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Seminar Series on Modern North American History

September 2024 – May 2025

Invitation

Evan McCormick
27 January 2025

The political developments, societal transformations, cultural shifts, foreign policy initiatives, national security concerns, and international relations that originated from the US have left an indelible mark on the North American continent and the global landscape.

This hybrid seminar series, organized by the RIAS and the Sciences Po Center for History (CHSP) in Paris, forms a platform to explore these diverse and interconnected themes.

This series, one of 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 (online and in person), encourages active participation from doctoral students and aims to serve 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 career, foster a historiographical and interdisciplinary conversation, and critically consider the contemporary societal and political ramifications of the historical events under discussion.



Coordinators:

- **Dario Fazzi (Leiden University / RIAS)**
- **Gaetano Di Tommaso (RIAS)**
- **Mario Del Pero (Sciences Po-Paris, Centre d'histoire)**
- **Olivier Burtin (Université de Picardie Jules Verne)**

Invitation

REMEMBERING A PRESIDENCY: THE OBAMA PRESIDENCY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

LECTURER Evan D. McCormick

DATE Monday, January 27, 2025 at 17:00 to 18:30 CET

LOCATION Online

Click on this [link](#) to register



Evan McCormick is Associate Research Scholar and Director of Research at Incite Institute at Columbia University. As a historian of the United States and the World, Evan directed the study of the the Obama presidency in a global context for the Obama Presidency Oral History project and now leads several projects on the relationship between states and movements. His scholarship has appeared in *Diplomatic History* and the *Journal of Cold War Studies*. He received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Virginia (2015) and an M.A. in International Relations from Yale University (2007). He has held postdoctoral fellowships from the Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University and the Clements Center for National Security at the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to pursuing his Ph.D., Evan served as a policy fellow in the Department of Homeland Security (2007-2009).

Between 2019 and 2024, Incite Institute at Columbia University completed the Obama Presidency Oral History project, the official oral history of the Obama Presidency and its times. Taking a novel approach to presidential oral history, the more than 450 interviews recorded for the project include the testimonies of key decisionmakers alongside those of people outside the Oval Office—civil society leaders, legislators, farmers, educators, and people from all walks of life. In this presentation, Evan McCormick will discuss the project in the context of presidential history and share initial findings from the two preview releases of material now available on the project website: 47 interviews that deal with Obama's climate and environmental policies, and healthcare reform centered on the 2010 Affordable Care Act.

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

Program

Monday, 23 September 2024, 17:00 – 18:30 CEST

- [Melani McAlister](#) (George Washington University), *Promises, Then the Storm: Notes on Memory, Protest, and the Israel-Gaza War*

Monday, 7 October 2024, 17:00 – 18:30 CEST

- [Jayita Sarkar](#) (University of Glasgow), *Global Southwests: Capital and Uranium in Africa and America*

Monday, 18 November 2024, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [James T. Sparrow](#) (University of Chicago), *The Archives of Self-Repression: Anticommunism, Internationalism, and the Case of Ralph Bunche*

Monday, 9 December 2024, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [Emma Day](#) (University College London), *Beyond Procreation: A New History of Reproductive Justice in the United States*

Monday, 27 January 2025, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [Evan McCormick](#) (Columbia University), *Remembering a Presidency: The Obama Presidency Oral History Project*

Monday, 17 February 2024, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [Joel Suarez](#) (Harvard University), *Towards a Global Labor History of the Volcker Shock: Mexico, Informality, and Undocumented Labor*

Monday, 24 March 2025, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

- [Evan Bonney](#) (Sciences Po-Paris), *Forestry and the Intermountain Experiment that Transformed Executive Power in the Age of Empire, 1897-1914*

Monday, 14 April 2025, 17:00 – 18:30 CEST

- [Gretchen Heefner](#) (Northeastern University), *'From the Red Desert to the Red Planet': Engineering the American Empire*

Monday, 19 May 2025, 17:00 – 18:30 CEST

- [Jeanine Quené](#) (Roosevelt Institute for American Studies), *The (Un)changing Nature of U.S. Women's Conservatism Across the Twentieth Century*



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