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# European Forum on US History

September 2025 – May 2026



The RIAS, in collaboration with six other European institutions, is launching the European Forum on US History, a new monthly hybrid seminar series on US history. Our partnership consists of the following research centres:

- American Studies Center, University of Warsaw (Warsaw, Poland)
- Centre d'Histoire de Sciences Po (Paris, France)
- Centro di Studi sugli Stati Uniti – LAB-USA (Bologna, Italy)
- Instituto Franklin-UAH (Alcalá, Spain)
- Roosevelt Institute of American Studies (Middelburg, Netherlands)
- Rothermere American Institute (Oxford, Great Britain)
- University of Southern Denmark (Odense, Denmark)

Together, our seven institutes will curate a rotating, hybrid seminar series that deepens historiographical and interdisciplinary exchange, broadens our geographic reach, diversifies scholarly voices, and creates new opportunities for joint workshops, doctoral mentoring, and collaborative publications. By fostering an inclusive platform for scholars and reaffirming our shared commitment to cutting-edge research on US history, we sustain vital cross-border collaboration at a moment when restrictions on academic freedom make such partnerships more essential than ever.

This series, one of the 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, encourages active participation from doctoral students and serves 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 careers, foster a historiographical and interdisciplinary conversation, and critically consider the contemporary societal and political ramifications of the historical events under discussion.

Five of the seven partner institutes are members of the American Studies Network (ASN), a consortium of European American studies centres affiliated with the European Association for American Studies (EAAS).

## **Members**

William Glass (American Studies Center)  
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## **Program Coordinator**

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# Invitation

## THE MEXICO CITY POLICY: FROM FAMILY PLANNING TO FAMILY VALUES

**LECTURER** Tom Meinderts

**DATE** Monday, 23 February at 17:00 to 18:30 CEST

**LOCATION** Online

Click on this [link](#) to register



**Tom Meinderts** is a PhD Candidate at **Sciences Po, Paris** and a lecturer at PPLE College, **University of Amsterdam**. His research investigates the confluence of American domestic politics and foreign policy in contemporary international history.

In 1984, the **Reagan Administration** announced the creation of the **Mexico City Policy**. Also known as the **Global Gag Rule**, the policy bars US funding from being used by NGOs that 'perform or promote' abortions. Since its enactment, it has been rescinded by every Democratic Administration and reinstated by every Republican Administration. My research analyses how one of the most partisan policies in American foreign relations was created and contested and it investigates the longer history of how the US shifted away from championing **international family planning** to **advocating for family values**.

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

# Program 2025-2026

## Monday, 22 September 2025, 15:30 – 17:00 CEST

- Roundtable, *Decentering the Study of U.S. History – A European Perspective*

## Monday, 27 October 2025, 17:15 – 18:45 CET

- [Beth Wilson](#) (Cardiff University), *Slavery, Gender and Emotions in the Antebellum US South*

## Monday, 24 November 2025, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [Francisco Rodríguez Jiménez](#) (University of Extremadura/University of Salamanca), *Trump's Foreign Policy*

## Monday, 26 January 2026, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [Sylwia Kuźma-Markowska](#) (University of Warsaw), *Laboring in America: Polish-American Women and Labor Migration (1890s-1930s)*

## Monday, 23 February 2026, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [Tom Meinderts](#) (Sciences Po-Paris), *Political Influence of the Christian Right on US Foreign Policy during the Reagan Administration (1981-1989)*

## Monday, 23 March 2026, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [Roberta Ferrari](#) (University of Bologna), *Poor People's Movement and the Debate on Social Planning in the US during the 1960s*

## Monday, 20 April 2026, 17:00 – 18:30 CEST

- [David E. Nye](#) (University of Southern Denmark), *The Great Energy Transition: American from 1876 to 1929*

## Monday, 18 May 2026, 17:00 – 18:30 CEST

- [Oliver Burtin](#) (Sciences Po-Paris/Université de Picardie Jules Verne), *The US Far Right In Historical Perspective*



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