

Hec Colloquium

History Department Colloquia

ABSTRACT

Faculty and visiting fellows present their current research in the History Department Research Colloquium, the department's key venue in which the entire community - faculty, fellows, researchers and post-docs - engage with new research topics, approaches and methodologies.

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History Department Colloquium 2020-2021

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[Apocalypse of the Profane: Reconsidering Political Paranoia in the 20th Century](#)

Speaker: Nicolas Guilhot (EUI)

14 October 2020

[Reversing Viewpoint: Travelling Students as Knowledge Agents in Early Modern Europe](#)

Speaker: Valentina Lepri (Polish Academy of Sciences and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

21 October 2020

["...with them teaching her, she quickly learned their language": Language, Gender and Communication in the Multilingual Mediterranean](#)

Speaker: Eric Dursteler (Brigham Young University and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

11 November 2020

[The Greek Revolution as an Imperial Event, 1797-1830](#)

Speaker: Yanni Kotsonis (New York University and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

25 November 2020

[What's Left of the Polish Left? Reflections on Reform, Crises, Generational Change and Europeanisation since the 1970s](#)

Speaker: Tom Junes (Marie Curie Fellow, EUI)

20 January 2021

[Waste in Postwar Twentieth Century – the response of international organizations to an evolving global challenge](#)

Speaker: Iris Borowy (Shanghai University and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

24 February 2021

[Travels in Space and Time: Progress, War and the Historical Mobilities of Scotland's Enlightenment](#)

Speaker: Bruce Alexander Buchan (Griffith University and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

31 March 2021

[Learning About Jewish Destruction from the Newspaper *Pravda*](#)

Speaker: Diana Dumitru (Ion Creanga State University of Moldova and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

28 April 2021

[The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Images of the Other in the Ukrainian Memory and History, 1990s - 2010s](#)

Speaker: Georgiy Kassianov (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

12 May 2021

[The Strategies of Distinction for Women's Hairdressers in *Ancien Régime* France](#)

Speaker: Jean-Alexandre Perras (Marie Curie Fellow, EUI)

19 May 2021

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[Slavery, Cotton and Divergence: A Debate on the New History of Capitalism](#)

Speaker: Giorgio Riello (EUI)

23 October 2019

[Beyond the Casbah / Medina: socio-political change and anti-colonial mobilizations in the shantytowns of Algiers and Casablanca \(1930-1962\)](#)

Speaker: Jim House (University of Leeds and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

6 November 2019

[The Troubles of Global Civitas: Immigration, Segregation, and Convivencia in Colonial Manila, 1580-1700s](#)

Speaker: Ryan Crewe (University of Colorado and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

13 November 2019

[Eric Hobsbawm, A Life in History](#)

Speaker: Richard J. Evans (Provost of Gresham College, London, and Regius Professor Emeritus of History at Cambridge)

20 November 2019

[Communication and Commerce: Ferdinand Columbus' Catalogues and the Early Modern Economy of Knowledge](#)

Speaker: José Maria Perez Fernández (Universidad de Granada and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

27 November 2019

[Voice of the Viet Nam People through Sino-nôm Documents: A history in the French Colonial Period \(1875-1945\)](#)

Speaker: Việt Anh Cao (Institut d'études sino-nôm and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

11 December 2019

[Twentieth Century International Economic Thinking, 1919-2001](#)

Speaker: Glenda Sluga (EUI)

22 January 2020

[The Iberian Empires and the 'Soft' Globalization, 15th-17th Centuries](#)

Speaker: Bartolomé Yun-Casalilla (Universidad Pablo de Olavide)

12 February 2020

[Global Knowledge, Emotions, and the Making of Enlightenment Europe: Joseph Stöcklein's Neuer Welt-Bott revisited](#)

Speakers: Ulrike Strasser (University of Berlin) and Renate Duerr (University of Tuebingen)

21 February 2020

[Prophecy and Political Emancipation in the History of Italy: The Rebirth of Prophecy and the Risorgimento](#)

Speaker: Maurizio Viroli (Princeton University and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

26 February 2020

[Missionary Knowledge in the Colonial Borderlands of Iberian Empires. Impositions, Appropriations, Adaptations](#)

