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lecture

# European societies in the face of terrorism

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Simone WEIL amphitheater  
5, allée Jacques Berque, Nantes

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He is the author of *Sidérations : une sociologie des attentats* (State of paralysis: a sociology of attacks), Paris, Puf ("Le lien social"), 2016.

## Theme

After the attacks in Paris and Brussels, European societies seem harder hit than ever by terrorism. What can social sciences do in this situation? How can they help us understand what we are experiencing and shed light on the way in which we respond to terrorist attacks? During this conference, Gérôme TRUC, sociologist and author of *State of paralysis: a sociology of attacks*, will try to answer these questions using as a starting point the survey he conducted on reactions of European citizens to the attacks in New York (9/11), Madrid (2004) and London (2005). His presentation will be discussed by German historian Heinz-Gerhard HAUPT, a fellow at IAS-Nantes in 2015-16, who is currently working on the reactions of French, German and Italian societies to anarchist attacks at the end of the 19th century.