

# AURORA BOREALIS

observations, descriptions  
and visualisations



23 January 2024

UVSQ/ University Paris Saclay

Pavillon Panhard, UFR des Sciences, VERSAILLES

Frederic Edwin Church - *Aurora Borealis* 1865

## PROGRAMME of the INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP:

9:30-10:45 PRESENTATIONS ON HISTORICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF AURORA BOREALIS BY STUDENTS OF THE ARCTIC MASTER PROGRAMME (UVSQ)

10:45-11:00 coffee break

11:00-11:40 **Sylvain Briens (Sorbonne University):**

“Boreal Poetics - The northern lights in 19th-century literature” (« Poétique boréale - Les aurores boréales dans la littérature du XIXe siècle »)

11:40-12:20 **Muriel Brot (UMR 8599 CNRS/Sorbonne Université):**

“Aurora borealis in French dictionaries of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The emergence of a lexicographical entry” (« Les aurores boréales dans les dictionnaires français des XVIIe et XVIIIe siècles. Émergence d’une entrée lexicographique. »)

12:20-13:30 lunch break

13:30-14:10 **Per Aspaas Pippin (UiT, University of Tromsø):**

“The light from the north: Scandinavian investigators of the aurora borealis during the European Enlightenment”

14:10-14:50 **Æsa Sigurjónsdóttir (University of Iceland):**

“The Aurora Borealis in Nordic art” («L'Aurore Boréale dans l'art nordique»).

14:50-15:30 **Léo Becka (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University):**

“The observations of the northern lights during the *La Recherche* (1836-1839) a scientific and sensory experience” (« L'observation des aurores pendant les expéditions de La Recherche (1836-1839), une expérience scientifique et sensorielle »)

15:30-15:45 coffee break

15:45-16:25 **Emil Andersen (University of Copenhagen):**

“Souls of the Dead: Hans Egede on the Aurora Borealis and Inuit myths”

16:25-16:55 **Joanna Kodzik (MIARC/ UVSQ-University of Paris Saclay):**



“Charites and Philaethes in dialogue about the Northern Lights - Friedrich Daniel Behn (1734-1804) observations from Lübeck 1770”

16:55 -17:15 **Mustapha Meftah (LATMOS/ UVSQ-University of Paris Saclay):**

“UVSQSAT NG and the Observation of Aurora”

17:15-17:45 **Halldór Jóhannsson (Arctic Portal, Iceland):**

“Living under the Aurora borealis – research, culture, tourism and economic development – discussion”

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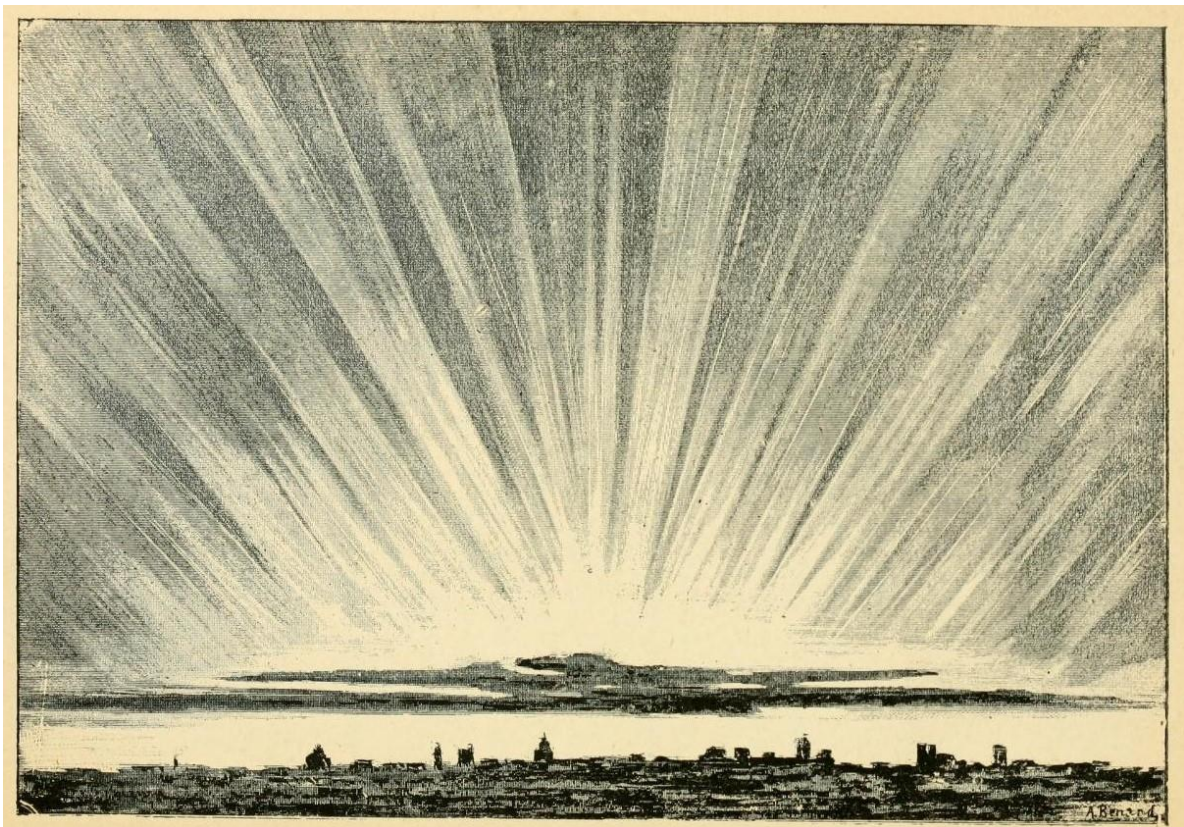
### **VENUE:**

Pavillion Panhard, Versailles campus of the UVSQ  
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### **GUIDED TOUR:**

Bibliothèque – Ancien Hôtel de la Marine et Galerie des Affaires étrangères in Versailles  
24 January 2025, 10:30

<https://www.versailles-tourisme.com/bibliotheque-ancien-hotel-de-la-marine-et-galerie-des-affaires-etrangeres.html>



**AURORA BOREALIS IN PARIS October 24, 1870.**

Alfred Angot: *The Aurora Borealis*, New York 1897.