Speaker: Guillermo Wilde (CONICET, Buenos Aires and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

29 April 2020

History Department Colloquium 2018-2019

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Lecture series organised by Profs. Jorge Flores and Stéphane Van Damme
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[Late Stalinism: the Aesthetics of Politics](#)

Speaker: Evgeny Dobrenko (University of Sheffield and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

31 October 2018

[Microhistory and Fascism: Everyday Life and Violence in the Post-War Period](#)

Speaker: John Mackintosh Foot (University of Bristol and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

21 November 2018

[Making Science and State \(or is it the other way around?\) in France under the Sun King: Notes Toward a New History of the Academie Royale des Sciences](#)

Speaker: J.B. Shank (University of Minnesota and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

5 December 2018

[Non-Alignment as an Alternative Vision to the Superpower Cold War](#)

Speaker: Lorenz Luthi (McGill University and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

20 February 2019

[A Passage to Europe. The Moral Economy of Cross-Cultural Travel during the Age of Revolutions](#)

Speaker: Rahul Markovitz (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

20 March 2019

[Rethinking Italian Decolonization: Multidirectionality and the Event of Empire's End](#)

Speaker: Pamela Ballinger (University of Michigan and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

22 May 2019

[Rumour and Manliness between Mughal India and Habsburg Iberia](#)

Speaker: Jorge Flores (EUI)

29 May 2019

History Department Colloquium 2017-2018

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[Monna Lappa, Coluccio e Luchino di Puccio](#)

[Back to the Middle Ages: Historical Myths, Technical Secrets and the Industrial Take-Off of Italy](#)

Speaker: Luca Molà (EUI)

28 February 2018

[The British empire and the expansion of Islam, 1830-1940](#)

Speaker: John Slight (University of Cambridge and Visiting Fellow, EUI)

7 February 2018

[New Christians and Spain's Involvement in \(Re-\)Structuring Portugal's Trade with Asia, c. 1602-1610](#)

Speaker: George Bryan Souza (University of Texas, San Antonio and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

24 January 2018

[Enlightenment, Catholicism, and a Central European "Jeu d'échelles". Maximilian Hell and Jesuit Science in an Age of Accommodation](#)

Speaker: László Kontler (Central University Budapest and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

06 December 2017

[Adriatic Perspectives: Memory and Identity on a Transnational European Periphery](#)

Speaker: Borut Klabjan (Marie Curie Fellow, EUI)

29 November 2017

[Bodies Across Borders: Oral and Visual Memory in Europe and Beyond](#)

Speakers: Luisa Passerini (BABE Principal Investigator), Iris van Huis and Leslie Nancy Hernández Nova (BABE Research Associates)

22 November 2017

[Charity or Justice? NGOs, Humanitarianism and the Search for a New World Order, 1968-82](#)

Speaker: Kevin O'Sullivan (National University of Ireland, Galway)

26 October 2017

[Modern Europe, c.1760s-2000. A Transnational History](#)

Speaker: Bernhard Struck (University of St. Andrews and Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI)

11 October 2017

History Department Colloquium 2016-2017

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[Invisible Leviathan: How to Write a History of State Violence in 'Peaceful Times' ? \(Europe 1956-1991\)](#)

Speaker: Pavel Kolář (European University Institute)

07 June 2017

[Looking West: Détente, the Socialist Regimes and their Opening to the Globalizing Market Economy](#)

Speaker: Federico Romero (European University Institute)

22 March 2017

[The Enemy: The Politics and Propaganda of Anticommunism in Italy](#)

Speaker: Marla Stone (Occidental College - Fernand Braudel Fellow)

08 March 2017

[The 'Invention' of the Empirical Method of Social Sciences and the Genesis of the Workers' Movement as a Discursive Practice in France before 1848](#)

Speaker: Federico Tomasello (Università di Firenze)

02 March 2017

[Manners, Customs and Civilization in XVIIIth c. Culture: the 'Anthropology' of J.-N. Démeunier](#)

Speaker: Rolando Minuti (Università di Firenze - Fernand Braudel Fellow)

