Remembering the Good: Social Memory and the Resistance to Violence in Le Chambon-Sur-Lignon, France
Part of IERES' Visiting Scholar Roundtable Series

with

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This talk will examine how social memory, as it is understood within a vast range of disciplines, can powerfully reinforce long-lasting enmities between groups. And yet, is it possible that memory practices can equally contribute to undermining the categories of violence that plague societies and contribute to amity and peace? To address this question, Maggie Paxson will discuss her research on a cluster of villages in rural France where members of a community have actively resisted the demands of the state and their national neighbors to rescue groups of endangered peoples during several periods--most dramatically during the Holocaust.

Margaret Paxson is Senior Associate at the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. She is an anthropologist and author of Solovyovo: The Story of Memory in a Russian Village. She has conducted long fieldwork projects in the Russian north and the North Caucasus, and in rural France. Her essays have appeared in the Washington Post, the Washington Post Magazine, The Wilson Quarterly, and Die Zeit, as well as in scholarly books and journals.

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4:00-5:00pm
Voesar Conference Room
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Please RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/PaxsonGWU.

This event is on the record.