

Guest Lecture

The French and American Independence

Tuesday, April 16th

LOCATION:

*Student Union, 3rd Floor
Kachina Lounge*

TIME:

3:30 pm — 5:00 pm



Auguste Couder, *le Siège de Yorktown*, Château de Versailles, (1836)

The **Embassy of France in Washington DC**, in cooperation with America 2026, is pleased to announce an upcoming **guest lecture** on the **French role in the American Revolution**.

Join us as historian **Dr. Iris de Rode** shares her research on the eminent **Chevalier François-Jean de Chastellux**. As a Major General in the Expédition Particulière, de Chastellux played a crucial role in the American War of Independence. Dr. de Rode's presentation will reveal **new perspectives on the Battle of Yorktown** and shed light on the broader scope of the **Franco-American alliance** during this time.

The lecture will be in English.



Dr. Iris de Rode

Iris de Rode earned her doctorate in 2019 from Université de Paris VIII. Her dissertation on François-Jean de Chastellux won the prestigious Prix Guizot from the Académie Française. Currently, she is preparing a new book "En route to Yorktown" slated for publication by the University of Virginia Press in 2025. Since 2013, Iris has taught American and Transatlantic history at SciencesPo Paris and is deeply involved in public history initiatives with organizations like the National Park Service and the French Embassy in Washington DC. She is also a US committee member of "america2026.eu".

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