

Presentation:

The 1990's wars in former Yugoslavia seem to have been well documented. Indeed, their breaking coincides with the information and communication revolution era. A huge amount of works in political science and international relations were devoted to the subject in the late 1990s and early 2000s. However, temporal distance and the declassification of archives now allow historians to reassess the conflict's impact on world affairs and write a renewed history of the Yugoslav wars in the light of new documents. The return of war in Europe in 2022 also invites us to take a fresh look at the conflicts in Yugoslavia, to measure their long and short-term effects, and to think of them as a pivotal moment, a catalyst and generator of new norms, practices and representations.

Research directions:

1/ How to renew our understanding of the Yugoslav Wars? The Yugoslav wars in broader contexts: end of the Cold War, global perspective, European perspective (the impact of this conflict on the process of European integration / European common foreign and security policy)? We will focus on extra-European views of the conflict or "small European countries" perspectives.

2/ How to think the conflict differently, considering different points of view? (victims, war criminals, executioners)

3/ To what extent is this conflict generating new norms/ representations, new practices (diplomatic or political)? How does it reveal new nodes of tension in the post Cold War world?

4/ The Yugoslav wars as an incubator for innovations in international legislation. What is the impact of this conflict on the question of refugees? (their rights, protection from violence - especially violence against women and children?)

The conference will focus on new research directions and sources that enable us to renew our understanding of the conflict.

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Rethinking the Wars in Former Yugoslavia: an Incubator for the Transformation of Europe and the International System in the Post-Cold War Era? (1989-1995)

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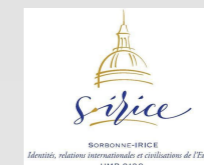
JEUDI 23 OCTOBRE 2025

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THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2025
Definition and new research perspectives

Campus Condorcet - Auditorium 250 - Centre des Colloques

OPENING: Andreas Wirsching (Professor, IfZ Director) and
Olivier Forcade (Professor, Sorbonne University, SIRICE Director)

09:00-10:30 PANEL 1: A LOCAL CRISIS, A REGIONAL ISSUE

Chairman: **Laurent Warlouzet** (Professor, Sorbonne University, SIRICE)

In French

Stanislav Sretenovic (Professor, Belgrad Institute of contemporary history)
The Beginning of the War and the Collapse of the Yugoslav Federation through the Prism of Institutional Archives. Contributions and Research Perspectives

Hans Stark (Professor, Sorbonne University, SIRICE)

The German-French Relation and the Yugoslav Wars, 1991-1995

Sophie Momzikoff (Assistant Professor, Sorbonne University, SIRICE)

The Yugoslav Crisis and the Russian Place in the New European Architecture

10:30-11:00 BREAK

11h00-12h30 PANEL 2: EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND THE WAR IN YUGOSLAVIA

Chairman: **Laurence Badel** (Professor, Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne University, SIRICE)

In French

Elizabeth Carey (Associate Researcher, Centre Thucydide, Paris Pantheon-Assas University)

The Transatlantic Relation and the Yugoslav Wars

Guillaume de Rougé (Researcher, French Naval Academy, IRENAV)

European Defense Projects and the Yugoslav Wars

Julien Barbaroux (PhD student, Sorbonne University, SIRICE),

The European Commission, The USA and the Yugoslav Crisis

12:30 - 13:30 COCKTAIL - LUNCH

13:30-15:00 PANEL 3: YUGOSLAVIA IN THE DYNAMICS OF THE END OF COMMUNISM AND COLD WAR ENDING

Chairman: **Paul Gradwohl** (Professor, Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne University, SIRICE)

In French

Laurence Saint-Gilles (Professor, Sorbonne University, SIRICE)

The New Russo-American Partnership under the Test of the Balkan Crisis, 1990-1995

Yordan Yordanov (PgD student, Institut d'études européennes, Sorbonne Nouvelle University),

The Consequences of the Embargo against Yugoslavia on Bulgaria

Victor Louzon (Assistant Professor, Sorbonne University, SIRICE), **Mathilde Amouroux** (Master student, Sorbonne University, SIRICE)

