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## CONSTRUCTION DES IDÉOLOGIES SÉANCE 6 :

« LE TRAVAILLISME BRITANNIQUE DES  
ANNÉES 1990 À NOS JOURS: ENTRE  
CONSTANTES ET MUTATIONS »

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Campus LSH (Nancy), salle A311 et *via* [Teams](#)

# PRÉSENTATION

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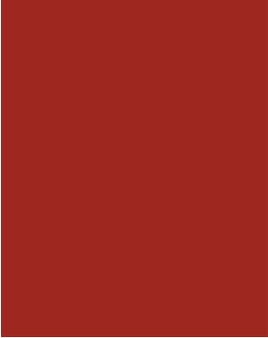
## **Drivers and patterns of ideological change in the British Labour Party**

Since the 1990s, the Labour Party has undergone a number of massive swings in its ideological outlook. From the advent of the New Labour regime, through to the Miliband years, the Corbynism experiment and now the Starmer leadership, the party's programme has displayed a striking pattern of rapid and profound changes. This presentation will investigate the extent to which successive leaderships have sought and managed to bring about paradigmatic policy changes, focussing on both the forms which these metamorphoses took and their causes, and taking into account the interaction between environment, frames of reference and forms of managerial control.

Emma Bell (Université Savoie Mont-Blanc)

## **Reimagining the State under Corbyn: Constructing a new ideological paradigm?**

The Labour Party is often considered to be ideologically wedded to the State which has long been regarded as a useful tool for realising social and economic reform. Yet, the Labour left has also been a long-standing critic of the institutional form of the British State and of the notion of parliamentary sovereignty. When Corbyn was elected to the leadership of the party in 2015, there was much discussion about how the Labour Party might radically reinvent the State in a more democratic direction and thus establish a new ideological paradigm. Moving beyond traditional liberal and socialist conceptions of the State, a new relationship between the State, the market and civil society was conceptualised. This paper discusses Labour's stance on social, economic and political democracy since 2015 to determine whether Corbyn has left a significant ideological legacy that might still be drawn upon under the leadership of Keir Starmer.



# INTERVENANTS

**Emmanuelle Avril** is Professor of Contemporary British Politics and Society at the Sorbonne Nouvelle University. Her main line of research is intra-party democracy, organisational change, political leadership and mobilisation within the Labour Party, which has come to include the study of the impact of new technologies on party membership, activism and political participation in general. She is the current director of the Centre for Research in the English-speaking world (CREW). Her publications include *Labour United and Divided from the 1830s to the Present* (Manchester University Press, 2018, co-edited with Y. Béliard).

**Emma Bell** is Professor of Contemporary British Politics at Savoie Mont-Blanc University in Chambéry, France. She has published widely in the UK and France on authoritarianism in the British State in journals such as the *Observatoire de la Société Britannique*, *Race and Class* and *Socialism and Democracy*. She is the author of *Criminal Justice and Neoliberalism* (Palgrave, 2011) and *Soft Power and Freedom under the Coalition* (Palgrave, 2015) and a founding editor of the journal *Justice, Power and Resistance*. Her current research focuses on new forms of democracy and challenges to state authoritarianism.

