

Programme

"Nations, knowledge, ideologies from the 18th century to today"

Université de Lorraine - IDEA Nancy

14th-16th October 2026

IDEA – Axe "interdisciplinarité"

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Wednesday 14 October 2026 – Room G04, CLSH

1.30 pm: welcome

2 pm: introduction/opening: Stéphane Guy

2.30 pm: Plenary speaker – Stefan Berger, Ruhr-Universität Bochum: "History and the (re)construction of national identity in twentieth-century Britain, US and Australia – comparative perspectives"

Chair: Stéphane Guy

3.15 pm: break

3.30 pm. – 5 pm: Les savoirs et la construction de la nation // Shaping knowledge, framing nationhood - chair : Karina Wendling

• **Richard Somerset** (Université de Lorraine) - The power of the past: polemics of nationhood-construction in late 18th century England

• **Camille Auboin** (Université Paris Nanterre) - La 'question de l'alcool' dans les colonies allemandes

• **Rémi Boucay** (EHESS) - "A work that should grow with the country": military Science and national interests at the U.S.-Canada border in the 19th century.

5 pm-5.15 pm: break

5.45pm – 6.45 pm: Les savoirs et la construction de la nation (2) // Shaping knowledge, framing nationhood (2)

chair : André Kaenel

• **Elsbeth Heaman** (McGill University) - Knowledge and the American Multilateral Turn in 1940

• **Louise Dalingwater** (Sorbonne Université) - Nation and narration: The case of the National Health Service (NHS)

• **Émilie De Witte** (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle) - From Statistics to the Nation: The Invention of the "White Working Class" in British Knowledge on Educational Inequalities

7 pm: concert by the Ensemble Arcovivo

7.30 pm: cocktail

Thursday 15 October 2026 (morning)

8.15 am – 9 am: welcome

9 am - 10.30 am

Room G04

Les frontières au défi des savoirs, les savoirs au défi des frontières // Borderwork: frontiers and the shaping of knowledge– chair : Louise Dalingwater

• **Céline Sabiron** (Université de Lorraine) - The Making of National Identities: Travel Translation, Periodical Criticism and Franco-Scottish Mediations in the 1820s

• **Eyup Ozveren** (independent scholar / Middle East Technical University), **Alp Kaya** (Ege University) & **Ozgur Erdem** (Dokuz Eylul University ; REMOTE) -The Drivers and Limits of the Shift from French to German Influence in Turkish Economic Thought

• **Trung Thien Kim Nguyen** (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle) - From Hutcheson to Reid: The National Dimensions of Knowledge in the Scottish Enlightenment

Exhibition Room - Bibliothèque Universitaire

Éducation, enseignement et disciplines au service de la nation // Tools in the service of nationhood : education, pedagogy, disciplines– chair : Richard Somerset

• **Yuetong Li** (Cambridge University)- Merely Auxiliary? The Hilfswissenschaften and the Hierarchy of National Historical Knowledge in Germany, 1830–1900

• **Michael Schiefelbein** (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn) - Landscapes, Bodies and Written Artifacts: On the geophilosophical Principles of historiography and institutionalised teaching of history in early Israel

• **Alessandro Dividus** (University of Turin) - Meritocracy as a Technology of National Legitimation: Institutions, Elites, and the Politics of Selection

10.30 am-11 am- break

Room G04

11 am – 12.30 pm: Situer la frontière: politiques de la géographie // Situating the frontier: the politics of geography –

chair: Marilyne Brun

• **Jean Dellemotte** (Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne)- Quatre nuances d'eurocentrisme : regards du XVIII^e siècle sur le retard économique des populations autochtones

• **Reia Farrall-Anquet** (Université de Nouvelle Calédonie)- Australia and the Indo-Pacific: Knowledge, Anxiety, and Naming

• **Laura Singeot** (Université de Tours)- Truth-Telling Beyond the Nation: Decolonial Knowledges and Conflicting Histories in Sharlene Allsopp's The Great Undoing (2024)

12.30 pm – 2pm: lunch

Thursday 15 October 2026 (afternoon)

Room G04 - CLSH

2 pm - 3pm: Plenary speaker – Guy Beiner, Boston College and Venice International University
“Pour tous il est bon de savoir oublier”: Commemorative Forgetfulness and Cultural Nationalism”
Chair: Pauline Collombier

3.15 pm - 4.45 pm

Room G04

Représenter ou idéaliser la nation ? // Representing or idealizing the nation? – chair : François Doppler-Speranza
• **Laurie Bréban** (Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne)- De la fiction à la pratique coloniales : le projet utopique de Vasco de Quiroga
• **Emilie Seguin** (Université Gustave Eiffel) - Painting the territory and defining the contours of the nation: J.M.W. Turner's Picturesque Views in England and Wales
• **Joachim Danaxon** (Université Grenoble Alpes) - Redéfinir la civilisation, combattre la barbarie : le journalisme comme instrument de contestation des discours coloniaux européens et du pouvoir monarchique dans le Royaume du Nord d'Haïti

Exhibition Room - Bibliothèque Universitaire

National or universal categories of knowledge? – chair: Eleanor Parkin Coates
• **Juliana Lopoukhine** (Sorbonne Université) – Stateless writers: challenging national classifications
• **Lise Jaillant** (Université de Lorraine) – Archives and AI: Rethinking National and Imperial Narratives in the Digital Age
• **Julie Mommeja** (Université de Lorraine) – A New Cyber-Nation : Ideologies and Utopias of a Cyberspace Under Construction

4.45 pm-5.15 pm: break

5.15 pm-6.45 pm

Room G04

La nation au croisement de la théorie et de la pratique (2) // Nationhood : theory and praxis (2)– chair : to be announced (Room G04) – chair : Julie Mommeja
• **Colin Tyler** (University of Hull) - The Role of Knowledge(s) in National Reconstruction: Viscount (R.B.) Haldane, philosopher ideologue, and institutional economist
• **Cyril Hédoïn** (Université Reims Champagne-Ardenne) - The Borders of Public Reason: National Identity and Nationalism in Public Reason Liberalism
• **Philippe Cauvet** (Université Bourgogne Europe) - Science, nation & democracy: rethinking Irish constitutional nationalism's approach to partition after Sunningdale

7.30 pm: Gala dinner (Café Foy)

Friday 16 October 2026

8.15 am – 8.45 am: welcome

Room G04 - CLSH

8.45 am- 9.45 am: Plenary speaker - Richard Bourke, University of Cambridge: “Europe in Universal Histories from Voltaire to Hegel”
Chair: Stéphane Guy

9.45 am - 11:15 am

Nation et économie : du concept à la discipline économique // Economics and the nation: emergence of a discipline – chair : Vanessa Boulet
• **Marc Deschamps & Joël Ravix** (Université Marie and Louis Pasteur) - Retour sur l'idée d'économie politique nationale
• **Quentin Savignat** (Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne)- The Nation in the economic thought: from an political concept to an economic concept, from Adam Smith to Friedrich List (1776-1841)
• **Marlyse Pouchol** (Université de Reims Champagne Ardennes)- The Nation and the Concept of Society in the History of Economic Thought

11.15 am-11.30 am: break

11.30 am-12.30 pm: round table – chair : Philippe Cauvet
Karine Bigand (Aix Marseille Université), Pauline Collombier (Université de Lorraine), Karin Fischer (Université d'Orléans) : “Nation building on the island of Ireland : narratives and mediators”/ « Constructions nationales sur l'île d'Irlande : récits et passeurs »

12. 20 pm-12.40 pm: closing remarks
12.40 - 2pm: lunch

3 pm- 5pm: guided tour of Nancy.