

The year 2012 marks the 150th anniversary of Renan's famous inaugural lecture at the Collège de France and the 120th anniversary of his death. To take advantage of this double commemoration, the Collège de France will pay tribute to one of its most renowned members by recalling the different periods of his life and examining his scientific and literary production. His wide-ranging intellect wrestled with the crucial issues of the 19th century that are resurfacing today, as well as the still relevant question as to the role of the scholar in the city.

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Autumn Symposium 2012 at the Collège de France

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Homage to Ernest Renan

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Admission is free, without registration
but subject to seat availability



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—1530—

THURSDAY OCTOBER 11

9 a.m. Introduction by Serge Haroche, Director of the Collège de France and by Henry Laurens, Collège de France

THE LIFE OF RENAN

9:15 a.m. Henry Laurens, *Collège de France*
General presentation of Renan's work

10 a.m. Michel Zink, *Collège de France*
Childhood and youthful memories: the eternal seminarian

10:45 a.m. Break

11 a.m. Tobie Zakia, *Caisse nationale de sécurité sociale of Lebanon*
The Renan family at Amschit

11:45 a.m. Céline Surprenant, *University of Sussex*
Renan, Director of the Collège de France

12:30 p.m. Break

HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY

1:30 p.m. Dominique Charpin, *École pratique des hautes études*
Renan, a Semitist at the cradle of Assyriology

2:15 p.m. Corinne Bonnet, *Université de Toulouse (UTM) / Institut Universitaire de France*
"This mission that kept me in the most intimate contact with ancient times": Ernest Renan and the "discovery" of the Phoenecia

3 p.m. Denis Knoepfler, *Collège de France*
The use of epigraphy in the History of the origins of Christianity: a concern for renewal or a scholar's affectation?

3:45 p.m. Break

4 p.m. Thomas Römer, *Collège de France*
Renan's historical and critical exegesis of the Bible

4:45 p.m. Manfred Kropp, *Universität Johannes Gutenberg de Mayence*
Renan and the origins of Islam

5:30 p.m. John Scheid, *Collège de France*
Renan, the empire and the religion of the Romans

FRIDAY OCTOBER 12

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

9 a.m. Claudine Tiercelin, *Collège de France*
Reason according to Renan

9:45 a.m. Jacques Bouveresse, *Collège de France*
Science, metaphysics, religion, and the question of their future

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Alain de Libera, *École pratique des hautes études*
Renan and Averroism

11:30 a.m. Jean-Noël Robert, *Collège de France*
Renan and Bhuddism

12:15 p.m. Break

POLITICS AND POSTERITY

1:15 p.m. Perrine Nahum, *CNRS*
Renan the pathfinder: from the science of religions to the history of religions

2 p.m. Jean Balcou, *Université de Bretagne occidentale*
Pius IX as understood by Renan

2:45 p.m. Dominique Bourel, *CNRS, Centre Roland Mousnier Paris Sorbonne*
Renan's successors: Salomon Munk and Philippe Berger

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. Antoine Compagnon, *Collège de France*
The god of the Third Republic

4:30 p.m. Sophie Basch, *Université Paris-Sorbonne*
The fate of *Prayer on the Acropolis*

5:15 p.m. Pierre Rosanvallon, *Collège de France*
Renan, founding father of the Republic?