

MALTA AND FRANCE: SHARED HISTORIES, NEW VISIONS

Friday 7th May 2021

An event organised by

The Office of the Presidency and The Embassy of France in Malta



09:00: Opening

- Introductory address by H.E. **Brigitte Curmi**, Ambassador of the French Republic to Malta
- Address by the Hon. **Evarist Bartolo**, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Malta
- Address by H.E. **Clément Beaune**, French Secretary of State for European Affairs
- Keynote Speech by H.E. **George Vella**, President of the Republic of Malta

09:35: Introduction

- **Anne Brogini**, Historian (University of Côte d'Azur)

09:40: Through history

- Moderator: Joan Abela*, Historian (University of Malta)
- *A Critical Look on the Archives: Nicolas Chibaëff*, Director of the Archives, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, and **Charles Farrugia**, Director of National Maltese Archives
 - *Bonaparte Years, the Great Misunderstanding: Alain Blondy*, Historian and Professor Emeritus
 - *Relations between France and the Order of Malta in the 18th century, Presentation of the sources kept in the French National Archives and the Order's Archives: Emmanuel Rousseau*, Director, French National Archives
 - *Franco-Maltese Relationships during the British Colonisation: Charles Xuereb*, Historian (University of Malta)
 - *Discussion*

11:40: Through arts, sciences and culture

- Moderator: Dr Marilyn Mallia*, Department of French (University of Malta)
- *Illuminated Parisian Books of Hours in Malta: Martina Caruana*, Director (Malta College of Arts, Science & Technology)
 - *Legacy of the French Military Engineer: Claude Busuttill*, architect (University of Malta)
 - *Translating French Authors: Anthony Aquilina*, Department of Translation, Terminology and Interpreting Studies (University of Malta)
 - *French and Maltese personalities in the 18th Century: Carmen Depasquale*, Associate Professor (University of Malta)
 - *Discussion*

13:40: Break

14:30: Through human exchanges

- Moderator: Liam Gauci*, Historian (University of Malta)
- *Maltese contemporary musicians in France: Karl Fiorini, Sandro Schembri*, (musicians and composers), discussion coordinated by **Karsten Xuereb** (Research Officer, Ministry for National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government)
 - *Journal of Théophile Gautier's travel to Malta: Norbert Bugeja*, Mediterranean Institute (University of Malta)
 - *Maltese Migration to France and North Africa: Geneviève Falgas*, Historian (University of Toulouse) and **Carmen Depasquale**, Associate Professor (University of Malta)
 - *Landscapes of Revolution in Paris and Malta, or the Search for a Lost Novelist: Adrian Grima*, Department of Maltese (University of Malta)
 - *Discussion*

16:30: Concluding speech

- H.E. **Carmelo Inguanez**, Ambassador of Malta to France



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