WINSTON CHURCHILL (1874-1965) IN PEACE AND WAR
23-25 SEPTEMBRE 2015
Colloque international organisé par l’EA 4086 (HDEA/MAPS)

23 septembre (Sorbonne – Salle des Actes, 1 rue Victor Cousin, 16h00-18h00)

24 septembre (Maison de la Recherche, 28 rue Serpente – D035, 9h15-17h00)

25 septembre (Musée de l’Armée, Hôtel national des Invalides
Auditorium Austerlitz, 9h00-15h30)

Organisateurs : Antoine CAPET et Claire CHARLOT avec la collaboration du Musée de l’Armée et de la Fondation Charles-de-Gaulle.

Participants : François Kersaudy, J.H. Maurer, John Young, Chris Bell, J.W. Muller, Richard Toye, B.J.C. McKercher, Will Morrissey, Philip Murphy, Warren Dockter, Alexis Butin, John Charmley.

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The commemorations of the 50th anniversary of the death of Winston Spencer Churchill, in 1965, and of the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII, in 1945, afford us a fresh opportunity to consider the life of one of the greatest figures of 20th-century Britain. His towering influence throughout the Second World War, and subsequently nationally and internationally, have ensured his iconic status.

An appraisal of Winston Churchill should not be limited however to his action in time of war (from the Boer wars to the two world wars) and should also encompass his years as a statesman. He served in several administrations as Minister or Prime Minister, and his career was one of numerous upheavals and great diversity.

A great man of letters, as is reflected in his earliest war correspondence, his powerfully inspirational oratory, and in his Nobel Prize for Literature in 1953, Winston Churchill was also talented in leisure pursuits as varied as painting or bricklaying. He was a man of many facets and it is this together with his major achievements that we propose to study here. His legacy, but also the different periods of his life and career, will give researchers the opportunity to look at the various aspects of his personality and of his rise to greatness.

An international conference held on September 23rd through to September 25th, 2015, at the University of Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV) and at the Invalides War Museum. The conference is organised by Paris-Sorbonne in association with the Musée de l’Armée and the Charles de Gaulle Foundation, which hosted a major exhibition at the Musée de l’Armée on ‘Churchill - de Gaulle’ (April 10th to July 26th, 2015).

Convenors: Antoine Capet (University of Rouen) and Claire Charlot (Paris-Sorbonne University).

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER (Salle des Actes, Sorbonne, 1 rue Victor Cousin, 75005 Paris)
Welcome by the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Head of Research, Paris-Sorbonne), Professor Pascal AQUIEN
Welcome by Her Majesty’s Ambassador to France, Sir Peter RICKETTS, GCMG, GCVO
Chair: Antoine CAPET (Emeritus Professor of British Studies, University of Rouen)
4.00-6.00 p.m. – Keynote speech: François KERSAUDY (Emeritus Professor of History, Panthéon-Sorbonne University)
Churchill and France
Questions and discussion.

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER (Lecture Hall D035, Maison de la Recherche, Paris-Sorbonne, 28 rue Serpente, 75006 Paris)
9.15 a.m. - Welcome by the President of the Franco-British Association, Monsieur Patrick HENAUlLT
Chair: Richard DAVIS (Professor of British Studies, University Charles de Gaulle - Lille 3)
9.30-10.00 a.m. – John H MAURER (Mahan Professor of Strategy, Strategy and Policy Department, Naval War College, Newport, RI)
Churchill and the Challenge from Imperial Germany
10.00-10.30 a.m. – John YOUNG (Professor of International History, University of Nottingham)
Churchill and the July Crisis of 1914
10.30-10.45 a.m. – Coffee break
10.45-11.15 a.m. – Christopher BELL (Professor of History, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia)
Churchill and the Dardanelles
11.15-11.45 a.m. – Questions and discussion
12.00 a.m.-2.00 p.m. – Lunch break
Chair: Gérard HOCMARD (Member of the Board of Directors of the Association France/Grande-Bretagne)
2.00-2.30 p.m. – James W. MULLER (Professor of Political Science, University of Alaska, Anchorage)
Churchill at War on the Nile
2.30-3.00 p.m. – Richard TOYE (Professor of Modern History, University of Exeter, UK)
Winston Churchill and the Golden Age of Journalism

1 The exhibition catalogue will be available on Friday 25 September at the Musée de l’Armée bookshop, close to the Austerlitz auditorium (price : 28 euros).
3.00-3.30 p.m. – Questions and discussion
3.30-3.45 p.m. – Coffee break
Chair: John CHARMLEY (Professor of Modern History, Head of the Interdisciplinary Institute, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of East Anglia)
3.45-5.00 p.m. – Round Table

