



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Power and Knowledge from the 18<sup>th</sup> Century to Today

24th-26th November 2022



Illustration: engraving by Gustave Doré, *The Confusion of Tongues*, c.1868

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Thursday, 24 November

12:45 Registration

13:15 Introduction – Stéphane Guy  
room G04

13:45 Parallel Sessions

**Intellectuals and academics in the public space (I)**  
room A104 – Chair: Colin Tyler

Kjetil Ansgar Jakobsen (Nord Universitet, Norway)  
*Changing the World with 'Centres of Happiness': Gabriel Tarde, Henri Bergson and Albert Kahn*

Ewa Bińczyk (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, Poland)  
*The Critical Role of Academia in the Anthropocene*

Farouk Lamine (Université d'Angers, France)  
*On the danger of ideology: Orwell's criticism of the English left-wing intellectuals.*

**The Challenge of Complexity in the democratic age**  
room G04 – Chair: Peterson Nnaji

Ceyhan Gürkan (Ankara University, Turkey)  
*Economics and Power in a New Light with Foucault and Beyond (online)*

Edmund Neill (New College of the Humanities at Northeastern University, London, UK)  
*Power and Knowledge in British Conservatism since the 1980s (online)*

Marlyse Pouchol (Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne, et Laboratoire Clersé, Université de Lille, France)  
*Arendt et Hayek, deux sortes d'opposition au mythe de la caverne*

15:15 Coffee Break

15:35 Claude Gautier  
Université Lumière Lyon-2, France  
*Retour sur une controverse à propos de la neutralité axiologique des sciences humaines et défense du pluralisme*  
Keynote room G04  
Chair: Françoise Orazi

16:50 Parallel Sessions

**Intellectuals and academics in the public space (II)**  
room A104 – Chair: Pauline Collombier

Camille Martinerie (Aix-Marseille Université, France)  
*Power, Knowledge and the White Left in South Africa: Re-Examining the Role of Radical Academics in the Liberation Struggle through a Case Study in Historical Studies (1960-1990)*

Kathy Lockett (University of Cape Town, South Africa)  
*Contestations over Power/Knowledge in a (Post-) Colonial Society: the Clash between Education Development and the Rhodes Must Fall Movement at the University of Cape Town (2015-2016)*

Nadine André (Université Grenoble Alpes, France)  
*La figure de l'expert dans la politique afghane des autorités britanniques dans les années 1830-1850 (online)*

**Ideologies of progress and the battlefield of history**  
room G04 – Chair: Arnaud Page

Iason Zarikos (National University of Athens, Greece)  
*Immobilized Knowledge: on History and Power as Time Runs Out*

Rebeca Gomez Betancourt (Université Lumière Lyon 2, France) and Guillaume Valet (Université Grenoble-Alpes, France)  
*How to Promote the Common Good through a New "Business Ethics": The Contribution of Charlotte Perkins Gilman (online)*

Aude Attuel (Centre d'Histoire du XIXe siècle | Sorbonne Université/Panthéon Sorbonne & CRICES | Institut Catholique d'Etudes Supérieures (ICES))  
*Lord Acton et le dogme de l'Infaillibilité Pontificale : La fin de l'histoire ?*

Thursday evening dinner for all participants (included in registration fee) at Grand Café Foy at 1 Place Stanislas, starting at 19:30

Friday, 25 November

9:00 Plenary Session – room G04

**Citizenship, knowledge and liberalism – Chair: Stéphane Guy**

Stamatoula Panagakou (University of Cyprus)  
*Knowledge and the Good Life: R. B. Haldane on Ethical Citizenship, the Common Good and the Role of Education*

Colin Tyler (University of Hull, UK)  
*Knowledge and Power in a Civic Democracy: British Idealist and New Liberal Critiques of J.S. Mill and Herbert Spencer*

Alessandro Dividus (University of Pisa, Italy)  
*The League of Learning Project: H. Jones' Reflections on the Relationship between Knowledge, Power and State*

Janusz Grygień (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, Poland):  
*Experts, Laypeople and the Survival of Liberal Democracy*

10:50 Coffee Break

11:10 Plenary Session – room G04

**Struggles for knowledge and freedom**  
Chair: Rafał Soborski

Samuel Harrison (University of Cambridge, UK)  
*Citizenship as a 'Technology of Government' in Revolutionary France*

Françoise Orazi (Université Lumière Lyon-2, France)  
*The Theoretical Knowledge behind Identity Politics: a Criticism of Power*

Cyril Hédoin (Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne, France)  
*Liberal Perfectionism and Epistocracy*

12:30 Lunch Break in room A015 (ground floor, A block | included in registration fee)

