



## ***GIS SOCIABILITES / SOCIABILITY IN THE LONG EIGHTEENTH CENTURY***

**History, Models and Transfers in European and Colonial Societies from 1650 to 1850**

### **SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME 2022-26**

#### **1 – SOCIABILITY AND POLITICIZATION**

##### **1.1 Definitions of civil society and forms of political expression**

- Political philosophy and the politics of sociability (from Aristotle's political anthropology)
- Individual ambition vs collective participation: a sociological approach
- Sociability and citizenship
- Printed media (press, pamphlets) and political discourse
- Sociable manners and the language of politics
- Sociability and revolution

##### **1.2 Spaces of politicization**

- Political institutions and party organisation
- Associational culture
- Popular vs elite, rural vs urban forms of politicization
- Sociabilities as counter-powers

##### **1.3 Women: from sociable practice to political engagement**

- The education of women and the invisible politician
- Women as visible agents of political sociability
- The road to women's suffrage and revolutionary movements

#### **2 – FOOD, DRINK AND SOCIABILITY**

##### **2.1 The Essentials of Sociability**

- Conviviality, community, sharing practices
- Social and cultural evolution of eating and drinking habits and practices (domestic/public) throughout the long eighteenth century

- Eating and drinking venues (typology and evolution)
- Popular vs elite practices

## **2.2 Eating and Drinking Rituals**

- The dinner ritual
- Initiation rituals, toasting
- Family rituals vs public ceremonies
- Food games?
- Food and drink / political identities, national character

## **2.3 Food and Drink Consumption: from novelty to excess**

- Exotic products / colonial influence
- Intoxicants and new addictions (alcohol, tobacco, drugs...)
- Transgressive sociable/unsociable behaviours

# **3 – THE SOCIABILITY OF THINGS**

## **3.1 Sociability and objects**

- Fashionable objects
- Performance and display: the materiality and visibility of sociability
- Collections, exhibitions...
- The circulation of commodities: from local to global perspective

## **3.2 Technical and scientific improvement**

- Impact of science on sociable practices: inventions, exploration, emergence of scientific societies
- Building scientific correspondences, journals and networks
- Industrial progress and the transformation of sociability: new professional sociabilities
- Professional sociability: intellectual vs labour?

## **3.3 Influence of material culture / artistic and literary representations of sociability**

- Painting
- Architecture and interior design
- Literary genres

## **4 – SOCIABILITY AND TRAVEL**

### **4.1 The traveller's sociability**

- Food and lodgings: inns, taverns, pubs...
- Means of transportation
- The logistics of hospitality: planning, letters of introduction

### **4.2 Exploring the world**

- The Grand Tour
- Scientific exploration
- The appeal of the Orient

### **4.3 Travelling empires**

- Travel and colonial settlement
- Colonial trade
- Diplomatic sociability