

The London French: A Temporal and Spatial Mapping of the French Presence in the British Capital from the Seventeenth Century to the Present Day

Institut Français du Royaume Uni, Queensberry Place, London SW7

Dialogues du Centenaire

Friday 2 July 2010 14.00 – 19.00

Speakers: Professor Debra Kelly and Professor Martyn Cornick (Project Co-ordinators); Professor Robert Tombs; Professor Maire Cross; Professor Philippe Lane; Dr David Drake; Ms Elizabeth Randall; Ms Saskia Huc-Hepher.

Together with Representatives of London's French Communities; French Associations in London; French Press in London; French Chamber of Commerce; Alliance Francaise; City of London; French Business, Industry and Sport; Cultural Organisations; Educational Institutions; French Alumni Associations in London; Museum of London; BBC.

This Round Table event provides an opportunity to engage with initial discussions for a project that aims to bring together for the first time a social and cultural history of the French in London, exploring the multiple ways in which the presence of French citizens has contributed to the life of the city. It begins by outlining historical traces of the French in London: the capital often provided a place of refuge, for example, for the Huguenots in the late 17th century, various exiles following the French Revolution and throughout the 19th century, to the Free French in the Second World War. It also provides insights into the contemporary French population, particularly young French people seeking new opportunities in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. The project analyses the marks the French have made historically and continue to make on the contemporary life of London, in the arts, business, industry, education, the leisure and creative industries, and beyond. Within a dual historical and contemporary focus, it reviews and provides new research on the many intellectual and cultural exchanges that characterise the relationship between French migrant and host city.

PROGRAMME:

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Contributor</i> | <i>Title</i> |
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| 14.00 | Debra Kelly and Martyn Cornick | Introduction to 'The London French': a project in development |
| 14.20 | Elizabeth Randall | The Huguenots in |

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| 14.40 | Máire Cross | The July Monarchy and the Second Republic: Exiles and Gender |
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| 15.00 | Robert Tombs | The Terrible Year and after: refugees and exiles after 1870 |
| 15.20 | <i>Questions</i> | |
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| 15.40-16.00 | <i>Break</i> | |
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| 16.00 | Philippe Lane | Early Twentieth-Century Franco-British Cultural Diplomacy |
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| 16.20 | Martyn Cornick | The French in London in the Second World War |
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| 16.40 | David Drake | Raymond Aron and <i>La France Libre</i> |
| 17.00 | Debra Kelly and Saskia Huc-Hepher | Contemporary London French Lives and Experiences |
| 17.30 | <i>Questions/discussion</i> | |
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| 18.00-19.00 | <i>Wine reception</i> | |
| 19.00 | <i>Close</i> | |