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Editorial

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Please find the announcement of ICOHTEC's Young Scholar Prize 2013; the deadline for application is **23 February 2013**. Thank you for your help to distribute this announcement. To remember: The deadline of application for ICOHTEC's Maurice-Daumas Prize for articles in the History of Technology 2013 (published in the last issue of the Newsletter) is **23 January 2013**.

The obligatory reminder: if you have not yet paid your annual ICOHTEC fees for 2012 please do so now; ICOHTEC's bank account is mentioned in the subscription form on the last page of the Newsletter.

Best wishes for the New Year!
Stefan Poser

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I. ICOHTEC Prize for Young Scholars 2013

Deadline for application **23 February 2013**

The ICOHTEC-Book Prize is sponsored by the Juanelo Turriano Foundation and consists of 3,000 Euro. The prize winning book will be presented and discussed at a special session of the next ICOHTEC symposium, July 2013 in Manchester UK.

ICOHTEC, the International Committee for the History of Technology, is interested in the history of technology, focusing on technological development as well as its relationship to science, society, economy, culture and the environment. The history of technology covers all periods of human history and all populated areas. There is no limitation as to theoretical or methodological approaches.

Eligible for the prize are original book-length works in any of the official ICOHTEC languages (English, French, German, Russian or Spanish) in the history of technology: published or unpublished Ph.D. theses or other monographs written by scholars who, when applying for the prize, are not older than 37 years. Articles and edited anthologies are not eligible.

For the ICOHTEC Prize 2013, please send a copy of the work you wish to be considered for the prize to each of the three Prize Committee members. **Your submissions must be postmarked not later than 8 February 2013.** You may also submit an electronic version of the book or Ph.D. thesis by 24:00 o'clock of your local time on the same day. If your book is in Spanish or Russian, please also supply a summary in English, French or German of about 4500 words. In that case, the prize committee will find additional members, who are familiar with the language in which your book is written.

If the work is a Ph.D. thesis, it should have been accepted by your university in 2011 or 2012; if it is a published work, the year of publication should be 2011 or 2012. The submission should be accompanied by a CV (indicating also the date of birth) and, if applicable, a list of publications. Applicants are free to add references or reviews on the work submitted.

Any materials sent to the prize committee will not be returned.

Send a complete application **by regular mail services or by email** to each of the following Prize Committee members:

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II. Conference Announcements

14 – 15 February 2013

Technik im Kalten Krieg II (1970-1990). VDI Jahrestagung Technikgeschichte / **Technology of the Cold War II (1970-1990).** Annual Conference on the History of Technology of the Association of German Engineers, VDI
Bochum University, Germany

Please find the program on: <http://www.ahf-muenchen.de/Veranstaltungskalender/Tagungen/Programm/2013/VDI%20RUB%20Jahrestagung%20TG%202013.pdf>

Please contact Helmut Maier, Chair for the History of Technology, Ruhr-University Bochum, helmut.maier@rub.de

25 – 27 April 2013

Historians in Space'. Concepts of Space in Recent European Historiography - 7th Annual Graduate Conference in European History
Central European University, Budapest
CFP – Deadline **20 January 2013**

The 7th Graduate Conference in European History (GRACEH) is inviting graduate students and young researchers to reflect on the rather ambiguous relationship historians entertain with the category of “space.”

We are welcoming abstracts which interrogate the various understandings of space, those which present new methodological approaches to the topic, and case studies

which are placed within a wider theoretical context. Possible topics include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Historians and Space: methodological and theoretical approaches
2. Representations of space
3. Going Global: linking local, regional, national, transnational history
4. Symbolic geography and cultural spaces: for example 'Europe', 'Central Europe', 'Southeast Europe' or the 'Balkans', the 'Levant', the 'Orient', etc.
5. The spatial constitution of politics: empires and nation states (territoriality, kinship)
6. Economic history: world systems, 'core' and 'periphery', 'backwardness'
7. Spatial dimensions of everyday life: approaching gender, ethnicity, class, religion
8. Urban spaces (morphology, planning; spaces of production, consumption and exchange, urban/rural divides)
9. Geographies of knowledge: production and transfers
10. Space and Memory
11. Digital technologies and tools for writing spatial history, visualizations, Geographical Information Systems

The working language of the conference will be English. There is no participation fee and travel grants are available on a competitive basis. Please send an abstract of no more than 400 words and a brief CV to [graceh\[at\]ceu.hu](mailto:graceh[at]ceu.hu) by January 20, 2013. Full papers will be pre-circulated and grouped into thematic panels of 3 to 4 contributions. We would like to ask all participants to prepare a presentation of no more than 15 minutes, in order to allow ample time for discussion and questions. Final papers are due on March 31, 2013.

