



# Critiques of Comparative History

## A Workshop with George Steinmetz (University of Michigan)

Comparative history has long been considered as one of the most innovative fields of historiography. This point of view itself has become history by now.

Comparative history has come under attack from several sides. Among others, authors employing a *histoire croisée* or working with entangled, relational and/or localized perspectives have raised many important objections and made us aware of the problems that come with the construction of homogeneous entities (for example the nation-state). This workshop aims at summarizing and discussing prospects and limits of comparative approaches mainly in history but also in sociology.

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14.00–17.00

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