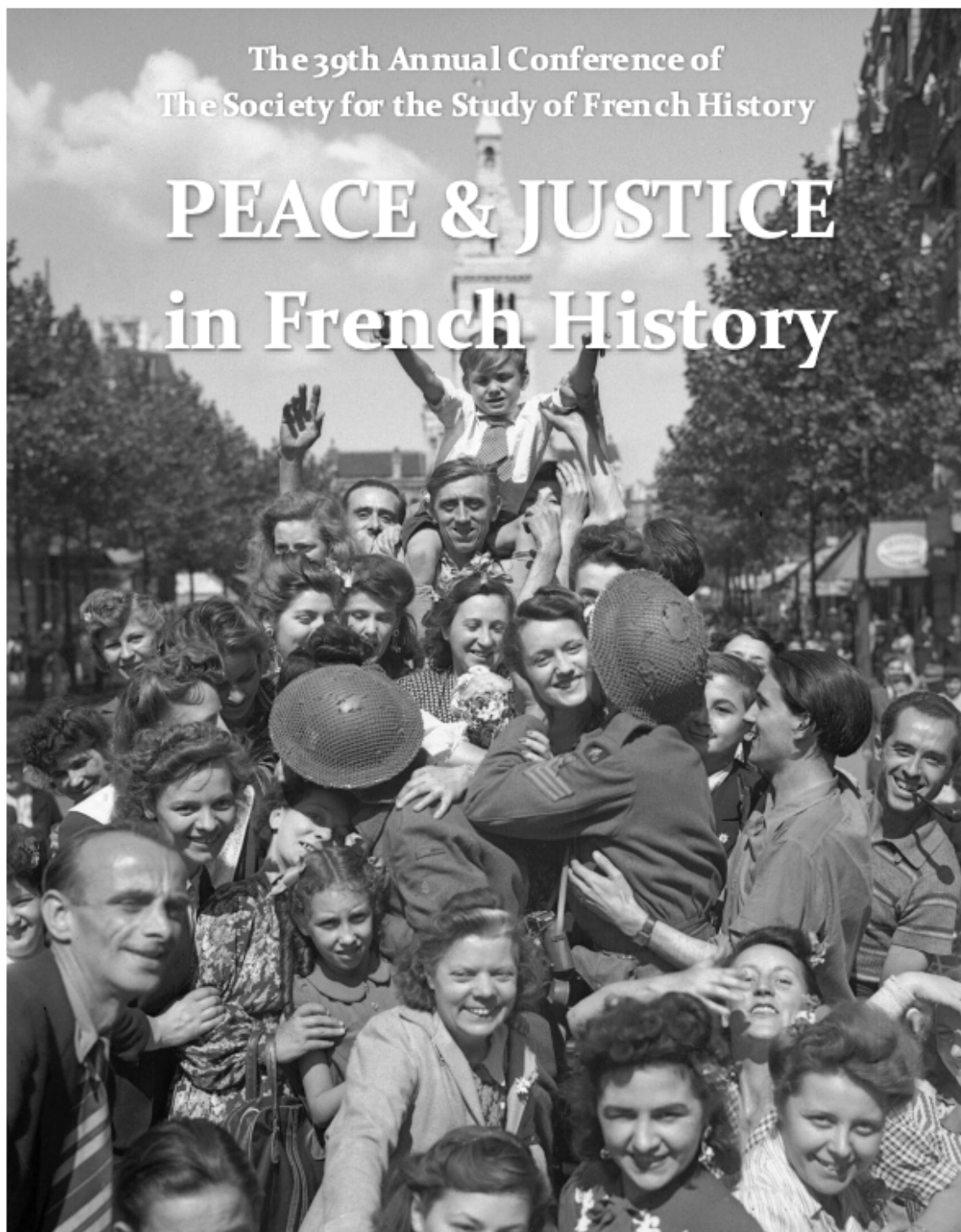


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Program

Day 1: Tuesday 30 June

11h00–12h30 Conference Registration (Academy Hall)

12h30–13h30 Lunch (Bruinszaal)

13h30–15h30 Parallel session 1

Panel 1.1 (Senaatskamer): Construire la paix civile en état de guerre: La mission impossible de la Terreur?

