

Thursday, 21 October 2010  
(Univ. Paris-Ouest Nanterre)  
(Bâtiment B, Salle des Conférences)

- 09:00 Welcome
- 09:05 **Les usages sociaux de la honte dans l'histoire. État des lieux de la question**  
Bénédicte Sère, Paris, Jörg Wettlaufer, Kiel
- I. Semantics of shame in Antiquity and the Early Middle-Ages**
- 09:30 **La honte à Rome : aspects juridiques**  
Jean François Thomas, Montpellier
- 10:00 **Bodies, Desires, Confessions: Shame from Plotinus to Augustine**  
Virginia Burrus, Madison
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Faire honte dans les sources normatives du Haut Moyen Âge (Ve-VIIe siècle)**  
Bruno Dumézil, Nanterre
- 11:30 **Penance, shame and honour in the early Middle Ages**  
Rob Meens, Utrecht
- 12:00 Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch
- II. Shame and penance in theological discourse and practice**
- 14:30 **La honte et la faute. La réflexion sur la *verecundia* dans la littérature théologique des XIIe et XIIIe siècles**  
Silvana Vecchio, Ferrara
- 15:00 **Penser la honte comme sanction dans la scolastique des XIIIe-XVe siècles**  
Bénédicte Sère, Paris-Ouest Nanterre
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 16:00 **"Rougir pour le Christ" : la honte vergogneuse des *mulieres religiosae* aux XIIe-XIIIe siècles**  
Damien Boquet, Aix-en-Provence-IUF
- 16:30 **Effacer la honte : nouveau regard sur quelques pratiques pastorales des XIIIe-XVe siècles**  
Catherine Vincent, Paris-Ouest Nanterre
- 17:00 Discussion

Friday, 22 October 2010  
German Historical Institute at Paris  
(IHAP / DHIP)

- 09:00 Welcome
- 09:05 **La bonne et la mauvaise honte dans la littérature pénitentielle et la prédication (fin XIIe-début XIIIe siècles)**  
Franco Morenzoni, Genève
- 09:35 **Zwischen Himmel und Hölle. Scham in spätmittelalterlicher religiöser Traktatliteratur**  
Katharina Behrens, Göttingen
- 10:05 Coffee break
- III. Shame and punishment in medieval and Early Modern Times**
- 10:30 **The history of shaming punishments and public exposure in penal law in comparative perspective: Western Europe and Japan**  
Jörg Wettlaufer, Kiel  
Yasuhiro Nishimura, Kyoto
- 11:00 **Past and present public shaming. Early modern German punishments in universal context.**  
Satu Lidman, Helsinki
- 11:30 **Öffentliche Bußen in der kirchlichen und weltlichen Sanktionierungspraxis des 15.-17. Jahrhunderts**  
Friederike Neumann, Bielefeld
- 12:00 Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch (at the German Historical Institute)
- 14:30 **Debts and Humiliations in Fourteenth-Century Marseille and Lucca**  
Daniel Lord Smail, Cambridge MA
- 15:00 **La honte de l'endetté (Paris, XVe siècle)?**  
Julie Mayade-Claustre, Paris I-IUF
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 16:00 **Shame Punishments and Penance in Early Modern England**  
Martin Ingram, Oxford
- 16:30 **Shame and Modernity**  
David Nash, Oxford
- 17:00 Discussion

Saturday, 23 October 2010  
(Institut de France - Fondation del Duca)

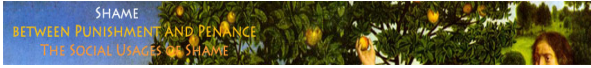
**IV. Perspectives for a history of shame between punishment and penance**

- 09:00 Welcome
- 09:05 **Das Konzept des reintegrative shaming: Wiederentdeckung von Scham und Beschämung in der strafrechtlichen Sozialkontrolle**  
Peter Maria Münster, Bad Münstereifel
- 09:35 **Gewaltverbrechen, Schamprozesse. Überlegungen zu einer Soziologie der Emotionen im ruandischen Genozid.**  
Axel Paul, Siegen & Rita Werden, Freiburg
- 10:05 **Body and Shame in medieval Frisia**  
Han Nijdam, Leeuwarden
- 10:35 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Valoriser la honte, de la catastrophe à l'affiliation**  
Serge Tisseron, Paris-Ouest Nanterre
- 11:30 **Schamkonzeptionen in gegenwärtigen südostasiatischen Gesellschaften**  
Birgitt Röttger-Rössler, Berlin
- 12:00 **Conclusions**  
Nicole Bériou, Lyon II-IUF
- 12:30 Discussion
- 13:00 End of conference

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Shame is a multilayered and “moral” emotion and is a fundamental component of human identity. It remains to a large extent unexplored in its historical dimension so far. This conference is concerned with the historical and cultural coding of this emotion by observing its social use in the Middle Ages and in the Early Modern Times. The scientific exchange will focus on the Christian and theological discourses on shame in the contexts of confession and punishment and their reflex on the organisation of social relations of medieval and early modern humans. Public criminal law and more precisely shaming punishments are treated as an example for the particular social usage of shame in that period. Because being precisely at the interface of Christian discourse and the anthropology of honour (aristocratic, but in a wider sense, social), shame covers this particular function to fill the discursive and ethical hiatus between the two spheres. Shame, indeed, concerns, in both cases, the public space: the condemned and condemnable acts (they might be sinful or a fault) bring into play the reputation and the social standing of others. In these two worlds, shame refers to a consensus tacitly validated by all and to a normative standard of the social order. It is thus starting from these two grounds of analysis, the field of confession and the field of punishment, that we put to ourselves the question of a cultural construction of shame and its specificities in the medieval world, which one could say that it was a face to face society or a the guilt-culture dominated society (Ruth Benedict). What role did shame play in the strategies of the authorities to maintain hierarchies and the hierarchical order? At this conference, scholars will be brought together to explore both spheres and to develop new perspectives on the history of shame for a joint interdisciplinary discussion.

## Venues and co-organisers

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