



DAY OF FRANCE AT HARVARD

Thursday, September 26, 2019
10:00am-7:15pm, Cambridge MA
Event Agenda

For decades, the relations between France and Harvard University have been exceptionally warm with fruitful research collaborations and vibrant exchanges. Inspiring figures, such as Stanley Hoffmann, founder of the Harvard Center for European Studies, have embodied these strong ties, which are continuously renewed with more than 30 French professors at Harvard today and an increasing number of collaborations.

In close partnership with Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences as well as the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European studies, the Consulate General of France in Boston would like to create an annual "Day of France" to celebrate these strong ties and foster exchanges between different institutions and high-level researchers.

For this first edition, which will take place at Harvard on **Thursday, September 26th**, roundtable discussions and conferences will be organized on 3 defining issues for today's world: scientific revolutions, inequality, information and liberal democracy. On these crucial challenges, we believe in the value of comparative and complementary views on both sides of the Atlantic.

This year, the emotion raised by the fire that devastated Notre Dame Cathedral of Paris, has reminded us of the profound cultural ties which exist between France and America. To celebrate this common heritage, our French Day at Harvard will end with a presentation and a concert by the Boston Camerata Ensemble, interpreting arias directly coming out of Paris Notre Dame late 12th century, together with the Chorale Fellows of Harvard Memorial Church.



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10:00-10:15am

Welcoming Remarks

Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Arthur Sachs Scholarship Fund at Harvard

Memorial Church

10:15-11:45am

Inaugural Lecture – Equality and Democracy

Michael SANDEL, Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Government, Harvard University

in conversation with

Philippe AGHION, Economist and Professor, Collège de France, Université PSL | Paris Sciences & Lettres

Memorial Church

11:45-12:00pm

Coffee Break

12:00pm-1:15pm

Science, Education & Ethics

George CHURCH, Robert Winthrop Professor of Genetics, Harvard Medical School

Alain FUCHS, President of Université PSL | Paris Sciences & Lettres

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1:15-2:15pm

Lunch

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2:15-3:30pm

Opening Afternoon Lecture – Identity and Values in Democracy: Current American Trends

Theda SKOCPOL, Victor S. Thomas Professor of Government and Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University

Introduced by **Nicolas PREVELAKIS**, Lecturer on Social Studies, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University

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3:30-4:30pm

Digital Activism and Democratization

Jen SCHRADIE, Observatoire du Changement Social – Comparative Research Center in Sociology, Sciences Po

Ya-Wen LEI, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University

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4:30-4:45pm

Coffee break

4:45-5:45pm

Digital Media Spaces in France and in the United States

Yochai BENKLER, Berkman Professor of Entrepreneurial Legal Studies, Harvard Law School, and faculty co-director of the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society

Dominique CARDON, Director of the MediaLab, Sciences Po

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6:00-7:15pm

Creative Writing

Claire MESSUD, Novelist, Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing, Harvard University

Leila SLIMANI, Novelist, Personal Representative of the President of the French Republic for Francophone Affairs

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7:30-9:30pm

Lecture and Concert on Notre Dame Cathedral of Paris

Michel PICAUD, President of the Friends of Notre Dame de Paris Foundation

Concert by the **BOSTON CAMERATA** (dir. Anne AZEMA) in collaboration with the **CHORAL FELLOWS** of Memorial Church (dir. Edward E. Jones)

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