MAISON FRANÇAISE D'OXFORD

Fear(s), Silence(s) : Subjects or Obstacles for History ?

Whether one studies contemporary history or ancient times, fear and silence are feelings, concepts and a type of behaviour one has to deal with. They can be detected between the lines in the archives and in the living memory of witnesses. How do we deal with these subtle elements ? Can we make use of them ? Do they help or disturb the research ? Such are some of the leads this workshop would like to explore through a theoretical point of view or study cases. The first day will be devoted to fear as a matter of history and also to the methodological problems it arises. The roundtable of the following morning will allow a discussion between the speakers and with the floor as well.

Monday 21 November

10.00-10.15 Introduction

Morning Session: Fear as a Matter of History

10.15-10.45 Robin Briggs (All Souls College) : *Measuring Early Modern Fear: A Critique of Delumeau and others*

11.00 Tea/Coffee

11.15-11.45 Anne-Marie Granet (UPMF, Grenoble) : *Le temps menaçant : gérer, apprivoiser, susciter la peur*

11.45-12.15 François Walter (Genève) : *Le rôle des peurs collectives dans la gestion des catastrophes entre le XVIIIe siècle et le XXe siècle*

12.15-12.30 Discussion

Afternoon Session: Fear, Silence, Guilt

14.00-14.30 Johann Chapoutot (UPMF, IUF, Grenoble) : *National-Socialism or The Politics of Fear*

14.30-15.00 Mercedes Vilanova (Barcelona) : *Peur et culpabilité après Mauthausen*

15.00-15.30 Laurent Douzou (MFO) : *Les silences d'un « grand témoin » : Jean-Pierre Vernant et l'expérience de la Résistance*

15.30-16.00 Discussion

Tuesday 22 November

10.00-12.00 **Roundtable** : Robin Briggs, Johan Chapoutot, Laurent Douzou, Anne-Marie Granet, Mercedes Vilanova, François Walter.

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- ALL WELCOME -

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