Confirmed keynote speakers:

Prof. Zynep Celik is a specialist in architecture and urban history at the College of Architecture and Design at New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Prof. Michael Harbsmeier is teaching and researching cultural encounters and the sociology of science at the Department of Culture and Identity at Roskilde University, Denmark.

Please visit: <http://graceh2013.wordpress.com>

Please contact: Jan Bröker, History Department, Central European University, Budapest, graceh@ceu.hu

26 April 2013

Workshop: Standardisierung / Standardization

TU Darmstadt

CFP – Deadline **31 January 2013**

Please find the Call for Papers on: http://www.ifs.tu-darmstadt.de/fileadmin/kolleg-tdt/Will-Zocholl/CfP_2013-Standardisierung_final.pdf

Please contact: Suzana Alpsancar, Institut für Philosophie, TU Darmstadt, alpsancar@phil.tu-darmstadt.de, and Mascha Will-Zocholl, Studienbereich Sozial- und Kulturwissenschaften, FB GS, Hochschule Darmstadt, mascha.will-zocholl@h-da.de for further information.

6 – 8 June 2013

Architektur und Gesellschaft als wissenschaftlicher Untersuchungsgegenstand. Was kann die Architektursoziologie von den Science and Technology Studies lernen?

Architecture and Society. Approaches of STS Studies as role models in the sociology of architecture

Universität Bielefeld

CFP – Deadline **15 February 2013**

Please visit: <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/termine/id=20759>

Please contact: Anna-Lisa Müller, HafenCity Universität Hamburg, anna.lisa.mueller@googlemail.com

26 – 28 June 2013

LIBER 42nd Annual Conference "Research Information Infrastructures and the Future Role of Libraries"

Bayerische Staatsbibliothek München, Germany

CFP – Deadline **31 January 2013**

Please visit <http://www.liber2013.de/>

Please contact the organisers: liber2013@bsb-muenchen.de

5 – 7 July 2013

Das letzte Jahrzehnt des Sozialismus. Transformationsprozesse in der DDR und der Sowjetunion / The last Decade of Socialism / Processes of transformation in the GDR and the Soviet Union

Tutzing, Germany

CFP – Deadline **31 January 2013**

Please visit: <http://www.apb-tutzing.de/>

Please contact: Tagungsassistentz1@apb-tutzing.de

12 – 14 July 2013

Comparing China and the West: Bringing the Disciplines Together

Peking University, Beijing, China

CFP – Deadline **15 January 2013**

The International Association for Comparative Study of China and the West (IACSCW) invites proposals for presentations at its conference to be held in Beijing at Peking University from 12 to 14 July 2013. Its primary purpose is to bring together from all over the world individuals and organizations with an ongoing interest in comparing China and the West.

Our title opens broadly to include cultural comparisons involving one or many disciplines. In particular, we want to bring together researchers with practitioners in the interest of developing new approaches to comparative studies in teaching, theory, analysis, and cultural production. Proposals for presentations are welcome from researchers in any area involving China and the West, whether academic, governmental, or corporate.

The plenary speakers will be internationally prominent scholars working on comparative issues in philosophy, translation, history, literature and other modes of cultural production. They include Professors Tang Yijie (PKU), Tu Weiming (Harvard/PKU), Jean Bessiere (Paris III), Roger Ames (Hawaii), Henry Rosemont, Jr. (Brown), and Daniel A. Bell (Tsinghua & Jiaotong).

Suggested range of topics:

- Comparative Culturology
- Problems of Translation (in either direction) and Culture Studies
- Cultural Production: today, yesterday and tomorrow
- Theoretical issues on comparing cultures and/or civilizations.
- Disciplinary debates, humanities and social sciences: China and the West
- Comparative Literary Relations
- Comparative studies of arts / dramas / films
- Comparative studies of politics and laws
- Overseas Sinology
- Comparative studies courses: pedagogical practice and theory
- Bi-national concerns: China and particular Western nations
- Contemporary issues: economics versus ecology
- Testing models for cross-cultural comparisons
- Cultural domains that resist comparison
- Funding cultural experimentation and exchange

The languages of the Association are English and Chinese. It is expected that English will be used for most conference presentations, with simultaneous interpretation provided for plenary addresses. Some panels, by prior arrangement, may take place in Chinese.

Proposals are welcome from individuals (300 words maximum) or panels involving at least three presenters (around 700 words, identifying the proposed Chairperson). Proposals must include an English version but may also include Chinese. Proposals should be submitted by using the application form from the conference website under: www.chinaandthewest.org/

The relevant form can be found under Conference > Application. After filling out this two-page form using the free Adobe Reader, please email it to the organizers using the envelope icon or print and then scan to a digital copy to submit by email to: conf2013@chinaandthewest.org.

