International conference

Marseilles, Nov. 4-6, 2015

**MATERIAL TRACES OF MASS DEATH**

**THE EXHUMED OBJECT**

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**Program**

Wednesday, Nov. 4 :

Faculté de Médecine – Amphi Toga – Aix Marseille Université

9 h 30 : Arrival, registration participants

**10h : Official Opening**

Georges LEONETTI, Dean of Aix Marseilles Faculty of Medicine

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**Introduction**

Sophie BABY, Université de Bourgogne, Centre Georges Chevrier

François-Xavier NERARD, Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, UMR IRICE

**10h30 : Session 1, Exhumed objects between past and present**

Layla RENSHAW, Kingston University*:*

Objects, Memory and Imaginative Assemblages from the Mass Graves of the Spanish Civil War

François-Xavier NÉRARD, Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, UMR IRICE

What is to be done with the objects from Soviet Mass graves ?

***12 h : Lunch***

14h : Session 2, Objects as material traces of conflicts

Louise LOE et Kate BRADY, Okford Archeology

Objects from the site of Fromelles, traces from the First World War

Michael LANDOLT et Lucie GEANT CAPARROS, Pôle d’archéologie interdépartemental rhénan et Communauté d’agglomération du Douaisis

What is the status of the objects found in graves from soldiers of the last wars in France ?

Lourdes HERRASTI et Jimi JIMENEZ, Sociedad de Ciencias Aranzadi

Associated Objects exhumed from the Mass Graves of the Spanish Civil War

Vladimir MOTREVITCH, Académie juridique de l’Oural - Ekaterinburg

Exhumation of the Remains of Bodies of the World War II Prisoners of War in the Ural Region: Legal Base, Sources, Methods and Results of the Search and Exhumation Works

17h30 : Session 3, Traces, absences and destructions

Jane E. KLINGER, Holocaust Memorial Museum / University of Delaware

When So Few Traces Remain

18h15 : Movie

*Archeologia*, a film by Andrzej Brzozowski, introduced and commented by Annette Wieviorka (S-IRICE, CNRS)

Thursday, Nov. 5 :

Faculté de Médecine – Amphi Toga – Aix Marseille Université

9h30 : Session 4, Objects as a proof ?

Admir JUGO, University of London*:*

Claims of Ownership - Artefacts and personal effects from mass graves in Bosnia and Herzegovina as symbols of persons, forensic evidence or public relics?

Florence RASMONT, Université Libre de Bruxelles*:*

Clothes and accessories of the victims of the Tutsi Genocide in Rwanda : between judicial evidences and private mourning

Keith SILIKA, Staffordshire University *:*

Mass Graves in Zimbabwe

Yuri SHAPOVAL, Académie des Sciences – Kiev :

Material Traces of the mass Stalinist Purges in Bykivnia

***12 h 30 : Lunch***

**14h30 : Session 5, Appropriations**

Dorothée DELACROIX, Université Jean Jaurès – Toulouse :

Opening mass graves in Peru : Should the discovered objects be « Sent to heaven » or commercialized ?

Zuzanna DZIUBAN, Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies:

Atopic objects : the uncanny travels of the things stolen from mass graves

**16h30 : Session 6, Objects from catastrophes**

Gaelle CLAVANDIER, Université Jean Monnet - Saint Etienne*:*

Memorial Traces (bodies and objects) from two plane crashes - Chamonix (1950 - Malabar Princess and 1966 - Kangchenjunga)

Frédéric DOZIERES, Section de recherches de la gendarmerie des transports aériens de Roissy CDG

18 h 00 : Keynote Speaker

Jan Ramirez - 9-11 Memorial New York*:*

Memorial traces of life, death, violence and history at « Ground Zero ».

Friday, Nov. 6 :

MUCEM, a Museum for Europe and the Mediterranean : <http://www.mucem.org/en/home-page>

9 h 30 : Session 7, Reinvested objects : exhumed objects and art

Margarita SAONA, University of Illinois, Chicago*:*

Touching the Trace of the Real

Stephenie YOUNG, Salem State University :

Forensic Topographies: Photography, Aesthetics and the Post-Yugoslav Document

Christopher NELSON, University of Chapel Hill - North Carolina*:*

From Among the Dead: The Rhythms of Sacrifice in Contemporary Japan

Concluding Remarks and Discussion

**12h Lunch**

Afternoon

A Visit of MUCEM