

tosc@paris.2019 – Call for papers



3rd transnational opera studies conference

**paris
27-29 june 2019**

Founded in Bologna in 2015 on the model of other events that focus on a specific area of study (the Medieval and Renaissance Music Conference, Baroque Music Conference, etc.), tosc@ is a biennial meeting designed to give scholars, artists and opera lovers from different countries the opportunity to come together.

Open to all approaches, forms, genres and periods, the tosc@ conference aims to unite the excellence and boldness of contemporary research on opera and musical theatre in general.

The conference moves from place to place, encouraging the presence of contributors from the host countries, enlarging the circle of its participants and promoting encounters between cultures and sensibilities.

In this way it hopes to foster interest in opera studies in the younger generation of researchers, be they musicologists or scholars from other disciplines.

Papers may be given in the language(s) of the host country or in English. Everyone is invited to take part, regardless of their professional status.

As in other events of this kind, participants and spectators take responsibility for their own expenses; registration fees, however, are kept as low as possible.

The name of the conference is an acronym:

Transnational

Opera

Studies

Conference

@

with the final word referring to the host city.

THE THIRD CONFERENCE: tosc@paris.2019

Following the success of the first two meetings (tosca@bologna.2015 and tosc@bern.2017), the third edition of the tosc@ conference will take place in Paris, France, from 27 to 29 June 2019.

The event will be organised by the University of Paris 8, and hosted at the Opéra de Paris and the Institut national d'histoire de l'art, in partnership with the Bibliothèque nationale de France and the Musée du Louvre.

It will also be an opportunity to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the Opéra de Paris. Thus, tosc@paris.2019 will engage directly with current theatrical production, encouraging fertile exchanges between researchers, artists, spectators, theatre professionals and other players of the operatic stage who contribute to its influence and success.

The Programme Committee will consist of:

Joy H. Calico (Vanderbilt University)
Georgia Cowart (Case Western Reserve University)
Céline Frigau Manning (Université Paris 8 – Institut universitaire de France)
Sarah Hibberd (University of Bristol)
Kordula Knaus (Universität Bayreuth)
Hervé Lacombe (Université Rennes 2)
Isabelle Moindrot (Université Paris 8)
Emanuele Senici (Sapienza - Università di Roma)

Céline Frigau Manning and Isabelle Moindrot are also the conference organizers.

CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite submissions for 20-minute papers on any subject related to opera and other forms of musical and music theatre.

Methodologies may be varied, traversing disciplines and perspectives: verbal text, music, drama, performance, interpretation, declamation, painting, scenography, dance, staging, stage technology, cinema, photography, video, television, radio, digital arts, as well as reception, historiography, economics, ecology, opera and society, opera and the media, opera and the other arts, etc.

On the occasion of the 350th anniversary of the Opéra de Paris, proposals focusing on operatic institutions, their history and current perspectives, and in particular on the Opéra de Paris, are encouraged. Proposals that engage with the question of opera in a globalised world, as well as transnational perspectives, will also be of particular interest to the committee.

Preference will be given to proposals that explore questions and problematics, rather than simply offering descriptive accounts.

Proposals may be in English, French, German or Italian. They must be submitted as a Word file (“.doc” or “.docx” – not “.pdf”), and must include the following:

- author’s full name
- country and institution
- e-mail address
- paper title
- abstract of no more than 350 words

Abstracts should include all necessary information that will allow the Programme Committee to evaluate the paper’s quality and originality and its potential as an oral presentation.

Presentations which integrate performative aspects, or other atypical formats, are welcome.

Proposals must be submitted as attachments by email to:

paristosc@gmail.com
by 30 September 2018

Everyone submitting a proposal will be sent a confirmation email; if you do not receive a notification within six days, please resend the proposal.

All abstracts will be anonymised before being evaluated by the Programme Committee. Do not to include any information in your abstract that could reveal your identity (such as “As I have shown in my earlier article...”).

All those who have submitted a proposal will be notified of the outcome by the beginning of January 2019.

Following acceptance by the Programme Committee, there will be an opportunity to revise abstracts before their publication in the conference programme.

tosc@lab –THE “ABSTRACTS” WORKSHOP

Those who want to improve their proposals in accordance with the expectations of an international committee may participate in an “Abstracts” workshop in Paris **on 4 June 2018**. The working languages of the workshop will be mainly French and English, but those who intend to submit a proposal in German or Italian are of course welcome.

Typically, an academic abstract should include a clear statement of the topic and research question(s), contextualised within existing knowledge; a summary of the argument, evidence and conclusions; and an explanation of why the topic and findings are important.

To participate, please register by sending an email to the address paristosc@gmail.com, indicating in the subject-line “Registration for the Parisian tosc@lab”, before **20 May 2018**.

An international committee, independent of the Programme Committee, will run the workshop. The members of the tosc@lab are:

Laura Moeckli (Universität Bern)
Laura Naudeix (Université Rennes 2)
Carmel Raz (Columbia University - Max Planck Institute for Empirical Aesthetics)
Thierry Santurenne (Paris)
Flora Willson (King's College London)

Those unable to travel to Paris may receive feedback on their proposals in a virtual form from Roger Parker (King's College London) and the tosc@lab committee between 1 and 15 June 2018. To participate, please register by sending an email to the address paristosc@gmail.com, indicating in the subject-line "Registration for the Virtual tosc@lab", before **20 May 2018**.

FEES

As with other events of this kind, participants (speakers and spectators) will be required to pay for themselves. The precise registration fee will depend on the number of participants, and will be confirmed when the notification of accepted papers is sent; it will, however, be no more than €100, and will include three buffet lunches.

THE tosc@paris.2019 AWARD

The Programme Committee will offer an award for the best paper presented by a junior scholar at the conference. All those born after 1984, and whose papers are accepted for the conference, will be eligible.

Those who wish to be considered for this award must submit the final version of their paper to the Programme Committee (accompanied by any musical examples, images, etc.) to paristosc@gmail.com by 20 May 2019.

The tosc@paris.2019 award will be awarded at the end of the event (29 June 2019) by Marco Beghelli (Università di Bologna), founder of the Transnational Opera Studies Conference and organizer of the first edition (tosc@bologna.2015).

The winner will be invited to submit the oral presentation as a full article for publication in a prominent international peer-reviewed journal, and will be invited to present a new paper at a plenary session of the fourth edition of tosc@.

CALENDAR

- 20 April 2018: Publication of the CFP
- 20 April-20 May 2018: Online registration for the tosc@lab
- 1-15 June 2018: Virtual tosc@lab
- 4 June 2018: tosc@lab in Paris
- 30 September 2018: Deadline for the candidates' submissions
- Early January 2019: Announcement of the results
- 20 May 2019: Deadline for submissions to the tosc@paris.2019 award
- 20 May-20 June 2019: Evaluation of young researchers' papers
- 27-29 June 2019: tosc@paris.2019