

## tosc@paris.2019 – Call for papers



### **3rd transnational opera studies conference**

**paris  
27-29 june 2019**

Founded in Bologna in 2015 on the model of other events that focus on a specific area of study (the Medieval and Renaissance Music Conference, Baroque Music Conference, etc.), tosc@ is a biennial meeting designed to give scholars, artists and opera lovers from different countries the opportunity to come together.

Open to all approaches, forms, genres and periods, the tosc@ conference aims to unite the excellence and boldness of contemporary research on opera and musical theatre in general.

The conference moves from place to place, encouraging the presence of contributors from the host countries, enlarging the circle of its participants and promoting encounters between cultures and sensibilities.

In this way it hopes to foster interest in opera studies in the younger generation of researchers, be they musicologists or scholars from other disciplines.

Papers may be given in the language(s) of the host country or in English. Everyone is invited to take part, regardless of their professional status.

As in other events of this kind, participants and spectators take responsibility for their own expenses; registration fees, however, are kept as low as possible.

The name of the conference is an acronym:

**T**ransnational

**O**pera

**S**tudies

**C**onference

**@**

with the final word referring to the host city.

## **THE THIRD CONFERENCE: tosc@paris.2019**

Following the success of the first two meetings (tosca@bologna.2015 and tosc@bern.2017), the third edition of the tosc@ conference will take place in Paris, France, from 27 to 29 June 2019.

The event will be organised by the University of Paris 8, and hosted at the Opéra de Paris and the Institut national d'histoire de l'art, partners of [tosca@paris.2019](http://tosca@paris.2019) along with the Bibliothèque nationale de France and the Musée du Louvre. The conference will also benefit from the participation of the Opéra-Comique and the Centre Pompidou-Metz.

tosca@paris.2019 will engage directly with current theatrical production, encouraging fertile exchanges between researchers, artists, spectators, theatre professionals and other players of the operatic stage who contribute to its influence and success. It will also be an opportunity to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the Opéra de Paris, and special moments will be dedicated to the Opéra de Paris and its history.

**The Programme Committee** will consist of:

Joy H. Calico (Vanderbilt University)  
Georgia Cowart (Case Western Reserve University)  
Céline Frigau Manning (Université Paris 8 – Institut universitaire de France)  
Sarah Hibberd (University of Bristol)  
Kordula Knaus (Universität Bayreuth)  
Hervé Lacombe (Université Rennes 2)  
Isabelle Moindrot (Université Paris 8)  
Emanuele Senici (Sapienza - Università di Roma)

Céline Frigau Manning and Isabelle Moindrot are also the conference organizers.

### **tosca@lab – THE “ABSTRACTS” WORKSHOP**

As announced in April 2018 upon the initial publication of the Call for Papers, the tosc@lab (abstracts workshop) was successfully held in June 2018 and provided an independent and academic guidance to participants wanting to improve their proposals.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Programme Committee has now decided to welcome proposals in the following formats:

- individual papers (20 minutes long, with 10 minutes for discussion);
- themed sessions (three or four papers, each 20 minutes long with 10 minutes for discussion – please note that the Committee reserves the right to accept one or several proposals on a separate basis even if the entire panel is not selected);
- roundtable sessions (up to six people each giving a brief position paper, followed by a general discussion).

We invite submissions on any subject related to opera and other forms of musical and music theatre.

Presentations which integrate performative aspects, or other atypical formats, are welcome.

Methodologies may be varied, traversing disciplines and perspectives: verbal text, music, drama, performance, interpretation, declamation, painting, scenography, dance, staging, stage technology, cinema, photography, video, television, radio, digital arts, as well as reception, historiography, economics, ecology, opera and society, opera and the media, opera and the other arts, etc.

On the occasion of the 350th anniversary of the Opéra de Paris, proposals focusing on operatic institutions, their history and current perspectives, and in particular on the Opéra de Paris, are encouraged. Proposals that engage with the question of opera in a globalised world, as well as transnational perspectives, will also be of particular interest to the committee.

Preference will be given to proposals that explore questions and problematics, rather than simply offering descriptive accounts.

Proposals may be submitted in English, French, German or Italian. They must include the following:

- author’s full name;
- country and institution;
- e-mail address;
- paper title;
- abstract.

Abstracts should be prepared as follows:

- individual papers: maximum 350 words;
- themed sessions: a 250-word summary outlining the aims of the session and a 350-word abstract for each paper;
- roundtable sessions: a 250-word summary outlining the aims of the session, and a brief description of each position paper.

Typically, an academic abstract should include a clear statement of the topic and research question(s), contextualised within existing knowledge; a summary of the argument, evidence and conclusions; and an explanation of why the topic and findings are important.

Abstracts should thus include all necessary information that will allow the Programme Committee to evaluate the paper’s quality and originality and its potential as an oral presentation.

Proposals must be submitted as attachments by email as a Word file (“.doc” or “.docx” – not “.pdf”) to:

**paristosc@gmail.com**  
**by 30 September 2018**

Everyone submitting a proposal will be sent a confirmation email; if you do not receive a notification within six days, please resend the proposal.

All abstracts will be anonymised before being evaluated by the Programme Committee. Do not to include any information in your abstract that could reveal your identity (such as “As I have shown in my earlier article...”).

All those who have submitted a proposal will be notified of the outcome by the beginning of January 2019.

Following acceptance by the Programme Committee, there will be an opportunity to revise abstracts before their publication in the conference programme.

## **FEES**

As for other events of this kind, participants (speakers and spectators) will be required to pay for themselves. The precise registration fee will depend on the number of participants, and will be confirmed when the notification of accepted papers is sent; it will, however, be no more than €100, and will include three buffets. A special effort will be made for students in order to reduce their registration fees.

## **THE tosc@paris.2019 AWARD**

The Programme Committee will offer an award for the best paper presented by a junior scholar at the conference. All those born after 1984, and whose papers are accepted for the conference, will be eligible.

Those who wish to be considered for this award must submit the final version of their paper to the Programme Committee (accompanied by any musical examples, images, etc.) to [paristosc@gmail.com](mailto:paristosc@gmail.com) by 20 May 2019.

The tosc@paris.2019 award will be awarded at the end of the event (29 June 2019) by Marco Beghelli (Università di Bologna), founder of the Transnational Opera Studies Conference and organizer of the first edition (tosca@bologna.2015).

The winner will be invited to submit the oral presentation as a full article for publication in a prominent international peer-reviewed journal, and will be invited to present a new paper at a plenary session of the fourth edition of tosc@.

## **CALENDAR**

- 30 September 2018: Deadline for the candidates' submissions
- Early January 2019: Announcement of the results
- 20 May 2019: Deadline for submissions to the tosc@paris.2019 award
- 20 May-20 June 2019: Evaluation of young researchers' papers
- 27-29 June 2019: tosc@paris.2019