, Manchester University Press

Breakout room "How to publish an article?"

with **Ludivine Broch** (University of Westminster), editor of *Contemporary European History*, **Joseph Clarke** (Trinity College Dublin), editor of *French History*, and **Tom Hamilton** (Durham University), co-editor of the special issue 'Remembering the French Wars of Religion' in *French History*

## Wednesday, 30 June 2021

### 3:00 -- 4:00pm (BST) Parallel Session V

<b>Panel V-a: Profit, Power, and Absolutism: Commerce and Industry in Early Modern France (I)</b>	<b>Panel V-b: Immigration, Inequality and Urban Spaces: from Medieval Times to the 20th Century</b>
Chair: Mallory Hope (Yale University)	Chair: Alison Carrol (Brunel University London)
Fanny Malègue (EHESS) 'Resisting the Census to Resist the Empire? State, Imperial Politics and Censuses in the French Caribbean (1763-1804)'	Zhao Lv (Université Tsinghua) 'Restructurer l'espace urbain : les confréries et la citadinisation des immigrants à Avignon aux XIVe et XVe siècles'
Tessa de Boer (University of Leiden)	David Briscoe (Trinity College Dublin)

‘Caught in the Act: exploiting the French empire in Amsterdam’s notarial deeds’	‘Liberty and Constraint: The poor relief regime of Claude Clochar. 1790 – Year V.’
Elisabeth Heijmans (University of Antwerp) ‘(Illegal) French slave trade: The case of free and unfree workers of the fort of Ouidah (1774-1788)’	Will Clement (University of Oxford) “‘A dead letter in the hands of local authorities’?: Implementing unhealthy housing legislation in French provincial cities’
	Geraint Evans (University of Cardiff) ‘Delegation or dictation? Reforming planning administration under the early Fifth Republic as a means of popular engagement’

#### 4:30 -- 5:30pm (BST) Parallel Session VI

Panel VI-a: Profit, Power, and Absolutism: Commerce and Industry in Early Modern France (II)	Panel VI-b: Communism, antifascism and Race: Transnational Politics in the early 20th Century	Panel VI-c: The Long Road to - and after - Decolonisation: State and Non-State Negotiations and Protests
Chair: Felicia Gottmann (Northumbria University)	Chair: James Connolly (University College London)	Chair: Andrew Smith (University of Chichester)
Jean-Baptiste Vérot (Université d'Avignon) ‘Will of the State, Indifference of the People: Mulberry Tree Plantations in Early Modern France’	Charles Fawell (University of Chicago) ‘War and Racialized Labour on the Trans-Suez Highways of the French Empire, 1912-1919’	Avner Ofrath (University of Bremen) ‘Between Balfour and Blum: Jewish-Muslim relations in interwar Algeria’
Mallory Hope (Yale University) ‘A Fair Price for Risk-Taking? State and Insurance Markets Respond to the Seven Years’ War’	Jasmine Calver (University of Sunderland) ‘The <i>Comité mondiale des femmes contre la guerre et le fascisme</i> on a global scale: interactions between the French centre and Chinese women activists’	Edenz Maurice (Home Ministry / CERMA (EHESS)) ‘Le préfet, l’instituteur et l’affaire Malraux en Guyane’
Lewis Wade (University of Exeter) ‘Power, Privilege, and Political Economy: Insurance, State, and Absolutism in Old Regime France’		Jessica Pearson (Macalester College) ‘Power and Protest in the Sky: Decolonizing Air Travel in Francophone Africa’

**7:00 -- 8:30pm (BST) Plenary Session II: Professor Frédéric Régent**  
 (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), **‘Pouvoirs des maîtres et contrôle  
 des autorités dans les colonies françaises 1626-1848’**

Chair: Professor Colin Jones (Queen Mary University of London)

**Thursday, 1 July 2021**

**1:30 -- 3:00pm (BST) French History ‘Meet the Editors’ Drop-in Session**

with Jessica Wardhaugh (University of Warwick) and Julian Wright (Northumbria University)

**3:00 -- 4:30pm (BST) Roundtable: ‘Activism and Academia in France’**

With Mame-Fatou Niang (Carnegie Mellon University), Malika Rahal (CNRS), Fabrice Riceputi (histoirecoloniale.net; 1000autres.org) and Julien Suaudeau (Bryn Mawr College)

Chair: Itay Lotem (University of Westminster)

