



Seminar

Gay and Lesbian lives in Europe during the Second World War (history, memory, remembrance)

*Organised by the "Laboratoire d'Excellence - Ecrire une histoire nouvelle de l'Europe"
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Paris, CNRS

3 Rue Michel-Ange, 16th Arrdt

(9.30 am-6.00 pm)

How did gay men and lesbian women in Europe live during the Second World War? How should their persecution be remembered?

Nowadays it is known that during the Second World War, [homosexual persons](#) were arrested and deported from Germany. Anti-homosexual policies, however, were also developed in several other European countries, some of which, but not all, were under Nazi influence.

Very little research has been done into the scope of these policies, the scale of persecution, and the manner in which European towns and states remember this period. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of memorials for homosexual victims across our continent.

This international symposium, at the CNRS in Paris on 27 March 2015, aims to answer questions that so far have been left unanswered by combining the point of view of historians and experts in the policies of remembrance and memorials.

PROGRAMME

Words of Welcome

- 9.30 am **Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni**, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Prof. Eric Bussière**, Director of Labex EHNE, Paris Sorbonne
- Prof. Sandra Laugier**, Deputy Director of CNRS (SHS)

Keynote speakers

- 10.00 am **Dr. Carole Reich**, Advisor for the Council of Europe programme «Transmission of the Holocaust memory and prevention of crimes against humanity: a transversal approach»
- Eleni Tsetsekou**, Head of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Unit (SOGI), Council of Europe

Gays and Lesbians in countries occupied by Nazi Germany

- 10.30-10.50 am Introduction by **Régis Schlagdenhauffen**, PhD, Labex EHNE

- 10.50-11.10 am *Coffee Break*

- 11.10-12.30 pm Moderator: **Sandra Laugier** (*to be confirmed*)

New research on the situation of lesbians and gays in the following countries or territories (1936-45):

Austria	Johann Kirchknopf , PhD, University of Vienna
Hungary	Judit Takacs , PhD, Hungarian Academy of Sciences Budapest
Czechoslovakia (Sudetenland)	Jan Seidl , PhD, CEFRES, Prague
France (occupied Alsace-Moselle)	Frédéric Stroh , University of Strasbourg

- 12.30 – 2.00 pm *Lunch Break*

Gays and Lesbians in non-occupied Europe

- 2.00 – 2.15 pm Introduction and moderation by **Corine Defrance**, CNRS/Labex EHNE
- 2.15 – 4.00 pm New research on the situation of lesbians and gays (1936-45) in the following countries:
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| Italy | Lorenzo Benadusi , PhD, University of Bergamo |
| Spain | Raquel Osborne , Professor, UNED |
| Sweden | Jens Rydström , Prof, University of Lund |
| Soviet Union | Artur Clech , <i>Ecole des Hautes Etudes Sciences Sociales</i> |
- 4.00 pm *Coffee break*

Remembrance

- 4.30 pm Introduction by **Gabi-Dolff Bonekämper**, Professor, *Technische Universität* Berlin
- Round table with representatives of institutions (Congress) and cities that have a memorial (Amsterdam - Berlin - Paris - Tel Aviv) with the aim of creating a European network. (With **Serge Barcellini**, **Mattias Duyves**, **Adir Steiner**)

CONCLUSIONS

- 5.30 pm **Fabrice Virgili**, Director, 'Gender and Europe', *Laboratoire d'excellence « Ecrire une Histoire nouvelle de l'Europe »*, Sorbonne/CNRS
Jean Philippe Restoueix, Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Council of Europe

HOW TO PARTICIPATE ?

For safety reasons, it is recommended to proceed to a **free online registration** <https://www.inscription-facile.com/form/6DLv1TuMWFDebwwT607G>
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HOW TO COME ?

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