**DECOLONISING FRENCH STUDIES**

**A Workshop Organised by AUPHF+**

Wednesday, 12 May, 2-5pm

In this online event, we invite speakers and participants to consider the ways in which the discipline of French Studies can be expanded and transformed through processes of decolonisation. What does it mean to ‘decolonise’, both as regards the curriculum we teach, our research and our engagement with wider communities? What practical forms does decolonisation take in our field of study and how can it be enacted? How can we make our subject area more relevant for a diverse student and academic body and for future generations of learners of the French language? With input from academic and student-activist voices, and ample time for discussion and exchange, this workshop will offer insights into the multiple facets of decolonising an academic discipline and its practices. The event is free and open to all.

**Programme**

2.00 Welcome

2.05-2.40 Nadia Kiwan (University of Aberdeen): ‘Decolonising secularism: recent debates on “Islamo-leftism” in France’

2.45-3.20 Nicola Frith (University of Edinburgh), ‘Researching the Legacies of African Enslavement and Reparatory Justice’

Break

3.30-4.05 Ruth Bush (University of Bristol): ‘Towards a decentred French studies: perspectives from post-Colston Bristol (and Dakar, Yaoundé, Abomey-Calavi and Abidjan)’

4.10-4.45 Round Table discussion: Nicolas Bancel (Université de Lausanne), Rianna Walcott (King’s College, London), Charles Forsdick (Liverpool University)

4.45-5:00 General Discussion

Please register for this event here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/decolonising-french-studies-a-workshop-organised-by-auphf-tickets-146438139417>

A link to the online workshop will then be emailed to you on the 10 May.