

a WORLD in MOTION

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Friday 12 Dec 2025
The American University of Paris
Room Q-801 6, Rue du Colonel Combes
75007 Paris

9:00 am: Breakfast

9:30-9:45 am: Opening remarks

9:45-11:15 am : North-western border

- Alison Smith (University of Toronto) “*Ingria/Ingermanland/Izhora/Inkeri: From “Empty” Space to Showcase for Imperial Rule in the Eighteenth Century*”
- Tamara Polyakova (University of Eastern Finland, Karelian Institute) “*Feeding Karelians as a Foreign Policy*”

11:15 -11:30 am: coffee break

**11:30-1:00 pm: Imperial Policy Making:
Comparative Perspective I**

- Yevhen Yashchuk (University of Oxford) “*Internalizing an External International Crisis in Imperial Borderlands: Everyday Life in Kyiv and Lviv between 1875 and 1878*”
- Nataliya Sureva (BridgeBSR) “*Colonising Europe’s Edge: State-Driven Transformation in Banat and the Black-Sea Steppe under Habsburg and Romanov Rule, 1750–1830*”

1:00-2:00 pm: lunch

**2:00-3:30 pm : Imperial Policy Making:
Comparative Perspective II**

- Masha Cerovic (EHESS) “*Imperial frontier: the Russian-Ottoman entanglement in Anatolia (1877-1918)*”
- Niccolò Pianciola (University of Padua) “*Bandits, Spies, and Migrants: Tsarist Military Intelligence and the Mobile Population of the Sino-Russian Borderlands, 1898-1914*”

3:30-3:45 pm: coffee break

3:45-5:15 pm: POWs and Refugees

- Brian Robert Fairley (University of Pittsburgh) “*From the Caucasus to the Tillenberg: Sounding Borders of Race and Nation on the Eastern Front*”
- Jo Laycock (University of Manchester) “*Beyond the Camp at Ba’quba: Armenian Refugees negotiating the Imperial “Shatterzone”*”

5:30-7:00 pm: Gregory Afinogenov (Georgetown University) “Odessa as a Postwar Project: Emigration, Displacement, and Colonialism on the Margins of Empire, 1792-1814”

7:00 pm : cocktail

Saturday 13 Dec 2025
Campus Condorcet - Centre de colloques,
Auditorium 150 | Place du Front Populaire,
93300 Aubervilliers

8:30–9:00 am: breakfast

9:00-11:15 am: Aftermath of the World War I

- Hanna Matt (University of Manchester) “*Crisis and Control: Responses to Displacement in Russian Turkestan During the First World War and its Aftermath*”
- Kārlis Sils (Södertörn University) “*Trajectories of Violence in Interwar Rīga: From Imperial Collapse to Post-Imperial Radicalisation*”

11:15-11:30 am: coffee break

11:30-1:10 pm: Post-World War II Displacements

- Nathalie Moine (CNRS/Centre Marc Bloch) “*Replacing German Settlers on the Left Bank of the Dniester: A Local History of Transnational Deportations, Rebirth, and Post-Soviet Collapse*”
- Diana Dumitru (Georgetown University) “*Hiding Patterns: Evasion and Postwar Justice in the Romanian–Soviet Borderlands*”
- Anna Tchintcharauli (Ilia State University) “*Soviet Forceful Resettlement Practices in Eyes of The Caucasus Highlanders*”

1:10-2:10 pm : lunch

2:10-3:30 pm : Focus on Diasporas

- Olga Khomenko (University of Oxford) “*Ukrainian Futures in Motion: Diasporic Nationhood and Transnational Activism in Manchurian Borderlands, 1932–1937*”
- Enrico Osvaldi (Georgetown University) “*Otchuzhdeniia, from extraterritoriality to necropolitics: Colonial Continuities in Soviet policymaking in China through the White Russian community, 1920–1929*”

3:30-3:45 pm : coffee break

3:45-6:00 pm: On the Afghan-Soviet Border

- Isabelle Linais-Aoulova (Science Po Paris) “*Kinship strategies, out-migration and Stalinist violence in the Soviet-Afghan borderland: a look from vernacular sources (1930s)*”
- Mejgan Massoumi (Carnegie Mellon University) “*Echoes Across the Border: Radio, Refuge, and the Cold War Soundscape in the Afghan-Soviet Borderlands*”

6:00-6:30 pm : concluding remarks

Restaurant

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**Eurasian Border Areas
in Times of War and Postwar,
from the Early Modern Period to the Present**



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