

**Conférence midi
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**“The end of romantic love?”
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The presentation surveys the discussion within the sociology of love concerning whether romantic love is still a meaning-providing idea today, or whether we can observe the emergence of other forms of love that can no longer be labelled as “romantic”. My main argument is that love has shifted significantly away from the traditional romantic paradigm, however contemporary forms of love remain ‘romantic’ as the romantic notion of individual passion is still considered pivotal in late-modern understandings of love.

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