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Seminar Series on Modern North American History

September 2024 – May 2025

Invitation

**Emma Day
9 December 2024**

The political developments, societal transformations, cultural shifts, foreign policy initiatives, national security concerns, and international relations that originated from the US have left an indelible mark on the North American continent and the global landscape.

This hybrid seminar series, organized by the RIAS and the Sciences Po Center for History (CHSP) in Paris, forms a platform to explore these diverse and interconnected themes.

This series, one of very few of its kind in Europe, intersects with various significant historiographical trends, continuing the move towards a more integrated view of US and North American history. It pays special attention to the inclusion of global, imperial, transnational, and interconnected histories to reframe our understanding of the United States' place in the world and the emerging focus on international environmental history and issues.

The platform, which meets once a month in a hybrid format (online and in person), encourages active participation from doctoral students and aims to serve as an open and inclusive forum for discussing some of the most innovative recent scholarship. It aspires to bring together historians of different backgrounds and in different stages of their career, foster a historiographical and interdisciplinary conversation, and critically consider the contemporary societal and political ramifications of the historical events under discussion.



Coordinators:

- **Dario Fazzi (Leiden University / RIAS)**
- **Gaetano Di Tommaso (RIAS)**
- **Mario Del Pero (Sciences Po-Paris, Centre d'histoire)**
- **Olivier Burtin (Université de Picardie Jules Verne)**

Invitation

BEYOND PROCREATION: A NEW HISTORY OF REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE IN THE UNITED STATES

LECTURER Emma Day

DATE Monday, 9 December 2024 at 17:00 to 18:30 CET

LOCATION Online

Click on this [link](#) to register



Dr Emma Day is a Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellow at the Institute of the Americas, University College London. Her research focuses on the intersections between sexuality and gender and science and medicine in United States history. Her current research project, *Beyond Procreation: A New History of Reproductive Justice in the United States*, examines the creation and maintenance of the concept of 'reproductive health' and its role in shaping the politics of the gendered body in the United States since the nineteenth century. This work builds on her first book, *In Her Hands: Women's Fight Against AIDS in the United States* (California, 2023), which arose from doctoral research completed at the University of Oxford. Her research has also appeared in *Public Health and the American State*, ed. Di Tommaso, Fazzi, Scott-Smith (Edinburgh, 2024) and *Modern American History*, among others.

In her lecture, Dr. Day will explore how in the US, medical knowledge about the reproductive body was made around a range of reproductive experiences, in particular related to work done by gynaecologists active in the 19th century.

The lecture introduces my new research project, *Beyond Procreation: A New History of Reproductive Justice in the United States*. *Beyond Procreation* investigates the making of medical knowledge on the reproductive body in the United States. Examining research, treatment, and activism around a range of reproductive experiences, the research analyses the relationship between childbearing and the concept of reproductive health in United States history. The lecture will present the main research questions as well as the themes, methods, and approaches of the project. The lecture will also discuss my recent research into the work of nineteenth century gynaecologists whose efforts to shape gynaecological surgery as a distinct field of medical inquiry strengthened the association between reproductive health and fertility in a way that impacted future reproductive care.

To attend the lecture, please register [here](#).

Program

Monday, 23 September 2024, 17:00 – 18:30 CEST

- [Melani McAlister](#) (George Washington University), *Promises, Then the Storm: Notes on Memory, Protest, and the Israel-Gaza War*

Monday, 7 October 2024, 17:00 – 18:30 CEST

- [Jayita Sarkar](#) (University of Glasgow), *Global Southwests: Capital and Uranium in Africa and America*

Monday, 18 November 2024, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [James T. Sparrow](#) (University of Chicago)

Monday, 9 December 2024, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [Emma Day](#) (University College London), *Beyond Procreation: A New History of Reproductive Justice in the United States*

Monday, 27 January 2025, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [Evan McCormick](#) (Columbia University), *Remembering a Presidency: The Obama Presidency Oral History Project*

Monday, 17 February 2024, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [Joel Suarez](#) (Harvard University), *Towards a Global Labor History of the Volcker Shock: Mexico, Informality, and Undocumented Labor*

Monday, 24 March 2025, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [Evan Bonney](#) (Sciences Po-Paris), *Forestry and the Intermountain Experiment that Transformed Executive Power in the Age of Empire, 1897-1914*

Monday, 14 April 2025, 17:00 – 18:30 CEST

- [Gretchen Heefner](#) (Northeastern University), *'From the Red Desert to the Red Planet': Engineering the American Empire*

Monday, 19 May 2025, 17:00 – 18:30 CEST

- [Jeanine Quené](#) (Roosevelt Institute for American Studies), *The (Un)changing Nature of U.S. Women's Conservatism Across the Twentieth Century*



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