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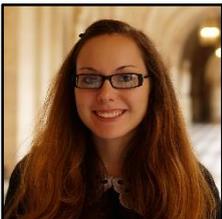
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Katie Davis is a PhD Candidate in History and a Connaught International Scholar at the University of Toronto in Canada. Her dissertation examines the transformation of transatlantic atomic relations in the early Cold War, focusing on the history of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission and the relationship between public opinion and foreign policymaking. Katie also received an MSc in Theory and History of International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.





Aurélie Deganello is a PhD student at the Laboratoire d'ethnologie et de sociologie comparative (LESC - Center for Ethnology and Comparative Sociology) of Paris Nanterre University. After obtaining her Master's degree in Anthropology with a thesis on the expression and transmission of the traumatic memories of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, she began her doctoral thesis on the controversies surrounding the project for the construction of the nuclear power plant of Kaminoseki in Japan. Her research focuses on the constructions that emerge from interactions between humans and nuclear energy. In 2015, she attended the summer course "Hiroshima and Peace" held by the Hiroshima City University. Between 2014 and 2018 she spent a total of about two years in immersion in Hiroshima and Kaminoseki. During her field research trips to Japan she began a photography project on the marine and island environment and humans in the Kaminoseki region.



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