

The programme „Pensées Françaises Contemporaines“  
invites you to meetings on

## «**FAKE NEWS AND RESILIENCE**»

**A transdisciplinary students´ project aiming at building  
A Working Group Resilience at the Viadrina, together with  
Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne and the Centre Marc Bloch  
With participation in the competition at the French Embassy  
in Berlin at the end of June or July 2023**



**Open discussions between  
students and experts  
(*hybrid*)**

**Thursdays, 12:15, GS 105**

**Moderated by Dr. Elsa Tulmets  
(coordination PFC programme) and  
Roland Kant (sports psychologist)**



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# « Programme »

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2023:** Input by Dr. habil. Elsa Tulmets (Centre Marc Bloch / PFC Programm EUV) „What is collective resilience? Insights from the field of Foreign and Security Policies“

**8th June 2023:** Input by Roland Kant (Frankfurter Sportunion, FSU, Frankfurt/Oder) „Resilience in the field of Sports“

**15th June 2023:** Input by Prof. Dr. Lars Kirchhoff (IKM, EUV) „The interplay of method & resilience in the context of conflict resolution processes“

**22th June 2023:** Input by Laura Borngräber (psychologische Beratungsstelle, EUV) „Individual resilience: practical advices“

**29th June 2023:** Definition of a collective project idea to be presented at the French Embassy

**June/July:** Competition at the French Embassy in Berlin: presentation of the project idea by participating students

**Extra date (tbd):** Team-building excursion organised by Roland Kant (FSU FFO) in the Oderbruch on sustainable development and resilience in the Brandenburg region (date to be defined)



# « Collective resilience: insights from the field of Foreign and Security Policies »

## Philosophy / Psychology:

Many studies on *mass psychology*

First studies of Le Bon and McDougall, quoted by Sigmund Freud in “Massenpsychologie und Ich-Analyse” (1921)

## Psychology and International Relations:

Studies on *political speeches and propaganda*, on the psychology of charismatic personalities, political leaders, autocrats...

## History:

Studies on *collective memory*, also on “lieux de mémoire”, memory places (Pierre Nora, Etienne François, Thomas Serrier...)



# « What is collective memories? »

## Collective memories:

These are moments, events – positive, negative, often traumatic ones – which are remembered collectively, by a group, a population, a nation, even by the world population!

There can be celebrations, commemorations or minutes of silence organized around them.

## Examples:

- WWI & II,
- genocides, starves like Holodomor (Ukraine)
- more recently Sept. 11, Covid 19...
- natural catastrophies (cf floods, wood fires, recent earthquakes...)

e.g. work on collective memories in Eastern Europe:  
Georges Mink, Laure Neumayer, Jacques Rupnik...

# « What is collective resilience? »

## **Collective resilience:**

These are means which allow groups of people and populations to resist to internal or external shocks or means of pressure and/or to reconstruct themselves after (partial) destruction.

This can take place through communication: propaganda, diffusion of false or non scientific information, what we call “fake news”

Crises, terrorist attacks, wars, natural catastrophies are also seen as means of psychological, physical and/or material aggression or violence which individuals and societies have to deal with.

The answers given by the group of people or population represent the means for resilience.

# « Resilience in Foreign Policy discourses »

23 years of work on foreign policy discourses:

- of the European Communities / Union, IOs
- of their Member States
- of candidate countries
- of countries from the European neighbourhood

Discussions with speech writers on their world views, key issues mentioned in the speeches according to academic and diplomatic debates.

Very often mention to collective memory and resilience through :

- Key historical events
- Conflicting issues
- Reconciliation issues
- Symbolic formulations and places

→ cf. current Ukrainian official speeches!

# « Resilience in Foreign Policy answers »

Work on answers, on implementation, not always coherent or in line with official discourses:

Cf. publications on **solidarity and responsibility in East Central European countries** (2014-2017) which mentioned already the upcoming war in Ukraine...

Two publications which can be interesting to have a look at for discussion (cf. programme):

- One on the **Weimar Triangle** highlighting the misunderstandings still very present between France, Germany and Poland;
- One of Annegret Bendiek on the evolution from **transformation to resilience in the field of EU foreign policy**

*cf. definition of resilience in this context*

*→ Importance to work on misunderstandings from the past, on a common view of history*



# « **Institutional Resilience** »

Since 2015, project on **French-German answers to crises** (food quality, migration, climate,...) in Europe, seen from the European capitals at the Centre Marc Bloch (HU Berlin).

Since 2018 at the Viadrina: confronted with the issue of collective resilience at the local level. Questions on **institutional/organisational resilience**, especially in the context of Covid 19, events in Belarus and war in Ukraine – and also growing hate speech.

Representative of the Viadrina in the Working Group on sustainable development of Brandenburg:  
→ idea to set up a **Viadrina** and, why not?, a **transnational Working Group on Resilience**





# « “Utopie Europa”: AG resilience »

Resilience can be in relation to Covid19/health issues, environmental/climate change issues, the impact of war on people and institutions:

*how do university members, how do citizen cope with crises and war on an everyday basis?*

Programme coordination of “Pensées françaises contemporaines” between Europa-Universität Viadrina, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Centre Marc Bloch:

→ Gives the **possibility to create a transnational working group** on the issues of “fake news” and “resilience” (call Utopie Europa of the French Embassy in Berlin, French Institute, French-German University)

# « “Utopie Europa”: which project idea? »

**May/June:** Several inputs on the issue of “fake news and resilience” organized in a participative way in order to generate discussions...

*...For students, teaching and research staff, administrative staff*

*...For engaged citizen of Frankfurt / Oder, people interested in participative processes*

*...For interested people online from France and Brandenburg*

→ **Open process:** we need to find a common question and to have a project idea to present at the competition at the French embassy until the end of June/beginning of July!

# Thank you for your attention!!!

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