

THE EMILE ZOLA SOCIETY

PROGRAMME 2026

- January 22-24, Paris Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole Normale Supérieure, **International Colloquium** on *Sciences et techniques dans la seconde moitié du xix^e siècle, Zola et ses contemporains*, followed by a visit to Zola's House and the Dreyfus Museum, in Médan. In view of the International Colloquium organised in collaboration with L'École Polytechnique, ENS, ITEM-CNRS, and Société des Amis d'Émile Zola, it was decided not to have a March Seminar.
- February, 12, 3pm, at the Secretary's home address, **readings** from the *Contes Ninon* and *Nouveaux Contes à Ninon (Le Petit village)* followed by a Q/A
- March, 12, 3pm, at the Secretary's home address, **readings** from *Mes Haines (Manet, Cézanne, and Erkman-Chatrian)*, followed by a Q/A
- April, 18, 6pm, **Avec Zola à table**, Annual Dinner at the Roebuck (TBC) in Chiswick. It is currently being refurbished.
- May 21, 3pm, at St Peter's, **a talk by John Bennett**: 'Some reflections about *Germinal* through the eyes of a Mining Engineer'.
- June 11 (TBC), at 3pm at St Peter's, **a talk by Benjamin Bacle (UCL)**: '*A Light of an altogether different nature. Maurice Maeterlinck and the quest for the invisible*'.
- July 4: **outing to Crystal Palace**, visit to the refurbished Nineteenth-Century Exhibition underpass and the Queen's Hotel where M. & Mme Zola spent sometimes when Émile Zola was in exile during the Dreyfus Case.
- September 24, 3pm at St Peter's : **a talk by Sati McKensie** on '*Politics in the Rougon-Macquart Novels*'.
- October, 23 and 24, 11.00-17.00, at St Peter's: **Symposium** on '*Senses and sensations*'.
- November, 5, 3pm, at the Secretary's home, **readings** from *Nos auteurs dramatiques* (Victor Hugo and Alexandre Dumas Fils)
- **AGM**, November 26, 3pm at St Peter's.