

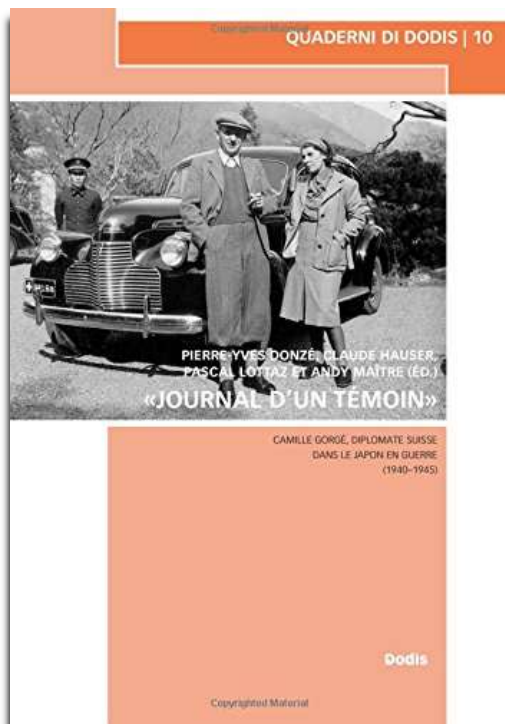


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## Launch event for the publication of the book

### «Journal d'un Témoin»: Camille Gorgé, diplomate suisse dans le Japon en guerre (1940–1945)



Book title in english :  
**Diary of a Witness - Camille Gorgé, a Swiss diplomat in Japan during World War II (1940-1945)**

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Minister of Switzerland in Tokyo between 1940 and 1945, Camille Gorgé was a privileged witness of this dramatic period of world history. His unpublished memoirs, of more than 500 pages, entitled *Defeat in Rising Sun: Diary of a Witness*, were written in the years following the end of the war. This narrative was carefully constructed on the basis of Gorgé's memory, his personal notes, and official reports and correspondence. Gorgé was the neutral representative of numerous countries in war against Japan. He took notes regarding his daily diplomatic work and the evolution of war, including both facts and his own thoughts about Japanese society, politics, and military dictatorship. A team of historians led by professors Claude Hauser and Pierre-Yves Donzé prepared a thematic and critical edition of this document, which has been released in French in July 2018 with the support of UniDistance, the Swiss Distance Learning University. An electronic version is under preparation. This unique document offers a fresh and new perspective on daily life of foreigners and diplomatic work in Japan during World War II.

## Program

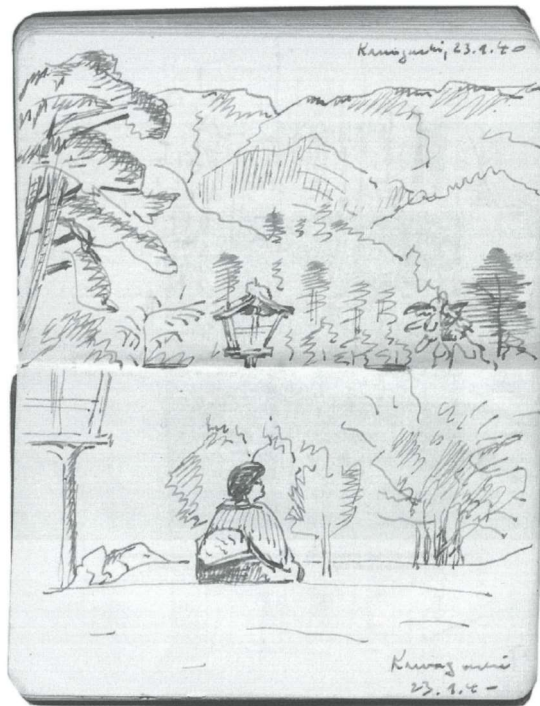
- 19:00**     *Welcome address*
- 19:05**     *Presentation*  
Diary of a Witness - Camille Gorgé, a Swiss diplomat in Japan during World War II (1940-1945),  
by *Prof. Claude Hauser and Prof. Pierre-Yves Donzé*
- 19:45**     *Reception*

## Prof. Claude Hauser

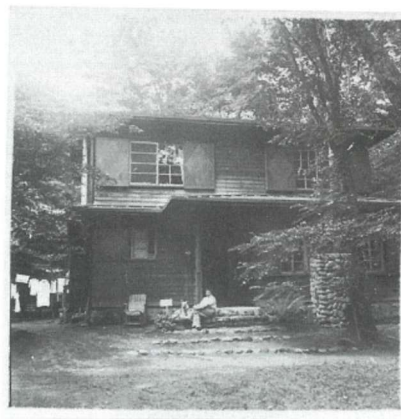
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Paysage de montagnes japonaises dans la région de Karuzawa saisi par Camille Gorgé dans son agenda (23.9.1940).  
Source: Archives de la famille Gorgé



Devant la maison privée de Gorgé à Karuzawa, dans les montagnes japonaises.  
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