La Terre and its associations are of central importance to French culture and literature during the long nineteenth century. Changing regimes and demographics, modernization and industrialization, and new modes of communication and transportation were among a number of factors that altered the rural landscape, its inhabitants, and its occupations, transforming lifestyles and identities. The very geography of France and the French empire took new shape, domestically and in overseas territories. The sense of what it meant to live within France’s changing borders and in its changing landscape evolved as well. The 2016 colloquium proposes to explore representations of the natural, material world, as well as the cultural politics at play in relation to region, terroir, and identity. We invite contributions on topics including, but not limited to, the following:

**Terroir**
- Geology
- Geography and geopolitics
- Roots and races
- Nation and nationality
- Rurality and regional identities
- City and country
- Nature
- Peasants
- The pastoral, nature poetry
- Agriculture and farming
- Food and drink
- Animals and animality
- Biology, bodies, fertility, sexuality, reproduction
- Life/non-life/death
- Environmental issues, ecocriticism
- Natural disasters, climates
- Evolution and extinction
- Transportation, travel
- Exploration, borders
- Gardens and gardening
- Landscapes and landscaping
- Deforestation
- Natural/artificial/supernatural
- Occupation, colonialism, land struggles
- Maps, mapping, cartography
- Recycling, renewal, transformation
- La terre au théâtre, au cinéma
- Rotations, revolutions, planets
- Extraterrestrials
- Trenches, warfare

**Submissions:**
Submissions for individual papers or sessions may be in French or English and should be in the form of an abstract (250-300 words) sent as an email attachment in Word to the address below. For session proposals, a separate abstract for each paper should be included. The deadline for all submissions is March 15, 2016. Please indicate your A/V requirements on your abstract.

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