

LES CADAVRES ET LEUR DESTRUCTION

CORPSES AND DESTRUCTION

1ST ANNUAL & INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
OF THE RESEARCH PROGRAMME
CORPSES OF MASS VIOLENCE AND GENOCIDE



This workshop is concerned with the first phase of the research programme “**Corpses of mass violence and genocide**”: Corpses and Destruction. Indeed, in the context of mass violence and genocide, death does not constitute the end of the executors’ work. Following the abuses carried out by the perpetrators, their victims’ corpses are treated and manipulated in very particular ways, amounting in some cases to true social engineering; this phase is remarkably little documented in existing research. This conference aims therefore to explore the phase of corpses’ destruction, across a range of extreme situations including mass cremations, concealment, profanation, displacement or re-burials. Focused on the 20th century, this workshop will seek to reevaluate the motivations, the ideological frameworks and the technical processes displayed in the destruction of corpses, taking a comparative and instrumental perspective which promises to open up new avenues of research in mass violence and genocide studies.

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