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER (Auditorium Austerlitz, Musée de l’Armée, Hôtel national des Invalides)
9.00 a.m. – Welcome by Vincent GIRAUDIER (Historial Charles de Gaulle, Musée de l’Armée, Hôtel national des Invalides)
Chair: Vincent GIRAUDIER
9.15-9.45 a.m. – B.J.C. McKERCHER (Professor of International History, University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada)
9.45-10.15 a.m. – Will MORRISEY (Professor of Politics, Hillsdale College, Michigan)
What Churchill and de Gaulle Learned from the Great War
10.15-10.45 a.m. – Questions and discussion
10.45-11.00 a.m. – Coffee break
Chair: Martine PIQUET (Professor of Commonwealth Studies – Paris-Dauphine University)
11.00-11.30 a.m. – Philip MURPHY (Professor of British and Commonwealth History – Director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London)
Winston Churchill and the End of Empire, 1945-65
11.30-12.00 a.m. – Warren DOCKTER (Junior Research Fellow, Clare College, Cambridge)
Winston Churchill and the Islamic World
12.00-12.30 a.m. – Questions and discussion
12.30 a.m.-2.00 p.m. – Lunch break
Chair: Claire CHARLOT (Professor of British Studies, Paris-Sorbonne University)
2.00-2.30 p.m. – Alexis BUTIN (Lycée Stanislas, Paris)
Winston Churchill as the Archetype of the Inspired Leader: Winston Churchill seen by Isaiah Berlin
2.30-3.00 p.m. – John CHARMLEY (Professor of Modern History, Head of the Interdisciplinary Institute, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of East Anglia)
Churchill: the Making of a Secular Saint
3.00-3.30 p.m. – Questions and discussion
3.30-4.00 p.m. – Coffee break
4.00-5.00 – Visit of the Charles de Gaulle historial with Vincent Giraudier.

An entry fee of 20 euros will be asked of participants. Registration is a pre-requisite as there is limited room in the lecture halls. Please register with Claire Charlot (claire.charlot@paris-sorbonne.fr). Make sure you arrive for 8.45 at the Invalides (entrance through the esplanade) to allow time to go through security checks. Thank you.

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- The Musée de l’Armée and more specifically Monsieur Vincent Giraudier who let us use the facilities there and helped with the organisation of this conference.
- The Churchill Archives and more specifically its director, Allen Packwood.
- The Association France/Grande-Bretagne headed by Patrick Hénault.
The Churchill Archives Centre:
The Churchill Archives Centre was purpose-built in 1973 to house Sir Winston Churchill's papers — some 3000 boxes of letters and documents ranging from his first childhood letters, via his great war-time speeches, to the writings which earned him the Nobel Prize for Literature. They form an incomparable documentary treasure trove. The Churchill Papers served as the inspiration and the starting-point for a larger endeavour – the creation of a wide-ranging archive of the Churchill era and after, covering those fields of public life in which Sir Winston played a personal role or took a personal interest. Today the Centre holds the papers of almost 600 important figures and the number is still growing. Contemporaries of Winston Churchill, including friends and family, sit alongside major political, military and scientific figures like Margaret Thatcher, Ernest Bevin, John Major, Neil Kinnock, Admiral Ramsay, Field Marshal Slim, Frank Whittle and Rosalind Franklin.

Set up in 2012 by Claire Charlot, the research group MAPS gathers researchers specialised in the study of English-speaking countries (the United States, the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth) from the 16th century to the present day. It has developed into a multidisciplinary group of researchers looking more specifically at the following fields: environmental studies, political studies, religious studies, urban studies and social studies. It is part of an umbrella research group, HDEA (EA 4086) – Histoire et dynamiques des pays Anglophones: du réel au virtuel, headed by Professor Andrew Diamond.

The Musée de l’Armée (Invalides):
Founded in 1905, when the collections of the Artillery Museum and the Army Historical Museum were merged, the current Musée de l’Armée holds and displays one of the world’s richest collections of military objects and history. With over 500,000 arms, armours, artillery pieces, decorations, emblems, paintings and photographs, it offers a journey through French military history from the Middle Ages to the post-war period (WWII). Two special exhibitions are held every year, and the Museum runs a wide programme of lectures, concerts (including open-air operas), films and special events. For further details, see www.musee-armee.fr

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