**4:30 -- 5:30pm (BST) Parallel Session VII**

Panel VII-a: Religious Life in Early Modern France	Panel VII-b: Empire and the French Gaze in the late Nineteenth Century	Panel VII-c: Finance, Memory and Transatlantic Spaces: Vichy and After
Chair: David van der Linden (Radboud University Nijmegen)	Chair: James Connolly (University College London)	Chair: Daniel Lee (Queen Mary University of London)
Sara Barker (University of Leeds) ‘How ephemeral was a pamphlet? Evidence from the print culture of the French Wars of Religion’	Xavier Guégan (University of Winchester) ‘A visual colonial Anthropophagy: Photography and public opinion’s reaction to the 1860s-1870s and 1890s famines in French Algeria and British India’	Luc-André Brunet (The Open University) ‘Vichy’s Transatlantic Propaganda: The Case of Nouvelles de France’
Elisa Jones (College of Charleston)	Kathleen Pierce (Smith College) ‘Resisting Simian Subjects: Power and Protest in the	David Foulk (University of Oxford)

'Liberty of Conscience: Being Seen and Heard during the French Wars of Religion'	Fin-de-Siècle Visual Culture of Medicine'	'Private Debt for the Public Good?'
Alison Forrester (National University of Ireland Galway) 'Lived Religion, Memory, and Identity in Seventeenth-Century France: The Dévots of the Lamoignon Family'		

### 7:00 -- 8:00 pm (BST) Parallel Session VIII

Panel VIII-a: The Past in the Present	Panel VIII-b: Dynamics of Power and Protest: Women, Children and Family in 20th Century France	Panel VIII-c: Tout le monde dans son 'bon lieu'
Chair: Rob Priest (Royal Holloway University of London)	Chair: Andrew Smith (University of Chichester)	Chair: Charlotte Faucher (University of Manchester)
Valerie Mainz (University of Leeds) 'Jacques-Louis David: Pageant-Master of the Republic?'	Richard Bates (University of Nottingham) 'The Maison Verte Children's Centres: The Institutional Power of Psychoanalysis'	Paroma Ghose (The Graduate Institute (IHEID)) "Who needs actions when you got words": French Rap and Place (1981-2012)'
Alexander Brown (Freie Universität of Berlin) 'Néoluddisme in the Age of Macron: Revising a Nineteenth-Century Historiography of Machine-Breaking for "Post-Industrial" France'	Blanche Plaquevent (University of Bristol) 'Protest, power and the sexual revolution, 1950-1970'	Rachel Gillett (Utrecht University) 'Ethiopia Free! Pan-Africanism and Protest in Paris, 1935'
		Sasha Rasmussen (University of Oxford) 'Gendered Listening at the Paris Conservatoire: Female Students and Social Hierarchies in the Early Twentieth Century'



## **Friday, 2 July 2021**

### **1:30 -- 3:00pm (BST) French History ‘Meet the Editors’ Drop-in Session**

with Joseph Clarke (Trinity College Dublin) and Claire Eldridge (University of Leeds)

### **3:00 -- 4:00pm (BST) Parallel Session IX**

<b>Panel IX-a: Building Peace in Early Modern France</b>	<b>Panel IX-b: Controlling State Narratives in Revolutionary and Napoleonic France</b>	<b>Panel IX-c: Political Violence and Terrorism from the Belle Epoque to Vichy</b>
Chair: Sara Barker (University of Leeds)	Chair: Laura O’Brien (Northumbria University)	Chair: Julia Nicholls (King’s College London)
Rosanne Baars (University of Amsterdam) “Rejoice! The Troubles in France have been appeased”. News in the Netherlands about Peace in France, 1575-1576’	Natalee Garrett (University of St Andrews) ‘Running from the Revolution: French émigrés in satirical prints’	Caroline Campbell (University of North Dakota) ‘Colonialism, Gender, and Violence on the Radical Right in the 1930s: The Rise of the Colonialist Movement’
Tom Hamilton (Durham University) ‘Criminal Justice at the End of the Wars of Religion’	Alice Coulter Main (University of Wisconsin-Madison) ‘Jacobins in Hell: The Specter of the Terror after Thermidor’	Chris Millington (Manchester Metropolitan University) ‘Terrorism during the Belle Epoque’
David van der Linden (Radboud University Nijmegen) ‘Transitional Justice in Early Modern France: Peace Commissioners after the Wars of Religion’	Antonia Perna (The British School at Rome) ‘Importing and Imparting French Republicanism: Italian Children’s Books in the Sister Republics, c. 1796-1801’	Gayle Brunelle (California State University, Fullerton) and Annette Finley-Croswhite (Old Dominion University) ‘Terrorism on the extreme right: The Cagoule and state terror in France, 1936-1944’

### **4:30 -- 6:00pm (BST) Plenary Session III: Professor Emmanuelle Saada (Columbia University), ‘Race: A Useful Category of (French) Historical Analysis’**

Chair: Itay Lotem (University of Westminster)