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PROGRAMME

# MASTER HISTOIRE

## TRANSNATIONAL HISTORY

## WORKSHOP

**Professeur : Gerd-Rainer Horn**

**Semestre : Printemps 2017-2018**

Nombre d'heures : 12

Langue d'enseignement : Anglais

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**Session 1: What is Transnational History?** What are the characteristics of transnational history? How does it differ from comparative history? The promises and perils of transnational history. Introductory discussion of key concepts and issues.

**Session 2: Constructing Bibliographies**. Difficulties in finding published sources in 'foreign' countries when still abroad. How to build up a data base. How to get a hold of relevant books and journals before and/or during extended stays abroad.

**Session 3: Discovering Archives**. Varieties of archival cultures in different countries. Public and private archives. How to find archives. How to gain access to archives. Are there national peculiarities in archival cultures?

**Session 4: Practical Issues**. How to survive with limited initial knowledge (sometimes 'just' reading knowledge of relevant languages) and not look ridiculous. Special logistical problems of transnational research. The question of finances. The question of housing. When to put an end to different stages of research.

**Session 5: Dry Runs: Real and/or Imaginary Projects By Students**. Presentation of Real or Possible or Imaginary Final Paper or Mémoire Projects by Volunteer Students in this particular Workshop. Brief surveys of ideas and proposals by individuals enrolled in this class. There is no need to actually write a final paper on what volunteers propose. It is an open-ended exercise.

**Session 6: Case Study: European Socialism in the 1930s**. The fashioning of a doctoral research project. Based on actual experience by the Workshop Tutor when working on his dissertation: "European socialists respond to fascism: The drive towards unity, radicalisation and strategic innovation in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany and Spain, 1933-1936."

**Mode de validation**
50%: Participation in Class Discussion
50%: Analytical Book Review of a Transnational Study (Book or Significant Book Chapter/Article) - 1.500 words

**Readings:**
Padraic Kenney and Gerd-Rainer Horn, "Introduction: Approaches to the Transnational" in: Gerd-Rainer Horn and Padraic Kenney (eds.), *Transnational Moments of Change. Europe 1945, 1968, 1989* (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004), pp. ix-xix Gerd-Rainer Horn, "The Methodology and Practice of Transnational History – With Special Attention to Religious Studies", manuscript, forthcoming in volume on *Transnationalizing the History of Religious Education in the 19th and 20th Century*, pp. 1-15