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WORKSHOP - 16 AND 17 OCTOBER 2025



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PROGRAMME

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THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 9am-5.30pm

9am Welcome

9.15 Introduction : **Marie Lezowski** (Université d'Angers, Institut Universitaire de France)

Session 1. Cross-qualifications and procedures: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Moderator : **Thomas Boullu** (Université de Strasbourg)

9.30-10.10 **Vincenzo Lavenia** (Università di Bologna) : *A lacerated body. Pisa, 1568 (Trial for sodomy, pontificate of Pius V)*

10.10-10.50 **Silvia Mostaccio** (Université catholique de Louvain) : *The dismissed from the Society of Jesus for 'abuse': an exploratory study through the* dimissi *(Italy, 17th century)*

10.50 Coffee-Tea break

11-11.40 **Inès Anrich** (Université Lumière Lyon 2) : *Qualifications and procedures of the* Direction des Cultes *and lay tribunals for violence committed by clerics (France, 19th century)*

11.40-12.30 Round-table discussion

Session 2. Regards, reports or discreet accommodations: 2pm to 5.30pm

Moderator : **Camille Lefebvre** (CNRS-EHESS)

2-2.40 **Enora Peronneau Saint-Jalmes** (Archives de Paris) : *The neighbourhood, victim and witness of sexual violence by parish priests under the* Ancien Régime *(secular criminal sources, France, 18th century)*

2.40-3.20 **Giacomo Ghedini** (Istituto Storico Italo-Germanico, Trente, Fondazione Bruno Kessler) : *Cases of African children as victims or witnesses of sexual violence committed by European clerics (Senegal, Sudan - Italy, France, 19th century)*

3.20 Coffee-Tea break

3.50-4.30 **Caroline Muller** (Université Rennes 2, Institut Universitaire de France) : *Dynamics of reporting: observing violence committed by clerics at parish level (France, 19th-early 20th centuries)*

4.30-5.30 Round-table discussion

FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER 9.30am - 4.30pm

Session 3. Relations of domination, unthought to be revealed: 9.30am-12.30pm

Moderator : **Céline Béraud** (EHESS)

9.30-10.10 **Marion Philip** (Université de Genève, FNS) : *Priestly masculinity and the specific nature of sexual violence by secular priests (sources from the Paris diocesan courts, 1600-1750)*

10.10-10.50 **Vincenzo Lagioia** (Università di Bologna) : *Sexual abuse of children and young people by clerics in early modern Italy (16th-17th centuries)*

10.50 Coffee-Tea break

11-11.40 **Marie Lezowski** (Université d'Angers, Institut Universitaire de France) : *Violence by confessors in convents (inquisitorial sources for 'solicitation', Modena, 1605-1725)*

11.40-12.30 Round-table discussion

Session 4. Colonial Catholicism and sexual violence: 2pm-4.30pm

Moderator : **Yves Denéchère** (Université d'Angers)

2-2.40 **Charlotte de Castelnau-L'Estoile** (Sorbonne Université) : *Missionary clergy and sexuality: reflections from inquisitorial and Jesuit sources (Peru and Brazil, 16th century)*

2.40-3.20 **Jaime Gouveia** (Universidade de Coimbra) : *Sexual violence by confessors against enslaved Christians in the Portuguese Atlantic and the action of the Inquisition (Portuguese Empire, 16th-18th centuries)*

3.20-4.30 Round-table discussion and editorial prospects