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Sunday, June 15, 2025

Informal welcome drinks at bar in Nancy City Centre, details TBA

Monday, June 16, 2025

8:15-10:00 BUS TO LONGWY (Campus Lettres et Sciences Humaines de Nancy)

23 Bd Albert 1er, 54000 Nancy, France - Exact location TBA.

10:00-10:30 WELCOME (Siège de l'Agglomération du Grand Longwy)

2 Rue de Lexy, 54430 Réhon, France

10:30-11:30 ROUNDTABLE: Thinking through Nationalism and Deindustrialization Studies

Panelists: Lauren Laframboise (Concordia University), Rebekah Chatellier (University of Strathclyde), Amber Ward (University of St-Andrews), and Manuela Vinai (University of Turin)

11:30-11:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:45-12:45 SESSION 1: The Construction of Race and Gender in Deindustrialization

Chairperson: Lauren Laframboise (Concordia University)

- Laurence Hamel-Roy (Concordia University): « Notre industrie » : quelques réflexions sur le rapport au travail des travailleurs et travailleuses de la construction du Québec
- Francisco Rivera (University of Toronto): Deindustrialization and Deceptive National Imaginaries in Northern Chile
- Liam Devitt (Concordia University): All in the family wage? Family, community and deindustrialization in historiographical perspective

12:45-13:00 BUS TO LUNCH

13:00-14:00 LUNCH (La Table d'Oscar)

Site de Senelle, Rue de la Croix Chaudron, 54400 Longwy, France

Lunch will be served buffet-style

15:00-15:15 COFFEE BREAK

14:15-16:15 GUIDED VISITS TO SITES OF LONGWY'S DE/INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

- Senelle-Maubeuge steel plant and offices—from slag heaps to golf courses
- Maison de la formation et de l'emploi with Vitreaux Majorelle, Senelle's model factory
- Centre d'archives industrielles et ouvrières du Grand Longwy

16:30-17:30 RETURN TO NANCY

EVENING: Free night, activities and outings TBA



Tuesday, June 17th, 2025

Université de Lorraine - Campus Lettres et Sciences Humaines de Nancy

8:45-9:00 WELCOME AND LIGHT BREAKFAST

9:00-10:00 SESSION 2: Regenerating Deindustrialized Spaces

Chairperson: Leonardo Bevilacqua (Ruhr University of Bochum)

- Florence Darveau Routhier (Université de Sherbrooke): Archiver la ville vécue : cartographies des luttes contre la dépossession dans le quartier Alexandre (Sherbrooke, Québec, Canada)
- Jacob Harver (Kent State University): Demolishing Monkey's Nest. Spatial reorganization leading into the deindustrialization of Youngstown, OH
- Maria Paz Cid-Alarcon (Universidad del Bío-Bío): The social value of the transformation of deindustrialization buildings in Lota

10:15-11:45 SESSION 3: Working-Class Imaginaries and Solidarities

Chairperson: Loman-Pierre Charrier (Université Clermont-Auvergne)

- Leonardo Bevilacqua (Ruhr University of Bochum): Underclass/'Unterschicht': Welfare Reform and the Demonisation of the Working Class in Germany and the United Kingdom
- Rose Steele (University College London): Hope, Suffering, and Collective Resistance in Community Union Politics: The Case of the Durham Miners' Gala
- Melissa Meade (Seton Hall University): Digital Memories in Centralia, Pennsylvania and The Reshaping of Labor Narratives
- Rebecca Alexander (University of Glasgow): From Glasgow to Middlesbrough: Hauntology and Deindustrialisation in the Contemporary Fictional Novel

11:45-13:00 POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Philippine D'Halleine (Concordia University): Correlation between deindustrialization and domestic violence, focusing on the Pas-De-Calais département
- Francisco Rivera (Université de Montréal): Deindustrialization and Deceptive National Imaginaries in Northern Chile
- William Gillies (Concordia University): Regional Development for Regional Deindustrialization: Canadian State Intervention in Cape Breton Coal
- Marcelo Becarra Parra (University of Concepción): The post-industrial landscapes of the Aysén River: historical memory and new colonialities in the southern border of Chile
- Leonardo Bevilacqua (Ruhr University of Bochum): De-Classed Identities and Symbolic Domination: The Relevance of Pierre Bourdieu's Sociology to Deindustrialization Studies
- Constanze von Wrangel (Ruhr University of Bochum): Between integration and exclusion: The construction of the Ruhr region

13:00-14:15 LUNCH

14:15-15:15 CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS

- The state in deindustrialization - William Gillies (Concordia University), Bharat Sundararajan (University of St. Andrews), Adna Čamdžić (Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, University of Turin)



- Atelier de l'Imagination Radicale (A.I.R.). Creative methods in deindustrialization research - Paula Leu Fernández Álvarez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), Juliette Passilly (Université du Québec à Montréal), Adna Čamdžić (Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, University of Turin)
- Self-reflexivity in research and personal experience - Katherine Watson (Swansea University) and Tom Wilson (University of Kent)

15:15-16:45 SESSION 4: The State Responds to Deindustrialization

Chairperson: Piyusha Chatterjee (University of Glasgow)

- William Gillies (Concordia University): Regional Development for Regional Deindustrialization: Canadian State Intervention in Cape Breton Coal
- Aparna Das (University of Reading): Immigrants, Political Society, and Jute Mill Settlements in KMA, West Bengal, India
- Camille Robert (Concordia University): Virage néolibéral et crise de la (re)production au Québec
- Daniela Morales Fredes (University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign): Abandoned Tailing Dam Disasters in Chile: A Planning Perspective on Environmental Injustice and Deindustrialization.