Chair: Pierre Serna (Université de Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne)

1. Le code des Terreurs : Anticiper la paix en temps d'exception

Anne Simonin (CNRS-EHESS)

2. The People's Justice: Social Peace through Law in the Year II

Carla Hesse (University of California, Berkeley)

Panel 1.2 (A2): Huguenot Exile, Refuge, and Protestant Solidarity

Chair: David van der Linden (University of Groningen)

1. From Subjects to Foreigners? Legal Status and Negotiation Strategies of Returning Huguenot Exiles in Early Eighteenth-Century France

Yi-Sheng Lin (EHESS)

2. Solidarity or Interference? Protestant Powers Financing the Camisards (1702–1710)

Lionel Laborie (Leiden University)

3. Subir la Révocation de l'Édit de Nantes : Entre administration des enfants protestants restés en France et accueil des réfugiés aux Provinces-Unies

Thomas Tatarian (Université Grenoble Alpes)

Panel 1.3 (A3): Republic, Fraternity, and Emancipation in the Nineteenth Century

Chair: Máire F. Cross (Newcastle University)

1. Fraternity, Transnational Solidarity, and Social Justice in the 1840s

Camille Creighton (Utrecht University)

2. A Republic for Our Sons, Not Our Fathers: Peace, Justice, and the Republic in the works of Jean-Félix Mas and Joseph Déjacque between 1848 and the American Exile

Ben Stemper (Uppsala University)

3. “The Women in Particular Are Irascible”: Freed Women’s Labor and Republican Emancipation, 1848–1852

Deirdre Lyons (University of Chicago)

4. Reimagining the French Revolution: Female Agency and Social Mobility in George Sand’s *Nanon* (1872)

Marie-Claire Hoferer (Cornell University)

Panel 1.4 (A7): Socialism, Migration, and Transnationalism Before 1914

Chair: David Klemperer (University of Bath)

1. The Wages of Peace: French Intellectuals on War and Peace, 1900–1914

Matthew Maguire (DePaul University)

2. French Socialists and the “Migration Question”: Between International Solidarity and Xenophobia (1880–1914)

Elena Montanaro (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

3. Transatlantic and Transcolonial Movements of Transnational Volunteers in the Franco-Prussian War: Fighting for and Thinking about a Just World

Alex Summers (University of Strathclyde)

4. Mapping Racial Antisemitism: The Press in Settler-Colonial Algeria (1870–1914)

Eline van Erdeewijk (University of Groningen)

16h00 Keynote Lecture & Drinks Reception

Lutheran Church, Haddingestraat 23

Peace and Justice on the Lyric Stage: Backstage with Lully’s *Psyché*

Rebekah Ahrendt (Utrecht University)

With live music performed by Musica Poetica, dir. Jörn Boysen, performing selections from the play *Psyché*, music by Jean-Baptiste

Lully, texts by Molière, Pierre Corneille, Philippe Quinault, and Lully.

Day 2: Wednesday 1 July

9h00–11h00: Parallel Session 2

Panel 2.1 (Senaatskamer): Justice, délation, et répression au ras du sol durant la Terreur : quand commence et comment terminer la discorde civile ?

Chair: Anne Simonin (CNRS-EHESS)

1. 1793: Les suspects – motifs d’incarcération : des délits qui ne sont pas qualifiés

Catherine Schmidt (Université de Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne)

2. Les dénonciations thermidoriennes de la Terreur

Stefan Lemny (Bibliothèque nationale de France)

3. L’échec de la Haute cour de Justice d’Orléans ou le début des désordres civils et les prémices de la Terreur

Pierre Serna (Université de Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne)

Panel 2.2 (A2): Reformation, Confession, and Peace Across Borders

Chair: Nina Lamal (HUC KNAW Amsterdam)

1. Confessional Connections Across Borders: Peace and Justice in the Reformation

Penny Roberts (University of Warwick)

2. Associations of Belonging: Looking for Safety in Numbers During the Wars of Religion

Jonas van Tol (University of Amsterdam)

3. Trans-Atlantic Peace and Religious Interactions in Sixteenth-Century French Settlements and Cities

Austin Collins (Gardner-Webb University)

