

23 octobre :

Histoire en parfums 1 / History Through Perfume 1

– Salon – Chair : Rémi Dignonnet, Université de Saint-Étienne / ECLLA

9h00 – 9h30 : Zara Kesterton, University of Cambridge

Scented illusions: artificial flowers, knowledge, and perfume in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century France

9h30 – 10h00 : Léonie Maillard, Université Grenoble Alpes / LARHRA

Rethinking Edmond Roudnitska's theory on olfactory expertise : Intuition, authority, and the industrial construction of sensory archetypes

10h00 – 10h30 : Virginás Peter, Babes-Bolyai University

The transitivity of masculinity: Olfactory practices and selfhood in Central and Eastern Europe

10h30 – 11h00 : Pause / Coffee break

Histoire en parfums 2 / History Through Perfume 2

– Salon – Chair : Isabelle Chazot, LARHRA

11h00 – 11h45 : Youness Amharar, ISIPCA and Marie Urban Le Febvre, independant perfumer

From "animal" musk to "clean" musk, from ambergris to "ambery" notes: A semantic drift and the emergence of an olfactory and linguistic dichotomy in modern perfumery (19th-21st centuries)

11h45 – 12h30 : Olivier David, Université Paris Saclay-Versailles / Institut Lavoisier UMR8180

The nose of the chemist, Georges Darzens and his legacy in perfumery

12h30 – 14h00 : Pause déjeuner / Lunch Break

Savoirs olfactifs en représentation / Olfactory Knowledge in Representation

– Salon – Chair : Érika Wicky, Université Grenoble Alpes / LARHRA

14h00 – 14h30 : Julia Ostwald, Kunstuniversität Linz

Olfactory forces in 19th-century ballet and psychophysiology

14h30 – 15h00 : Sandra Barré, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne / ACTE

Breathable signs: olfactory symbols and embodied knowledge in contemporary art

15h00 – 15h30 : Leah R. Clark, University of Oxford / Kellogg College

Collecting histories, the senses, and museum exhibitions

COLLOQUE INTERNATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

SAVOIRS OLFACTIFS OLFACTORY KNOWLEDGE

Connaître par l'odorat, du XVIII^e siècle à nos jours
Learning through smell from the 18th century to the present day



Philippe Mercier, Le sens de l'odorat, huile sur toile, entre 1744 et 1747, Yale Center for British Art

21 - 23 OCTOBRE 2026 • Maison française d'Oxford

Organisateur-trices :

Rémi Dignonnet, Université Jean Monnet de Saint-Étienne / ECLLA

Judith Rainhorn, Université Paris 1 / CHS / IUF

Marie Thébaud-Sorger, CNRS / CAK

Érika Wicky, Université Grenoble-Alpes / LARHRA

21 octobre – 17h - Salon :

Mot de bienvenue / Welcome address

Stéphane Van Damme, directeur de la MFO

Atelier olfactif / Olfactory Workshop:

Giulio Giorgi, paysagiste / landscape designer

Knowing plants by scent: What smell reveals about botany and ecology

22 octobre :

9h – 9h30: Introduction - Salon

Objectiver les savoirs olfactifs / Objectifying Olfactory Knowledge

- Salon - Chair : Judith Rainhorn, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne / CHS / IUF

9h30 – 10h : Christelle Lacassain, Sorbonne Université / CeLiSo

The smell of words? From smell constructions to olfactory knowledge

10h – 10h30 : Moustafa Bensafi, CNRS / Centre de recherche en neurosciences de Lyon

From subjectivity to instrumentation: Contemporary transformations in olfactory knowledge in the context of anosmia

10h30 – 11h : Pause / Coffee break

11h – 11h30 : Raghad Al Dirani, Université Lyon 3 / Centre d'études linguistiques

The semantic evolution of the senses of the verb stink

11h30 – 12h : Bodo Mrozek, Berlin Center for Cold War / Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History

The measurement of smell. olfactory events and their aftermath in the 20th century

12h00 – 13h30 : Pause déjeuner / Lunch break

Savoirs médicaux et vernaculaires / Medical and Vernacular Knowledge

– Auditorium – Chair : Marie Thébaud-Sorger, CNRS / CAK

13h30 – 14h00: Tassanee Alleau, Université de Tours / CESR

Scents of roots: Remedies, olfactory expertise, and women's knowledge in 18th-century english cooking

14h00 – 14h30 : Clément Fabre, Université Paris Est Créteil / CRHEC

Fœtor ex ore: The medicalisation of olfactory knowledge about bad breath in 19th-century France

14h30-15h00 : Clara Granieri, Université Paris Saclay-Versailles / CHCSC

Smell and judge : How the sense of smell enabled French veterinarians to assess livestock farming practices in the 19th century

15h00 – 15h30 : Charlotte Gaudry, Université Grenoble Alpes / LARHRA

Between the persistence of ancient olfactory knowledge and the emergence of a physiological approach of the senses, analysis of Luigi Martorelli (1760-1831)'s work on smell

15h30 – 16h00 : Pause / Coffee break

Atmosphères olfactives / Olfactory Atmospheres

– Auditorium – Chair : Martine Drozd, CNRS / MFO

16h00 – 16h30 : Lou Sompairac, ENSA de Montpellier / LIFAM

Micros-savoirs-olfactifs chez un public non-expert à Pékin et Mumbai : d'une transmission domestique à une attention écologique sensorielle

16h30 – 17h00 : Manon Raffard, The University of Manchester

"Best Known by the Smell." Olfactory Perception and Environmental Knowledge in the Work of Robert Angus Smith (1817-1884)

17h00 – 17h30 : Suzel Balez, ENSA Grenoble / Cresson and Jieling Xiao, Birmingham City University

Olfactory Empirical Knowledge Drawn From Smellwalks in Three Countries

Dîner / Dinner – Cherwell Boathouse