



**VF Research Showcase
Friday 14 November 2025
Salon, Maison Française d'Oxford**

Chair: Antoine Lilti

9.00 VF Postdoctoral Researchers presentations

Olivier Higgins, 'After Frederick: German Idealism and the Echo of Enlightenment'

Jonas Thorup Thomsen, 'A Media Revolution in 18th-Century Denmark: The Emergence of Rural Lending Libraries'

10-10.15 coffee

10.15 Turin Humanities Programme Junior Fellows presentations

Caroline Gleason-Mercier, 'Becoming a Fugitive Wife: Julie Candeille's *Catherine*, ou *La belle fermière*'

Sam Harrison, 'Can the cannibal speak? Reasonable and unreasonable people-eating in the French Enlightenment'

Morgan Golf-French, 'Who were the *Peguinen*? Race, confusion, and career opportunities at eighteenth-century Göttingen'

11.45-12 coffee

12-1pm

Presentation of OV (Oxford University Voltaire)

Nicholas Cronk, Gillian Pink, Alison Oliver, Dan Barker, Zoe Screti

1-1.45pm lunch

2.15-3pm Taylor Institution, Voltaire Room – organised by Nick Hearn
Exhibition of items acquired with William Barber Fund