01 March 2017

[Sublime Tourism and Political Conflict on the Slopes of Vesuvius in the Early Nineteenth Century](#)

Speaker: John Brewer (Caltech)

08 February 2017

[The Middle East: The Rise and Fall of an Idea](#)

Speaker: James Renton (Edge Hill University - Jean Monnet Fellow)

01 February 2017

[Art Politics and Art History in Twentieth-Century Spain](#)

Speakers: Junko Kume (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies) and Isaac Ait Moreno (Keio University, Tokyo)

07 December 2016

[Muslim Rome: Horizons of the Renaissance in the Ottoman Mediterranean](#)

Speaker: Giancarlo Casale (University of Minnesota)

30 November 2016

[The Floating World. Migration, Mobility and Hospitality in Renaissance Venice](#)

Speaker: Rosa Salzberg (Marie Curie Fellow)

23 November 2016

[Identities in motion: How travel affected Turkish self-perceptions and Czech perceptions of the Turks \(1870-1930\)](#)

Speaker: Jitka Maleckova (Charles University, Prague - Fernand Braudel Fellow)

09 November 2016

[The Space Between: A Global MicroHistory from Nootka Sound](#)

Speaker: Maxine Berg (University of Warwick)

02 November 2016

[Oral and Visual Memories of People Carrying the Status of 'Migrant' in Italy and the Netherlands: Ethical, Terminological and Cultural Reflections](#)

Speakers: Luisa Passerini (Principal Investigator ERC/BABE Project) and Milica Trakilovich (Research Associate ERC/BABE Project)

26 October 2016

[After Serfdom and Slavery. Intellectual Legacies and Cultural Memories](#)

Speaker: Irina Prokhorova (New Literary Observer)

Discussant: Kate Brown (UMBC - Fernand Braudel Fellow)

25 October 2016

History Department Colloquium 2015-2016

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[Identifying Individuals and Defining Borders from a Legal-Historical Perspective: What We Remember and What We Forget](#)

Speaker: Tamar Herzog (Harvard University)

Discussant: Giuseppe Marcocci (Università degli Studi della Toscana)

21 June 2016

[From Habsburg Galicia to Cocoland: History of Development and Polish Social Scientists from 1880s to 1960s](#)

Speaker: Małgorzata Mazurek (Columbia University)

1 June 2016

[Counter Memories: Military Cultural Interventions in Post-Shining Path Peru](#)

Speaker: Cynthia Milton (Fernand Braudel Fellow)

Discussant: Regina Grafe (EUI)

25 May 2016

[The Children of the Revolution](#)

Speaker: Yuri Slezkine (University of California Berkeley)

Discussant: Alexander Etkind (EUI)

11 May 2016

[Private Players and the Welfare State in Germany and France: Europeanizing Old-Age Security, 1945-1990](#)

Speaker: Heike Wieters (Humboldt University Berlin)

4 May 2016

[Poland – Between Anti-Imperial Traditions and Imperial Temptations. Lessons of Eastern European Geopolitics](#)

Speaker: Andrzej Nowak (Jagiellonian University)

Discussant: Bohdan Shumylovych (EUI)

15 April 2015

[The Stakes of Regulation](#)

Speaker: Steven L. Kaplan (Cornell University)

Discussant: Simon Macdonald (Max Weber Fellow)

30 March 2016

[The Neo-liberal Ersatz Nobel Prize](#)

Speaker: Philip Mirowski (University of Notre Dame)

Discussant: Ola Innset (EUI)

16 March 2016

[Humanitarianism and Empire in Africa: Towards a New History of Human Rights](#)

Speakers: Darcie Fontaine (University of South Florida) and Emily Baughan (Max Weber Fellow)

Discussant: Muriam Haleh Davis (Max Weber Fellow)

14 March 2016

[May-68 in Africa: Dakar in the Worldwide Social Movement](#)

Speaker: Omar Gueye (Fernand Braudel Fellow)

Discussant: Muriam Haleh Davis (Max Weber Fellow)

2 March 2016

[An Artisan 'Revolution' in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe?](#)

Speaker: Maarten Prak (Universiteit Utrecht)