The provisional deadline for submissions is 15 January 2013. Proposals received after that date cannot be assured of equal treatment. Participants whose proposals are accepted will be expected to join the Association as full members as part of conference registration. For more detailed conference information, see our website as listed above.

The organizers intend to issue their response by late February 2013. Those who are invited to present will be notified in timely fashion of recommended hotel accommodations so that they may make their own bookings and travel arrangements.

The conference expects to charge a registration fee to cover meals and activities. In order to keep the amount modest, the Association is seeking subsidies. Hence the figure cannot be announced until closer to the conference dates.

Excellent papers presented at the conference will be selected for publishing in some European Journals which are indexed by Scopus, SCI or EI. Also the Association will invite conference papers to be submitted for consideration for its own journal: COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF CHINA AND THE WEST, whose first issue is to be distributed at the conference.

Please visit: <http://www.chinaandthewest.org>

Please contact: John G. Blair, conf2013@chinaandthewest.org

19 – 22 August 2013

Rural History 2013

University of Bern

CFP – Deadline **15 February 2013**

Rural History 2013 is the first conference held under the auspices of the European Rural History Organisation (EURHO). It is organised by the Swiss Rural History Society (SRHS) and the Archives of Rural History (ARH) in Bern and takes place at the University of Bern from 19-22 August 2013.

The main aim of the conference is to provide an overview of the state of the art of rural history today. Another goal is to strengthen the existing networks and co-operation of rural historians and their institutions. The conference will be an excellent occasion for historians to discuss the basic question of what exactly rural history is, how it can be narrated and, crucial for the future development of rural history, how the attractions of rural history in an era of worldwide urbanization can be communicated to the younger generation.

The conference is structured around panel sessions. The panels so far accepted by the scientific committee are now published on the website of the conference (www.ruralhistory2013.org). We invite scholars to submit their proposals for individual contributions directly to the organiser of the panel in which they would like to participate actively. It is then up to the panel organiser to decide whether she/he can accept your proposal or not. The deadline for submitting individual proposals to the panel organisers is 15 February 2013.

Please visit: <http://www.ruralhistory2013.org>

Please contact: Peter Moser, Chairman of the scientific committee, Archives for Rural History, peter.moser@agrarchiv.ch

27 – 29 September 2013

Eiserne Vorhänge im Wissensfluss? Transfer und Verflechtungen von Wissenschaften, Technik und Medizin im Kalten Krieg. 96. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Geschichte der Medizin, Naturwissenschaft und Technik e / **Iron Curtains in the Transfer of Academic Knowledge? Transfer and networks of science, technology and medicine during the Cold War.** 96th Annual Meeting of the German Society for the History of Medicine, Science and Technology
Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena
CFP – Deadline **20 April 2013**

Please visit http://www.dggmnt.de/cms/images/stories/PDFDateien/cfp_2013.pdf

Please contact: Susan Splinter, NDB, Historische Kommission, b. d. Bayerischen Akademie d. Wissenschaften, splinter@ndb.badw.de

15 – 16 October 2013

Third International Conference on Food Studies

University of Texas, Austin

CFP – Deadline **5 February 2013**

Proposals for paper presentations, workshops or colloquia are invited for the Third International Conference on Food Studies to be held 15-16 October 2013 at the University of Texas at Austin, USA. We welcome proposals from a variety of disciplines and

perspectives to contribute to the conference discourse. We also encourage faculty and students to submit joint proposals for paper presentations, colloquia or panel discussions. Proposals are invited that address issues on Food Studies through one of the following categories:

Theme 1: Food Production and Sustainability

Theme 2: Food, Nutrition and Health

Theme 3: Food Politics, Policies and Cultures

Presenters may also choose to submit written papers for publication in the fully refereed *Food Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. If you are unable to attend the conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit an article based on your presentation for possible publication in this fully refereed academic journal.

The current deadline to submit a proposal (a title and short abstract) is 5 February 2013. For more information on submitting your proposal and registering for the conference, please click on the button below.

Austin & Food Studies

The International Conference on Food Studies travels to Austin, Texas in 2013. Home to a thriving and vibrant local and slow foods community, Austin is a leader in sustainable food production. A city rich with a dedicated community of locavores and slow food advocates, boasting some of the country's longest running farmers markets, Austin is an ideal location for the discussion of all the dimensions of food studies including agricultural, environmental, nutritional, health, social, economic and cultural perspectives on food.

