



## École française d'Athènes Doctoral workshop

### PhD and advanced MA students

#### Call for applications

The École française d'Athènes, with the Centre d'Histoire des sociétés, des sciences et des conflits of Université de Picardie-Jules Verne and the Centre Alexandre Koyré (École des hautes études en sciences sociales) organize a doctoral workshop on the theme of wartime mobilities in Thessaloniki, Greece. The workshop is also open to advanced MA students.

#### Scientific program – Mobilities in Wartime

The doctoral workshop offers a framework for training and exchange on the theme of **Mobilities in Wartime**. Mobility is a central issue of the First World War, as it is for many contemporary conflicts. From 1914, the war causes massive displacements of populations, both civilian and military. Millions of soldiers - 75 million in 1918 - are mobilized on the European fronts, in the Mediterranean and in the Middle East. Uprootedness and adaptation to foreign contexts is the everyday experience of French, British and American expeditionary forces during the Great War. This is particularly the case on the Macedonian front, which constitutes a central but still understudied field of observation of this wartime experience involving metropolitan and colonial forces (Indian Army, Senegalese and Annamite Tirailleurs ...).

The extent of the front-line areas and the consequences of total war also provoke massive displacements of civilians, fleeing enemy armies or exactions on an unprecedented scale (Armenian genocide). The seminar will be an opportunity to examine how these diverse populations have experienced wartime uprootedness and even displacement. This experience of mobility could have an integrated multiplier aspect for individuals, whether one thinks of soldiers mobilized successively on different fronts or civilians facing prolonged exile in different places.

The administration of displaced and expatriated populations, civilians or military expeditionary forces, raises new issues for local, national authorities, or military alliances that seek to coordinate their action. This workshop will articulate and situate in a long-term perspective the particularities of wartime along with issues traditionally associated with migrant populations, such as :

- The journey: organization, modalities, routes
- Public policies, regulation and control
- Transformation of installation spaces: camps, reserved areas
- Hygiene, health and medical triage
- Logistics: accommodation, transport, refueling. Infrastructure development, spatial planning
- Return policies (of refugees, prisoners, returnees...)

The presence of these foreign populations leads to unprecedented social experiences, made of numerous exchanges with the local populations but also of tensions. Local economies are often disturbed by the presence of these new consumers (high cost of living, informal market).

The issue of mobility will also be examined from a cultural perspective. The question of links, those that people try to maintain with those close to them or those they form with the expatriate community or with local populations, is central to the expatriation experience. The displacement of populations during the war was thus an unprecedented moment of discovery of other populations and other cultures.

In Macedonia as elsewhere, the war appears as a key moment of crystallization of the identities and representations of the Other, which for example revisits an exotic imaginary. We will pay particular attention to the examination of the way wartime mobilities reconfigure gender relations, for example through the presence of almost exclusively male expeditionary forces.

The choice of the Macedonian Front as privileged ground of the sessions will be the opportunity to open the chronological framework to seize long-term stakes (colonial armies of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Balkan wars of 1912-1913, long-term mobilization of the expeditionary forces until the 1920s) and to open the reflection to conflicts after the First World War.

The seminar will be organized in thematic sessions on the subject of mobilities during and after the First World War. The Macedonian front will be used as a privileged, but not unique, case study of wartime mobilities.

Sessions will be held on-site in numerous historical and archival sites at Thessaloniki (such as the Zeitenlik cemetery, the Villa Kapadji, the port, the old Russian hospital, the Jewish community center). In addition to the seminar, excursions will be organized on the sites of the First World War around Thessaloniki.

**Working languages:** English and French. Active knowledge of one of the languages and at least passive knowledge of the other are required..

#### **Logistics:**

The seminar will take place in Thessaloniki, Greece, from **2 to 7 September 2019**.

The École française d'Athènes will cover food and lodging expenses in Thessaloniki.

PhD and master students will be responsible for their own travel arrangements to Thessaloniki.

Twelve spots will be reserved for students outside of Greece.

#### **Application process:**

- Application open to PhD and advanced MA (French Master 2) students  
=> Application deadline: **30 March 2019**  
=> Application file should contain:
  - A short CV: 1 to 2 pages
  - A short presentation of the PhD thesis
  - A short letter indicating the interest of participating in the seminar for the research and a letter of recommendation
- The application files are uploaded on the following website: <http://www.missions.efa.gr>

Follow this process

- Create an account
- Log in to your account with your email and provided password
- Choose “Gestion des demandes” => “Créer une demande” => “Candidature à un séminaire de formation doctorale” => Fill the form and attach the necessary pieces

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