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# Expériences du contact dans les territoires autochtones d'Amérique du Nord (XVII<sup>e</sup>-XIX<sup>e</sup> siècles)

## Experiencing Contact in Native North America, 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> centuries

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- 8h30** **Café accueil / Welcome coffee**
- 9h00** **Introduction**  
Robert Coatsworth (Sorbonne Université), Donia Menghini (Université Paris 8), Maïann Stachnik (Sorbonne Université)
- 9h15** **Panel 1 : Circulations, adaptations et continuités des pratiques culturelles autochtones / The Circulation, Adaptation and Continuity of Indigenous Cultural Practices**  
Panel chair: **Nathalie Caron** (Sorbonne Université)
- 9h15** **Marian Leech** (University of Pennsylvania)  
Fur Carpets, Axe Pendants, and Shell Beads: Retracing Narratives of “First Contact” Across Dutch and Delaware Traditions
- 9h35** **Cameron B. Strang** (University of Nevada)  
Indigenous Explorers and the Long Intellectual History of Survival
- 9h55** **Augustin Habran** (Université d’Orléans)  
“Contact zones” in the Great Plains: The emergence of Indian Territory and reconsideration of Indigenous agency in the West
- 10h15** **Benjamin Balloy** (CNRS - Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès)  
«Frapper au poteau» (Striking the Post): Considerations on a Form of Ritual Interaction
- 10h35** **Discussion**
- 11h05** **Pause café / coffee break**
- 11h20** **Panel 2 : Race et esclavage : expériences et constructions transculturelles / Experiencing and Producing Race and Enslavement across Cultures**  
Panel chair: **Gabrielle Guillermin** (Sorbonne Université)
- 11h20** **Linford Fisher** (Brown University)  
Experiencing Enslavement in Colonial America: Indigenous Perspectives on the Threat of Slavery in Warfare and During Slave Trades
- 11h40** **Taryn M. Dixon** (Northwestern University)  
Controlling Space and Race in Indian Territory: the Construction of White and Black Illegality through Racial Exclusion Laws in Post-Removal Choctaw Nation
- 12h00** **Discussion**
- 12h30** **Déjeuner / lunch break**

- 14h00** **Panel 3: Diplomatie et pratiques militaires en territoires autochtones / Diplomacy and Military Practices in Indigenous Territories**  
Panel chair: **Donia Menghini** (Université Paris 8)
- 14h00** **Guillaume Teasdale** (University of Windsor)  
Before Pontiac: The Huron Plot of 1747 and the Crisis of French Detroit
- 14h20** **Agnès Trouillet** (Université Paris Nanterre)  
*Gansho-Wanne*, "The Roaring River": The Schuylkill as a Crucible for Resistance and Change in 17th-Century Delaware Valley
- 14h40** **Maxence Terrollion** (Université du Québec)  
Forts frontaliers et frontières sans forts : l'affirmation des souverainetés autochtones du nord de la vallée de l'Ohio dans les luttes d'empire (1726-1760)
- 15h00** **Mathieu Taloté** (Nantes Université)  
Man is a prey to man. Hostages and first contact strategies in the Canadian Arctic (1576-1578)
- 15h20** **Discussion**
- 15h50** **Pause café / coffee break**
- 16h20** **Panel 4: Raconter le contact : témoignages, récits et savoirs autochtones / (Re)telling the History of Contact : Indigenous Testimonies, Narratives and Knowledge**  
Panel chair: **Will Slauter** (Sorbonne Université)
- 16h20** **Mairin Odle** (University of Alabama)  
'Covering him with the same bear-skin': Narratives of a Transatlantic Seminole Childhood, 1838-1843
- 16h40** **Eduardo Angel Cruz** (KU Leuven)  
Sanctity as Ethnography: Indigenous Witnesses and Negotiated Experiences of the Holy in 17th Century New Spain
- 17h00** **Laurie Arnold** (Gonzaga University):  
Dialogues of Contact: Native American Plays as Archival Sources
- 17h20** **Discussion**
- 17h50** **Conclusion**  
Robert Coatsworth (Sorbonne Université), **Donia Menghini** (Université Paris 8), **Maïann Stachnik** (Sorbonne Université)
- 18h00** **Pot de clôture / Goodbye drinks**

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