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In the past few years, colonization has reemerged as a central topic of historical inquiry and public debate, often in a very controversial mode. Three lines of inquiry have been central to this reemergence: the distinction between "memory" and "history", the contradictions of the "imperial Republic" and the "weight of the colonial past" in contemporary French society. Emmanuelle Saada will contextualize these different debates, identify the political stakes and conceptions of history that they entail, and make a few modest proposals regarding the writing the history of French colonization.