Call for Submissions

Food Studies: an Interdisciplinary Journal creates a space for discussion about the multitude of perspectives on food. This journal examines the theoretical as well as global policy concerning these issues and is a place for discussing these pressing matters in a time of growing awareness for the relations among diet, health and social well-being. Click here for more information on submitting your proposal:

<http://food-studies.com/submitting-your-work/conference-presentations>.

Please visit <http://food-studies.com/the-conference>

17 – 19 October 2013

Confinement Viewed Through the Prism of the Social Sciences. Contrasting facilities, confronting approaches

CNRS- University of Bordeaux, Pessac

CFP – Deadline **1 February 2013**

Please visit for further information: terrferme13.sciencesconf.org/

23 – 26 April 2014

Panel 'Mobility of Artisans and Craftsmen' European Social Science History Conference

Universität Wien, Vienna

CFP – Deadline **31 January 2013**

Mobility during Early Modern period has been topic of interest for quite some time now, mostly referred to in the context of (national, transnational) supra-structures and a historical macro-level research. During the last years there has been a paradigmatic shift supporting the notion of guilds as dynamic institutions with highly mobile members.

The idea is to discuss different approaches to artisan mobility on a micro-level: Latest research shows that individuality heavily influenced artisans decisions to migrate. Furthermore mobility was an essential part of an artisans life cycle by being subject to the transformational process from apprentice to journeyman to master artisan. In order to create a forum for comparing notes on ongoing research, we are currently organising a panel on “Mobility of artisans and craftsmen” at the European Social Science History Conference in Vienna 2014, April 23rd to 26th.

The panel is open to all fields of research using social science research methods and has no regional and temporal limitations. The working language of the panel (and of the conference) will be English. It is estimated that there will be between four to five presentations during the session followed by senior-comments on each of the given presentations. Therefore, we especially encourage PhD-Candidates and junior colleagues to submit their abstracts.

The proposal should be an abstract between 100 and 500 words. Please also provide your full contact details and a CV. Deadline for proposals would be January 31st 2013, since session and paper proposals will be due on May 15th 2013. The session proposal will be submitted in the section “Ethnicity and Migration”.

For more information on the ESSHC please visit: esshc.socialhistory.org.

Proposals are invited via email to: Mag. Elisabeth Thoß, a0716915@unet.univie.ac.at

III. Awards

Award for Young Scholars of the German Society for the History of Medicine, Science and Technology (DGGMNT) 2013

Deadline for Application: **15 February 2013**

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Geschichte der Medizin, Naturwissenschaft und Technik e.V. / German Society for the History of Medicine, Science and Technology (DGGMNT) announces its 13th award for books of young scholars.

Please find the announcement on <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/chancen/type=stipendien&id=8058>

Please contact the chair of the prize committee, Andreas Fickers, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University, PO Box 616, NL-6200 MD Maastricht, A.Fickers@maastrichtuniversity.nl

IV. Miscellaneous

The German Historical Institute, Washington, DC, presents the first results of his new research project *Immigrant Entrepreneurship: German-American Business Biographies, 1720 to the Present*.

Immigrant entrepreneurship was one of the decisive factors in the United States' rise as an economic superpower in the late nineteenth century. The country benefited from the relative openness and freedom that attracted talent from around the world and encouraged minorities who fled discrimination elsewhere to try their luck.

The collaborative research project *Immigrant Entrepreneurship: German-American Business Biographies, 1720 to the Present* explores the entrepreneurial and economic capacity of immigrants by investigating the German-American example in the United States. It traces the lives, careers, and business ventures of German-American businesspeople of roughly the last two hundred and ninety years, integrating the history of German-American immigration into the larger narrative of U.S. economic and business history. This online biographical dictionary synthesizes the results of the collaborative research project with a large collection of archival materials.

Please visit: <http://www.immigrantentrepreneurship.org>

V. Recently Published Books

Medina, Eden: Cybernetic Revolutionaries. Technology and Politics in Allende's Chile. The MIT Press, Cambridge MA, London 2011.

The author tells the history of two intersecting utopian visions of the early 1970s, one political and one technological. The first was Chile's experiment with peaceful socialist change under Salvador Allende; the second was the simultaneous attempt to build a computer system that would manage Chile's economy.

VI. Join ICOHTEC

An ICOHTEC membership makes you a member of the scholarly network of the UNESCO-based International Committee for the History of Technology, ICOHTEC.

The membership includes:

- *Reduced fees for ICOHTEC's conferences*
- *ICOHTEC's reviewed journal ICON (published annually, ca. 200 pages)*
- *Access to back issues of ICON in electronic form on ICOHTEC's web site*
- *ICOHTEC's electronic Newsletter (published monthly – available via mailing list and on the homepage)*

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