13:45 Duncan Kelly  
Cambridge University, UK  
*Wartime for the Planet?*

Keynote room G04  
Chair: Stéphane Guy

15:00 Parallel Sessions

**The politics of education I – room A104**

**Chair: John-Erik Hansson**

**Richard Somerset (Université de Lorraine, France)**

*The Second Reform Act and Curricular Innovation: the 'Content of Culture' Debate*

**Pauline Collombier (Université de Strasbourg, France)**

*Linking Irish Home Rule, Education and Democracy: John Francis Maguire (1815-1872) and his Novel The Next Generation (1871)*

**Anneliese Ng (University of Hong Kong)**

*The Power of "The Best Knowledge": Constituting State Citizens in Matthew Arnold's Culture and Anarchy (online)*

**Populism vs elitism – room G04**

**Chair: Cyril Hédoïn**

**Aymen Boughanmi (University of Kairouan, Tunisia)**

*Democratization as a Threat to Democracy: the Epistemological Challenges*

**Giuseppe Ballaci (University of Minho, Portugal) and Jan Biba (Charles University, Czech Republic)**

*Populism and Technocracy: An Uneasy Alliance*

**Roger Bautier (Université Sorbonne Paris Nord, France)**

*La maîtrise problématique du langage et de la communication au sein de l'espace public*

16:20 Coffee Break

16:40 Parallel Sessions

**Economic epistemology and institutionalizing economic knowledge**

**room A 104**

**Chair: Jean-Daniel Boyer**

**Francesco Sergi (Université Paris Est Créteil, France) and Aurélien Goutsmedt (UCLouvain, Belgique)**

*The Different Paths of Scientization at the Bank of England*

**Myriam Boussahba-Bravard (Université Le Havre Normandie, France)**

*Emerging Gendered Knowledge Desperately Seeking Acknowledgement*

**Party politics and the uses of knowledge**

**room G04**

**Chair: Peterson Nnajifor**

**Bianca Polo del Vecchio (Université de Strasbourg, France)**

*Following the Leaders? Parties' Influence over their Supporters at the Brexit Referendum*

**Dimitris Dimitriou (Université Lumière Lyon-2, France)**

*A New Form of Mass Surveillance? NHS Personal Data Policy and the Prediction of Human Behaviour (online)*

**Raphaël Ramos (Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3)**

*Renseignement stratégique et pouvoir politique aux Etats-Unis depuis 1947: de la marginalisation à la politisation*

**Friday evening main conference dinner only for participants having reserved (NOT included in basic registration fee) at l'Excelsior at 50 rue Henri Poincaré, starting at 19:30**

**Saturday, 26 November**

**9:30 Ben Jackson**  
Oxford University, UK

*How important was Knowledge Production to the Rise of Neoliberalism? (online)*

**Keynote room A233b**  
**Chair: Colin Tyler**

10:45 Coffee Break

11:05 Plenary Session – room A233b

**The politicisation of science**

**Chair: Richard Somerset**

**Carla Larouco Gomes (University of Lisbon, Portugal)**

*'Scientifically Grounded' or how Contesting Ideologies Resorted to Scientific Knowledge for Vindication in Victorian England*

**Jean-Michel Yvard (Université d'Angers, France)**

*From Social Darwinism to Eugenics: Political and Ideological Uses of Biological Science in Great-Britain in the Victorian Period*

**Arnaud Page (Sorbonne Université, France)**

*Sustaining Power? Edward Smith and Dietaries in British Workhouses and Prisons (1860s)*

**12:25 Lunch Break in room A015 (ground floor, A block | included in registration fee)**

13.40 Parallel Session

**The politicisation of education II**

**A235a – Chair: Vanessa Boulet**

**John-Erik Hansson (Université Paris Cité, France)**

*Radicalising Children's Education in the Romantic Period: William Godwin's Pedagogical Theory and Practice*

**Pushpa Kumbhat (Newman University, Birmingham, UK)**

*Whose knowledge? Whose power? Whose democracy? Adult Education and the Changing Political Balance of Class Power in Britain (1900 – 1923)*

**Svorad Zavarský (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia)**

*University, Knowledge and Power in the Early Eighteenth-Century Kingdom of Hungary*

**Fundamental principles of political economy**

**room A233b – Chair: Ecem Okan**

**Roberto Rossi (Università degli Studi di Salerno, Italy)**

*Enlightenment and Capitalism: Technocratic Models and Practices between Spain and the New World in the 18th Century (online)*

**Aris della Fontana (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy 1 Université de Lausanne, Switzerland)**

*The Power of "Useful Truths": Political Economy and the Reshaping of Political Debate in Enlightenment Venice (1765–1797)*

**Jean-Daniel Boyer (Université de Strasbourg, France)**

*Governing interests and transforming France into a commercial power - the strategies of Vincent de Gournay and his circle to reform the economy of the kingdom of France (1751-1758)*

15.00 Conclusion – room A233b

15.45 Guided tour – Art Nouveau in Nancy