16:45-17:45 SESSION 5: Decolonizing Industrial Heritage

Chairperson: Myriam Guillemette (Université du Québec à Montréal)

- María Esperanza Rock Núñez (Culture and Territory OTEC, Artistic and Crafts Cultural Center Casa Taller): Rethinking the Future of Industrial Heritage: A Decolonial Approach from the South
- Marcelo Becerra Parra (University of Concepción): The post-industrial landscapes of the Aysén River: historical memory and new colonialities in the southern border of Chile

EVENING (TIME TBA): FILM SCREENING (Caméo Commanderie, 16 Rue de la Commanderie)

En Fanfare (2024) French, English subtitles: a comedy about class differences in Northern France.

Participation is optional, [please complete mandatory registration using this form](#)

Wednesday, June 18th, 2025

Neuves-Maisons

9:30-11:00 GROUP EXCURSION

Guided visit to former iron mine Val-de-Fer in Neuves-Maisons, 10 km outside of Nancy. Bus provided from the university. Participation is optional, [please complete mandatory registration using this form](#).

AFTERNOON: Depart for Paris!



ACCOMMODATIONS

All Summer Institute attendees, if they RSVP and request travel funding in advance of Mar 31, will be allocated a hotel room in Nancy booked centrally by DePOT. Attendees who fail to RSVP in advance of Mar 31 may not receive a hotel room and will then be responsible for booking their own accommodation. We will keep you updated when the booking is finalized.

Hotels where DePOT will lodge participants:

- **Hôtel Revotel** 43 rue Raymond Poincaré
- **Hôtel Ibis Styles** 3 rue de l'Armée Patton

INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation between French and English will be provided thanks to a grant from the Université de Lorraine. Interpreters will also be facilitating question and answer periods. **If your presentation includes a powerpoint, please send it to deindustrialization@concordia.ca in advance for the interpreters to prepare.**

GETTING TO NANCY

EU Travel Requirements

France is a member of the European Union and the Schengen Area. EU citizens have free travel in France. Canadian, American, British, Chilean, and Brazilian citizens have 90-day visa free travel within the Schengen Area. [Please consult the French visa and immigration website for more details.](#) DePOT is not responsible for securing you a visa, it is your responsibility to secure a visa, if needed, in advance of the conference. DePOT staff are happy to provide any supporting documentation, like a letter of participation.

Flights and inter-city rail

Nancy is well connected to the French high speed rail network, with multiple TGV trains servicing Paris and other destinations each day. Those joining us from afar will likely find that flying into a Parisian airport and taking the TGV to Nancy is the easiest solution.

GETTING AROUND NANCY

Conference Bus Transportation

DePOT will provide bus transportation to and from the hotel in Nancy to the site in Longwy. The hotel will be centrally located and walking distance to the University, where day two of the Summer Institute takes place. More details to come.

Public transportation

The hotel will be located close to Nancy city centre and the University, with all amenities in walking distance. [Should you require use of Nancy's public transport, including buses and trams, find more info here.](#)



Food & Drinks

We've indicated which meals will be provided directly in the program, and options for other meals are listed below, as recommended by our friends from the area. If you have any dietary restrictions, be sure to let us know while registering. If you need to change your answers, please email deindustrialization@concordia.ca

RESTAURANTS	BARS
La Souris Verte 39 rue des Maréchaux	Bar à vin Le Vindiou 1 rue Saint-Michel
Le Bistrot de Gilles 31 rue des Maréchaux	Le Phénix 19 rue Stanislas
Brasserie l'Excelsior 50 rue Henri Poincaré	Le Maltazar 25 rue Saint-Julien
Le Mont Liban 33 rue Saint-Georges	Le BBC 3 Rue Gilbert
La Mer Égée 11 place Saint-Epvre	Pub Mac Carthy 6 Rue Guerrier de Dumast
Osaka Street Food 18 rue Gustave Simon	Le Boulevard 9 Rue Guerrier de Dumast
Brasserie Chez Simone 5 place Simone Veil	
Bistrot Chez Georgette 60 rue Saint-Georges	
À La Table du Bon Roi Stanislas 7 rue Gustave Simon	
Le Voyou 20 rue Stanislas	

GETTING FROM NANCY TO PARIS

You are responsible for booking your journey from Nancy to Paris. We advise you book TGV tickets for the afternoon of Wednesday. The TGV between Nancy and Paris is 1h30 in duration. Attendees are encouraged to coordinate amongst themselves.

FUNDING POLICY

DePOT members can receive travel funding to help cover their expenses. [Register for travel funding at this link in advance of March 31.](#) The amount of funding you are eligible to claim depends on where you are travelling from and which DePOT events you are attending. All receiving DePOT travel funding must keep their receipts in order to be reimbursed. [For meals, they can also claim a per diem as outlined in Concordia's travel policy.](#) For France, it is a daily limit of €110, with €20.50 for breakfast, €32.50 for lunch, and €57.00 for dinner. Students and precariously employed affiliates are eligible to have their travel funding sent in advance. Please indicate this on the Travel Funding form. **To ensure the responsible use of SSHRC funds, DePOT members who receive travel funding and do not attend the 2024 Project Assembly are not eligible to receive further SSHRC funding.**



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