4. Violent Retribution as Peace-Making in Reformation Geneva

Sara Beam (University of Victoria)

Panel 2.3 (A3): Between Metropole and Periphery in the Fifth Republic

Chair: Sasha Goldstein-Sabbah (University of Groningen)

1. State Planning and the Stabilization of Political Conflict in the Early Fifth Republic, 1958–1968

Hugo Lopes Williams (University of Oxford)

2. Peace and Justice and the “Single Struggle” of General Jacques Pâris de Bollardière (1907–1986)

Hugh McDonnell (University of Groningen)

3. French Cars and Gulf Wars: Post-1945 Modernization and the Origins of Western Military Interventions in the Greater Middle East

Manuel Dorion-Soulié (École Polytechnique)

4. Networks of Love: Families and “Diaspora” in the Iran-Based Alliance Israélite Universelle, 1908–1978

Isabelle Headrick (University of Texas at Austin)

Panel 2.4 (A7): Droits et santé I

Chair: Rebecca P. Scales (Rochester Institute of Technology)

1. The Demand for a “Right to Sleep” at the Turn of the Twentieth Century

Sophie Panziera (EHESS–Centre Alexandre Koyré)

2. Qui a le droit d’être sauvé? Urgence vitale et élaboration d’un droit au secours en France (années 1940–1980)

Charles-Antoine Wanecq (Sciences Po Lille, HARTIS)

3. Réguler les conflits avec les médecins? L’action du conseil départemental de l’Ordre des médecins de la Seine (1940–1949)

Claire Barillé (Université de Lille, HARTIS)

11h00–11h30 Coffee Break (Bruinszaal)

Sponsored by the Commission internationale d’histoire de la Révolution française (CIHRF) - [Prix Zeev Sternhell](#)

Publisher Meet-Up (A20)

Meet up during the break with Claire Eldridge, editor of *French History*, and Jennifer Sessions, series editor of *Studies in Modern French and Francophone History* (Manchester University Press), for an informal chat to discuss publication plans.

11h30–13h00: Parallel Session 3

Panel 3.1 (Senaatskamer): Confessional Justice and Religious Governance

Chair: Penny Roberts (University of Warwick)

1. Making Peace in the Public Service: Power, Justice, and Reconciliation at the end of the Wars of Religion

Lucas Lehéricy (Sorbonne Université)

2. The Relationship Between the Judiciary and the Huguenot Minority in Saumur (1630–1685)

Léo Maillé (Le Mans Université/University of Groningen)

3. Peace on Trial: The Chambre de l'Édit of Castres and the Breakdown of Post-War Justice

Sherilyn Bouyer (University of Groningen)

Panel 3.2 (A2): The Administration of Revolutionary Justice

Chair: Francesco Buscemi (University of Groningen)

1. Negotiating Peace Between Citizens: Conflict Resolution in Police Investigations During the French Revolution in Caen

Félix Brêteau (Université de Caen-Normandie)

2. Requisitioning Justice: War, Subsistence, and Revolutionary Governance, 1792–1795

Zelai Xie (King's College London)

3. The Resurrection(s) of Pierre-Joseph Dauchez: Counter-Revolutionary Religion and Ritual in Pas-de-Calais (1793–1794)

Chelsea Younglove (University of Warwick)

4. Re-Legitimising Justice After the “Terror”: The Thermidorian Conundrum of Imprisonment

Leon Hughes (Trinity College Dublin)

Panel 3.3 (A3): Striving Towards a Fairer Society Through Philanthropy

Chair: Geoff Read (Huron University)

1. “A French Gift to Britain”: London’s Dispensaire Français and l’Hôpital Français in War and Peace at the turn of the Twentieth Century

Debra Kelly and Saskia Huc-Hepher (University of Westminster)

2. At the Intersection of Private Philanthropy and State Relief: The Role of Eugene Brieux in Supporting Blind Soldiers of the First World War

Marjorie Gehrhardt (University of Reading)

3. Mobilizing for Polio: Disability, Epidemic Disease, and the Charitable Welfare State, 1945–1968

Rebecca P. Scales (Rochester Institute of Technology)

Panel 3.4 (A7): Droits et santé II

Chair: Claire Barillé (Université de Lille, HARTIS)