The PRC and the Collapse of the Yugoslav Federation

15:00-15:30 BREAK

15:30-17:00 PANEL 4: PUBLIC OPINION, NGOS, MEDIAS, INTELLECTUAL DEBATES

Chairman: **Corine Defrance** (Research Director, CNRS-SIRICE)

In French

Olivier Agard (Professor, Sorbonne University, SIRICE)

Jürgen Habermas and the Yugoslav Wars

Sacha Markovic (Researcher, Sorbonne University, Eur'orbem)

Serbian Public Opinion and the War, the Cold War Ending and the Collapse of Communism

Simon Catros (Assistant Professor, INSPE Paris, SIRICE)

Factors, Actors and Chronology of the Disintegration of Yugoslavia in French School Textbooks, 1993-1998: Contrasting Narratives

Ana Radakovic (PhD, University of Belgrade)

The Disintegration of Yugoslavia in Serbian History Textbooks: Official Approaches to Teaching a Controversial and Sensitive Past of 2001

FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2025
New Sources and New Research Perspectives
(Extra-European Views of the Conflict)

Maison de la Recherche - Amphithéâtre Molinié - Centre Serpente

09:00-10:30 PANEL 5: YOUNG RESEARCHERS. WAR, ITS REALITIES AND CRIME

Chairman: **Sophie Momzikoff** (Assistant Professor, Sorbonne University, SIRICE)

In English

Juliette Villard (M2, Sorbonne University, CELSA)

Atteinte aux civils et crime de guerre à Sarajevo

Bennet Groen (PhD student, IfZ)

Europe's Guard Rails and National Paths: European Coordination on Forced Migrants from Bosnia-Herzegovina in the Case of Germany and Austria (1992 - 1995)

Louise Francezon (Doctoral student, Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne University, SIRICE)

Women Photographers and the Forensic Turn in the Yugoslav Wars

10:30-11:00 BREAK

11:00-12:30 PANEL 6: YOUNG RESEARCHERS. INTERNATIONAL NORMS, INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Chairman: **Agnès Bresselau von Bressendorf** (Head of the Research Department, IfZ, Munich)

In English

Lucas Daub (PhD student, IfZ)

How Norms Work in International Interventions – Internal Negotiations in Germany and the UK Regarding the Implementation of the No-Fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina

Stefan Sagberger (PhD student, IOS)

Post-socialist Forks in the Road: The Yugoslav Wars in the Perception of State Actors in Czechoslovakia and its Successor States (1991-1995)

Maximilien Nagy (M2, Sorbonne University, journalist)

London, Paris, and the European Challenge of the Yugoslav Wars

12:30-14:00 COCKTAIL - LUNCH

14:00-15:30 PANEL 7 WHAT SOURCES? HOW TO EXPLOIT THEM AND PRODUCE NEW INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTATION? ROUND TABLE WITH ARCHIVES DIRECTORS?

Chairman: **Hélène Harter** (Professor, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University, SIRICE)

Sylvie Le Chlech, General Curator, Deputy Head of French Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Archives, and **Pierre Marchandin**, Head of European Division of French Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Archives

Frédéric Turpin, Professor, University of Savoie, Head of the Research Department at the Défense historical archives

Dominique Guillemin, docteur en histoire, chargé de recherche SHD

Tim Geiger, Head of Division in federal Foreign Office Department, IfZ

15:30-16:00 BREAK

16:00-18:00 PANEL 8: ROUND TABLE "WITNESSES": FRANCE AND GERMANY

Chairman: **Hélène Miard-Delacroix** (Professor, Sorbonne University, SIRICE) and **Andreas Wirsching** (Professor, Head of the IfZ)

In French and German

Bernard de Montferrand, Former Ambassador, Diplomatic advisor of the French Prime Minister (1993-1995)

Alain Dejammet, Ambassador of France,, Former Head of the Political Affairs Department of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, former Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

Klaus Naumann, General (ret) Dr (hon), former Chief of Defence Germany (1991-1996), former Chairman NATO Military Committee

Michael Steiner, Ambassador (ret.), Former Foreign and Security Policy Advisor to the German Federal Chancellor, Former Principal Deputy High Representative, Sarajevo, Former USG, Special Representative of the UN SG and Head of UNMIK

CONCLUSION

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