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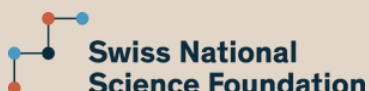
**BETWEEN TECHNIQUES, POLITICS,
AND MEMORY: THE IDENTIFICATION
OF DEAD BODIES OF VIOLENCE
(19TH–21ST CENTURY)**

Maison Française d'Oxford, 22-23 January 2026



Grave of an unknown British soldier near Ginchy, 1916 – National Army Museum

**Organizers: Taline Garibian (University of Geneva)
& Benoît Pouget (Sciences Po Aix – MESOPOLHIS)**



Thursday 22 January

2pm Introduction

2:30pm Panel 1 – BIOMETRICS AND ANTHROPOMETRY

Chair: **Erica Charters** (University of Oxford)

- **Benoît Pouget** (Sciences Po Aix, MESOPOLHIS): **"Anthropometry and Identification: The Origins of Forensic Anthropology"**
- **Pascal Adalian** (University of Aix-Marseille, ADES): **"Identification and Forensic Anthropology: from Technical Issues to Socio-political Challenges"**
- **Mareile Kaufmann** (University of Oslo): **"Biometrics in the Face of Death. The Changing Scopes of Facial Recognition and Dead Body Identification"**

3:45pm Panel 2 – IDENTIFICATION ON THE BATTLEFIELDS

Chair: **Jeong Ran Kim** (University of Oxford)

- **Linda Ratschiller** (University of Geneva): **"Custodians of Identity: Medical Experts and the Emergence of Identification Procedures in Nineteenth Century Warfare (1850s–1870s)"**
- **Victoria Abrahamyan** (University of Geneva) : **"Identifying the Fallen of the Great War: Allied Experience on the Western Front"**

5pm Break

5:30pm Keynote

Chair: **Taline Garibian** (University of Geneva)

- **Paco Ferrandiz** (Spanish National Research Council): **"An uncanny forensic lab: the search for the disappeared in the Valley of Cuelgamuros "**

Friday 23 January

8:45am Coffee

9:15am Panel 3 – THE DEAD OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Chair: **Benoît Pouget** (Sciences Po Aix, Mesopolhis)

- **Laura Tradii** (University of Kent): **"Mobility and Malpractice – Exhuming and Identifying the Wehrmacht dead in the German Democratic Republic (1945-1990)"**
- **Taline Garibian** (University of Geneva): **"Naming as a Process: Administrative and Memorial Practices of Identification in Post-War France"**

10:30am Coffee break

11am Panel 4 – MEMORIALISATION

Chair: **Mark Harrison** (University of Oxford)

- **Jeanne Teboul** (University of Strasbourg): **"'Names behind numbers'. From identification to memorialization of the 86 Jewish victims of a Nazi crime (Alsace, 1943)"**
- **Halina Suwalowska** (University of Oxford) : **"Resting in Display: Ethical Dilemmas and Identification of Human Remains in Museums"**

12:15pm Conclusive remarks: **Elisabeth Anstett** (CNRS, ADES)

1:15pm Lunch at MFO