1. Healthcare Costs: The Financial Strategies of a National Psychiatric Hospital (Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries)

Agathe Meridjen-Manoukian (Université Paris Nanterre)

2. Le droit à la santé à l'épreuve du quotidien colonial : une histoire par le bas de la citoyenneté médicale au Sénégal (fin XIXe–milieu XXe siècle)

Biram Ba (EHESS-Cermes–CNRS-Paris Cité)

3. Revendiquer l'hospitalisation, droit ou névrose ? : les signalements pour troubles mentaux d'Algérien.nes à Paris (années 1950–années 1980)

Paul Marquis (CNRS / HARTIS)

Panel 3.5 (A900, Broerstraat 9): Activism, Internationalism, and Francophone Protest Cultures

Chair: Itay Lotem (University of Westminster)

1. A French Immunity to Hollanditis? Francophone Peace Activism in the 1980s

Luc-André Brunet (The Open University)

2. Rough-Handed Solidarity and the Larzac: Peace, Justice, and Internationalism in a Sheep Farmers' Struggle (1970–now)

Andrew Smith (Queen Mary, University of London)

3. Silenced Voices, Resisting Sounds: Francophone Rap Engagé and its Afterlives

Ali Touilila (Yale University)

13h00–14h00 Lunch (Bruinszaal)

SSFH Annual General Meeting (Senaatskamer)

During the lunch break, attendees are welcome to attend the annual general meeting (AGM) of the Society for the Study of French History, which will take place in the Senaatskamer.

14h00–15h30 Parallel Session 4

Panel 4.1 (Senaatskamer): War, Peace, and Political Violence from the Belle Époque to the 1930s

Chair: Sasha Goldstein-Sabbah (University of Groningen)

1. “The Problem of Peace”: French Socialists and the Threat of War, 1919–1939

David Klemperer (University of Bath)

2. “Aux armes, nos camarades, pour la paix”: French Pacifist Propaganda Responds to Fascism

Lauren Jannette (Independent scholar)

3. La Grande illusion: 1915–1916 Wartime Letters of the Pacifist Couple Marie-Louise Puech-Milhau (1876–1966) and Jules-Louis Puech (1879–1957)

Máire Fedelma Cross (Newcastle University)

Panel 4.2 (A2): Liberty, Republicanism, and Political Thought

Chair: Camille Creighton (Utrecht University)

1. Antinobilitisme, égalité et aristocratie légitime chez le marquis d'Argenson

Harim Yang (Sungkyunkwan University)

2. Seeking Justice Outside the Courts: Complaints to the Administration des Cultes during the Restauration and the Monarchie de Juillet

Frédéric Fuzier (Université Rennes 2)

3. Between Local Interest and Republicanism: The Parable of Trade During the French Revolution, 1787–1794

Niccolò Valmori (London School of Economics)

Panel 4.3 (A3): Law, Rights, and Order in Early Modern France

Chair: David van der Linden (University of Groningen)

1. The “Murderous Nibbling of Farm Animals” in the Forests of Early Modern France

Elisabeth Salje (Birkbeck College, London)

2. Policing International Print in Early Modern Europe: French Diplomatic Interventions in Seventeenth-Century Italy and the Low Countries

Kerrewin van Blanken (Leiden University) and Nina Lamal (HUC KNAW Amsterdam)

3. The Rights of Those who “Resided in Violence”: Prisoner Justice, Rights, and the Law in the Franco-Dutch wars (1672–1712)

Joost Oosterhuis (Durham University)

Panel 4.4 (A7): Global France, Race, and Belonging

Chair: Rachel Gillett (Utrecht University)

1. “A Cohort of Shrews”: Race, Gender, and the Problem of Women on Board Voyages of Indian “Coolies” to the French Caribbean in the mid to late Nineteenth Century

Geoff Read (Huron University)

2. Climate Change Diplomacy and North–South Relations: France from the Ozone Regime to Kyoto

Frank Gerits (Utrecht University)

3. Talking about Race in France: Reassessing 2005 as a Discursive Turn in French Antiracism

Itay Lotem (University of Westminster)

15h30 Coffee Break (Bruinszaal)

