Historical Dialogues, Justice, and Memory Network News

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The Historical Dialogues, Justice and Memory Network announces its 2017 Conference:

Present Past: Time, Memory, and the Negotiation of Historical Justice
December 7-9, 2017
Columbia University, New York City

In considering the politics and policies of commemorating the past, this conference probes how public discourses about memory change over time. Papers that explore how the past is known, interpreted, conceptualized, or articulated, and how such representations evolve with the passage of time, are welcome. How has the passage of time changed the way memories of historical violence, atrocity and genocide are represented in the public sphere? In what ways do political, social and cultural forces influence, appropriate, or stifle these memories in different ways as the original event recedes into the more distant past? Related topics include the globalization of memory, and with it the increasing popularity of commemorative memorial practices. The proliferation of museums and memorials, the increase in confessional or memorial literature, and the surge of memory laws against Holocaust and genocide denial are some examples of the historical, cultural and legal phenomena that speak to questions of how individuals and communities remember. These modes of ‘making the past present’ speak not only to the passage of time and the forces of multidirectional memory, but also to the ways in which communities understand issues of justice and accountability, memory and amnesia, prevention and the culture of ‘never again’. This conference thus seeks papers that explore the ways in which communities negotiate narrativization of the past over time, and what the implications of such changes in public discourses of memory suggest in terms of present and future political realities, conflict transformation and atrocity prevention, and the role that history itself has in shaping or re-shaping the ways in which individuals and groups relate to the past and future.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is May 15, 2017. Please note that we have a specific call for a panel on Genocide Prevention for which travel grants may be available. Please e-mail your submission as a single document to ahda.conference.2017@gmail.com. Click here to read the full call for papers.

Scholarship

Book Reviews

- Renée Ater’s review of Ana Lucia Araujo (2014), Shadows of the Slave Past: Memory, Heritage, and Slavery. This ambitious book offers a broad examination of, and approach to, the slave past.

Books for Review
Working Papers


Recent and Forthcoming Publications


Online Resources

- Archives and Dealing with the Past
- Mapping Historical Dialogue Project
- Political Apologies Archive

Events and Conferences

International Symposium “Comparative Genocide Studies and the Holocaust: Conflict and Convergence”
Dates: April 6-8, 2017
Location: University of Minnesota

Memory Activism: Reimagining the Past for the Future in Israel-Palestine
Date: April 12, 2017 4:00pm-5:30pm
Location: The New School, Albert and Vera List Academic Center 603, 6 East 16th Street, New York, NY 10003

Large-Scale Violence and Its Aftermaths
Dates: June 25-29, 2017
Location: Kean University

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Calls for Papers

CFP: Historical Dialogues, Justice and Memory Network Working Paper (WP) Series
Deadline: Rolling

CFP: Beyond Sebald: New Trajectories in Sebald Studies - Postgraduate Workshop at the University of Leeds, Tuesday 2nd May 2017
Deadline: April 10, 2017

CFP: OTJR@10 Rethinking Transitional Justice: What Does It Mean Today?
Deadline: April 23, 2017
CFP: Unsettling Canada at 150 (Workshop in Toronto, November 3, 2017)
Deadline: April 25, 2017

Deadline: May 12, 2017

CFP: Memory Laws: Legal Regulation of Historical Interpretations
Deadline: May 15, 2017

CFP: Conference on Autobiographical Writing and Exile, Resistance, Persecution and Camp Experiences/
Autobiographik von Exil, Widerstand, Verfolgung und Lagererfahrung
Deadline: May 15, 2017

CFP: Placeless Memories: Digital Constructions of Memory and Identity
Deadline: May 31, 2017

CFP: Reconciliation in Historical Perspective
Deadline: May 31, 2017

CFP: Forum Kritika on Historical Dialogue - Dealing with the Past: Mapping the Edges of "Historical Dialogue"
Deadline: June 30, 2017

Opportunities and Announcements

The Historical Dialogues, Justice and Memory Network is seeking members who would be interested in tweeting under the Network’s handle about topics related to historical dialogue, memory studies, dealing with the past, and related topics. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to dialogues@columbia.edu.

Opportunities

CFA: Harry & Helen Gray/AICGS Reconciliation Fellowship Program 2017
Deadline: April 30, 2017

Deadline: May 10, 2017

CFA: University of Cologne - associate/full professor, W2/W3 in International History and/or Historical Peace and Conflict Studies
Deadline: May 18, 2017

CFA: College of the Holy Cross - Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
Deadline: June 26, 2017

CFA: Editor, Working Paper Series
Deadline: Rolling

CFA: Seeking Twitterers, Historical Dialogues, Justice and Memory Network
Deadline: Rolling
CFA: Bar-Ilan University, Israel 2017 international summer program in conflict resolution
Deadline: Unspecified

Announcements

- Invitation to participate in the Mapping Historical Dialogue Project
- Online forum on digitizing documents

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