

*A.E.G.E.S. Transversal Seminar*

– 2020-2021 –

**EPISTEMOLOGIES OF WAR  
AND VIOLENCES****D**ESCRIPTION

With a twofold concern of anchoring its activities ever more firmly among the academic practice of knowledge (*pratique universitaire des savoirs*) on the one hand and, on the other hand, of establishing a space for dialogue between its working groups, the *Association for the study of war and strategy* (A.E.G.E.S.) has decided to set up a transversal research seminar towards which the working groups will be able to converge their questions.

For its first year of existence, the seminar will address the epistemological issues attached to the study of war and will be entitled: “Epistemologies of war and violences”. Its sessions will include the following topics, among others:

- (1) the concepts that have allowed for something like ‘war’ to be distinguished from the wider set of violent practices;
- (2) the relationship between knowledge on ‘war’ and ‘strategy’, and knowledge on ‘security’ and ‘the international’;
- (3) the relationship that academic knowledge(s) on ‘war’ and ‘strategy’ may have with military-strategic (practical) knowledge;
- (4) the possible and inter-disciplinary ways of studying ‘war’ and ‘strategy’;

Through the “Epistemologies of war and violences” seminar, A.E.G.E.S. has a triple ambition. First, it aims to encourage often neglected epistemological analyses. Second, it hopes to stimulate reflections on the historicity of the transformations of ‘war’ and ‘strategy’ by interrogating the conceptual matrices within which ‘war’ and ‘strategy’ have been able to take on their meanings over times. Third, it aims to support the emergence of a multidisciplinary field of study of ‘war’ and violence firmly anchored in academic knowledge, independent of, but in dialogue with military institutions. In this respect, and as much as possible, presentations will be discussed by a colleague from another disciplinary tradition.

**F**ORMAT

The seminar “Epistemologies of war and violences” is a bimonthly seminar (6 sessions per year). When possible, sessions will be held physically *and* livestreamed.

**S**CIENTIFIC RESPONSIBILITY

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## PROGRAM 2020-2021

[Sessions will be held in French except mentioned otherwise]

- **SÉANCE 1 | War and its Transformations. Epistemological and Theoretical Issues**  
Moderator: Marie ROBIN, Univ. Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas et Southern Denmark  
Speaker: Christian OLSSON, Université libre de Bruxelles  
Discussant: Daniel BRUNSTETTER, University of California, Irvine  
Date: 17 November 2020      Schedule: 16h-18h [livestream opened from 15h50]  
Location:      Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88636104559>
- **[CANCELED] SÉANCE 2 | Knowledge and Discourse in International Law of Peace and Security**  
Moderator: Sarah CASSELLA, Université du Maine  
Speaker: Agatha VERDEBOUT, ESPOL-ICL  
Discussant: Ariel COLONOMOS, Sciences Po-CERI  
Date: 19 January 2021      Schedule: 16h-18h [livestream opened from 15h50]  
Location:      Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87253190885>
- **SÉANCE 3 | War in International Thought [session in English]**  
Moderator: Philippe BONDITTI, ESPOL-ICL  
Speaker: Jens BARTELSON, Lund University  
Discussants: Marie ROBIN Univ. Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas et Univ. of Southern Denmark  
Janis GRZYBOWSKI, ESPOL-ICL  
Date: 9 March 2021      Schedule: 16h-18h [livestream opened from 15h50]  
Location: Online exclusively      Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88381119286>
- **SÉANCE 4 | Feminist Epistemologies: Considerations on War, Deconstruction of Masculinity**  
Moderator: Johanna MÖHRING, CIENS-ENS  
Speaker: Lydie THOLLOT, Univ. Jean Moulin Lyon III  
Discussant: Sarah GUILLET, Univ. Lumières Lyon II  
Date: 27 April 2021      Schedule: 16h-18h [livestream opened from 15h50]  
Location: Online exclusively      Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81625744488>
- **SÉANCE 5 | Epistemology of Scarcity: Resources, Environment, Conflicts [session in French and English]**  
Moderator: Lucile MAERTENS, Univ. de Lausanne, Adrien ESTEVE, Sciences Po Paris  
Speaker: Mathieu COUTTENIER, ENS Lyon  
Discussant: Judith Nora HARDT, Centre March Bloch  
Date: 18 May 2021      Schedule: 16h-18h [livestream opened from 15h50]  
Location: Online exclusively      Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81625744488>
- **SÉANCE 6 | Bewteen Power and Information. New Issues for the Study of Conflictuality?**  
Moderator: Johanna MÖHRING, CIENS-ENS et Pierre Bourgois, IRSEM  
Speaker: Paul CHARON, IRSEM  
Discussant: Francesca MUSIANI, CNRS-CIS  
Date: 6 July 2021      Schedule: 16h-18h [livestream opened from 15h50]  
Location: *tbd*      Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81625744488>