16h00 Keynote Lecture II (Senaatskamer)

Between Redistribution and Abundance: Social Rights in the Longue Durée

Charles Walton (University of Warwick)

17h00 Photo Op (Academy Hall Staircase)

17h30 Guided City Tour

Free optional event; please sign up during registration

19h00 Conference Dinner

[Restaurant Florentin](#), Langestraat 66, 9712 LT Groningen

Day 3: Thursday 2 July

9h30–11h00: Parallel Session 5

Panel 5.1 (A2): Crime, Justice, and Society in the Long Twentieth Century I: Procedures & Practices

Chair: Rachel White (University of Groningen)

1. Egalitarian or Exceptional? Algerian Experiences of Military and Colonial (In)justice in the French Army (1914–1918)

Claire Eldridge (University of Leeds)

2. The Most Natural Route to the Truth: Power, Resistance, and Psychology in French Criminal Interrogations, 1897–1940

Elwin Hofman (Utrecht University)

3. Beyond Binary Narratives of Repression: The Police, Queer Worlds, and Urban Society in Twentieth-Century Paris

Romain Jaouen (ENS Lyon/Sciences Po Paris)

Panel 5.2 (A3): Authority, Conflict, and Local Justice in Premodern France

Chair: Sherilyn Bouyer (University of Groningen)

1. Social Networks and Women's Enmities in Early Modern France, 1680–1720

Sian Hibbert (University of York)

2. From War to Peace: The Dijon Justice System and the Fight against Looters in the Aftermath of the Burgundian Wars (Late

Fifteenth Century)

François Foulonneau (La Rochelle University)

3. Between the Crusades and the Capetians: Matilda of Portugal, Pernelle de Chambon, and the Struggle for Political Authority: Female Dower Rights and Lordship in the Early Thirteenth Century

Darren Henry-Noel (Dalhousie University)

Panel 5.3 (A7): Rethinking Justice, Common Good, and Public Interest in the Age of Revolutions

Chair: Francesco Buscemi (University of Groningen)

1. Plantation Economy, Property, and Justice: Collective Resources and Public Interest in French Saint-Domingue (1756–1804)

Amanda Maffei (University of Milan)

2. Establishing the “Common Good”: Discourse and Social Practices of Heritage Construction in Revolutionary Italy (1796–1804)

Francesco Dendena (University of Milan)

3. Fighting Rinderpest in the Cisalpine Republic (1796–1799): A Political Debate About Public Health, Private Interests, and the Preservation of Justice

Marco Emanuele Omes (University of Milan)

11h00–11h30

Coffee break (Bruinszaal)

11h30–13h00 Parallel Session 6

Panel 6.1 (A2): Crime, Justice, and Society in the Long Twentieth Century II: Meanings & Memories

Chair: Claire Eldridge (University of Leeds)

1. Arresting Sounds: Policing and the Soundscape of Resistance from Point-a-Pitre to Paris, 1967
Rachel Anne Gillett (Utrecht University)
2. Days of Reading: From the Prison to the Library in French Guiana and Vietnam
Sophie Fuggle (University of Liverpool)
3. The Margueritte Affair and the Transformation of Criminal Justice in Colonial Algeria
Jennifer Sessions (University of Virginia)

Panel 6.2 (A3): Imperialism & Art

Chair: Lauren Jannette (Independent scholar)

1. Between Irish Fenians and Jamaica's Morant Bay Rebellion: Political Caricature in the Second Empire Visual Mass Entertainment Industry
Russell Stephens (University of British Columbia)
2. Visualising Peace and Justice after Revolution: The Agency of Illustrated Publishing in France and Italy (1789–1802)
Marcello Dinacci (Fondazione Luigi Einaudi Torino)

Panel 6.3 (A7): Cultural and Political Responses to World War II

Chair: Andrew Smith (Queen Mary, University of London)

1. The French Resistance Movement and French-Armenian Eyewitness Writers

Marine Ghazaryan (Yerevan State University)

2. Jewish Artists Confront Fascism and the Holocaust

Richard D. Sonn (University of Arkansas)

3. Redeeming Germany: A Radical Effort for Allyship after World War Two

Elana Passman (Earlham College)

13h00 Conference ends