Discussant: Luca Molà (EUI)

24 February 2016

[A Visit to the Dead: Genealogy and the Historian](#)

Speaker: Alison Light (University College London)

Discussant: Caroline Mezger (EUI)

10 February 2016

[Overcoming Modernity? A Debate on the Modernization-Westernization in Japan in 1940s - The 'Philosophy of the World History' of Iwao Koyama and his critics](#)

Speaker: Kenta Ohji (Kyoto University)

8 February 2016

[The Right Side of History: An Intellectual Biography of William C. Bullitt](#)

Speaker: Alexander Etkind (EUI)

Discussant: Molly Pucci (Max Weber Fellow)

3 February 2016

[Denigrating Viceroy: The Art of Political Insult in Early Modern Portuguese India](#)

Speakers: Giuseppe Marcocci (Fernand Braudel Fellow) and Jorge Flores (EUI)

Discussant: Guido Van Meersbergen (Max Weber Fellow)

27 January 2016

[Lusophobia and Lusophilia in Post-Colonial Brazil](#)

Speaker: José Sacchetta Ramos Mendes (University of Bahia)

Discussant: Lucy Riall (EUI)

13 January 2015

[How Should We Define Social Groups of Slaves? An Example in the 18th and 19th Century Mediterranean](#)

Speaker: M'hamed Oualdi (Fernand Braudel Fellow)

Discussant: Muriam Haleh Davis (Max Weber Fellow)

2 December 2015

[Women and Intellectual History](#)

Speaker: Sarah Hutton (Fernand Braudel Fellow)

Discussant: Simon Macdonald (Max Weber Fellow)

25 November 2015

[Hec Colloquium on the Economics of Curiosity](#)

Speakers: Marina Bianchi (University of Cassino) and Niel De Marchi (Duke University)

Discussants: Maxine Berg (Fernand Braudel Fellow) and Luca Molà (EUI)

11 November 2015

[Oriental Despots on Ornamental Desks: On Dutch Geography, the 'Decorative' Arts, and the Production of the Exotic World](#)

Speaker: Benjamin Schmidt (University of Washington)

Discussant: Bruno André Casal N. Martinho (EUI)

4 November 2015

[A Silken Diplomacy: Venetian Luxury Gifts for the Ottoman Empire in the Late Renaissance](#)

Speaker: Luca Molà (EUI)

Discussant: Cecilia Tarruell Pellegrin (Max Weber Fellow)

28 October 2015

[Pre-empting Revolution: The Paris Peace Conference of 1919 and the Founding of the International Labor Organization](#)

Speaker: Leonard V. Smith (Oberlin College)

Discussant: Simon Murray Stevens (Max Weber Fellow)

20 October 2015

["Our Empire": New Perspectives on Habsburg Central Europe](#)

Speaker: Pieter Judson (EUI)

Discussant: Franz Leander Fillafer (University of Konstanz)

7 October 2015

History Department Colloquium 2014-2015

[A Genealogy of Early Modern Corporations \(1407-1720\). The Casa di San Giorgio of Genoa](#)

Speaker: Carlo Taviani (Deutsches Historisches Institut in Rom and University of Cape Town)

Discussant: Regina Grafe (EUI)

26 May 2015

[Horizons of History, Space, Time and the Future of the Past](#)

Speaker: David Armitage (Harvard University)

Discussant: Franz Leander Fillafer (Max Weber Programme)

20 May 2015

[Women in the Red Army. 1941-45](#)

Speaker: Oleg Budnitskii (National Research University Higher School of Economics)

Discussant: Sofiya Grachova (Max Weber Programme)

1 April 2015

[How Private was the Political? Memories of Powerful Emotion and Self-Transformation among West German Political Activists](#)

Speaker: Belinda Davis (Rutgers University)

Discussant: Sayaka Chatani (Max Weber Programme)

4 March 2015

[The Warm Sand of the Coast of Tantura: History and Memory in Israel after 1948](#)

Speaker: Alan Confino (University of Virginia)

Discussant: Diana Georgescu (EUI)

25 February 2015

[Diplomacy as Stylistic Performance: The Bandung Conference of 1955 as Symbolic Post-Colonial Diplomacy](#)

