

Vitality and Resilience. Creative Thinking as Survival and Research as Way of Life
Vitalité et Résilience. La créativité comme survie et la recherche comme style de vie

Society for French Studies Postgraduate Conference

Friday, 28th May 2021, on MS Teams

9.00 – 9.10 Introduction by Melissa Pawelski (Warwick, SFS Postgraduate Officer) and Julia Ribeiro S C Thomaz (Nanterre/EHESS, co-organiser)

9.10 – 9.55 **Keynote: Dr Emma Claussen (University of Cambridge)**

Living, Languishing, Surviving: Literary Vitality in Renaissance France

9.55 – 10.15 Questions and discussion with Emma

10.15 – 10.25 **BREAK**

PANEL 1: Language and Resilience / Langue et résilience

10.25 – 10.45 **Sarah Eichhorn (University of Nottingham)**

Reclaiming the 'langues de France': Comparing language practices and identity amongst Breton-speakers and Arabic-speakers in Brittany

10.45 – 10.55 Questions and discussion with Sarah

10.55 – 11.05 **William Smith (University of Sheffield)**

Deconstructing linguistic binaries in Djébar's 'L'Amour, La Fantasia' within sociolinguistic critiques of mother tongue ideology: advocating for a linguistic repertoire approach to language in postcolonial texts

11.05 – 11.15 Questions and discussion with William

11.15 – 11.25 **Daria Chernysheva (University College London)**

Creative Freedom in Translating the Poetry of Cécile Sauvage

11.25 – 11.35 Questions and discussion with Daria

11.35 – 12.35 **LUNCH**

PANEL 2: Community and vitality / Communauté et vitalité

12.35 – 12.55 **Dooshima Dugguh (University of Birmingham)**

Une étude du dynamisme et la résistance de la femme africaine dans trois romans francophone africains

12.55 – 13.05 Questions and discussion with Dooshima

- 13.05 – 13.25 **Alexandra Pugh (King's College London)**
The negotiation of hope and failure in Vernon Subutex by Virginie Despentes; and a reflection on queer utopianism at a time of crisis
- 13.25 – 13.35 Questions and discussions with Alexandra
- 13.35 – 13.45 **Sally Kessler (University of Minnesota-Twin Cities)**
A Critical Disability Studies Reading of Patrick Chamoiseau's 'L'Esclave vieil homme et le molosse'
- 13.45 – 13.55 Questions and discussions with Sally
- 13.55 – 14.15 **BREAK**
- 14.15 – 15.45 **Roundtable discussion**
Research as a way of life in times of a global pandemic / La recherche comme style de vie en temps de pandémie globale

An open, welcoming, and safe space to share stories about the ways in which our lives and research projects have been affected by the pandemic.

Moderated by the organisers Julia and Melissa
- 15.45 **Closing remarks**

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