Speaker: Naoko Shimazu (Birkbeck, University of London)

10 February 2015

[The Enterprise as an Element of European Identity](#)

Speaker: Franco Amatori (Università Bocconi)

Discussant: Youssef Cassis (EUI)

28 January 2015

[Recycling Empire: the Invention of a European Development Aid Bureaucracy](#)

Speaker: Véronique Dimier (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Discussant: Federico Romero (EUI)

3 December 2014

[Stalinism. A Study of Popular Imagination](#)

Speaker: Olga Velikanova (University of North Texas)

Discussant: Sofiya Grachova (Max Weber Programme)

26 November 2014

[Allied Captivity and Swiss Neutrality in the Pacific, 1941-1945](#)

Speaker: Sara Kovner (University of Florida)

Discussant: Sayaka Chatani (Max Weber Programme)

12 November 2014

[Father and Son. An Essay about the Tortuous Relationships between Economic and Business History](#)

Speaker: Andrea Colli (Bocconi University)

Discussant: Youssef Cassis (EUI)

29 October 2014

[Metaphor in Political Languages: the Marriage Metaphor in 15th Century Italy](#)

Speaker: Serena Ferente (Kings College London)

Discussant: Julia McClure (Max Weber Programme)

22 October 2014

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The Whip of External Necessity, Soviet Marxism and Modern War: Some Speculations

Speaker: Campbell Craig (Aberystwyth University, Fernand Braudel Fellow)

Discussant: Federico Romero (EUI)

23 October 2013

Explaining the Success of the Spanish Empire

Speaker: Regina Grafe (EUI)

Discussant: Jorge Flores (EUI)

30 October 2013

A Deep History of the Political: Is it Possible?

Speaker: Levent Yilmaz (Istanbul Bilgi University, Fernand Braudel Fellow)

Discussant: Ann Thomson (EUI)

6 November 2013

Protecting State Credit. Speculation, Trust, and Sovereignty in 1920s France and at the League of Nations

Speaker: Nicolas Delalande (Sciences Po, Paris)

Discussant: Youssef Cassis (EUI)

13 November 2013

Geological Grandeur. Exploring a Physical History of Paris (18th-19th Centuries)

Speaker: Stéphane Van Damme (EUI)

Discussant: Sebastiao Nuno Silva (Max Weber Fellow)

4 December 2013

Exceptional Executions. The Death Penalty and Sacrifice after 1945

Speaker: Pavel Kolár (EUI)

Discussant: Dennis Patterson (EUI)

15 January 2014

Should Central Banks Save Failing Banks? Insights from the 1889 Crisis

Speaker: Pierre-Cyrille (EHESS)

Discussant: Youssef Cassis (EUI)

27 January 2014

Decentring the Enlightenment

Speaker: Ann Thomson (EUI)

Discussant: Alexandra Ortolja-Baird (EUI)

5 February 2014

European Pragmatism? The Internationalization of Philosophical Debates circa. 1910

Speaker: Jean Louis Fabiani (CEU, Fernand Braudel Fellow)

Discussant: Tommaso Giordani (EUI)

12 February 2014

How to Write a History of Serbia Today. Methodological and Some Other (Post-Yugoslav) Challenges

Speaker: Dejan Djokic (Goldsmiths College, London, Visiting Fellow)

Discussant: Lucy Riall (EUI)

12 March 2014

Commemorating Catastrophe. Commemorating the Great War 100 Years On

Speaker: Jay Winter (Yale University)

26 March 2014

Emancipation through Empire: Algeria, 1832-1962

Speaker: Saliha Belmessous (University of New South Wales)

Discussant: Florian Wagner (EUI)

30 April 2014

The Cult of Mussolini in Nazi Germany

Speaker: Christian Goeschel (University of Manchester)

Discussant: Paul Corner (Università di Siena)

7 May 2014

From Emigration to Ethnic Cleansing in East Central Europe, 1918-1948

Speaker: Tara Zahra (University of Chicago, Fernand Braudel Fellow)

Discussant: Laura Almagor (EUI)

15 May 2014