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Editorial

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

ICOHTEC's 42nd symposium in Tel Aviv (16 – 21 August 2015) takes shape. Please find the preliminary program on our homepage: <http://icohtec-histelcon.tau.ac.il/index.php/icohtec/2015/schedConf/program>. Please contact us if your proposal was accepted but is missing in the program.

It will be a pleasure to meet many of you in summer.

Best wishes

Stefan Poser

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I. ICOHTEC

Call for Article Submissions for ICON

As you all must know, a journal is only as good as the articles it publishes, and at the moment, ICON is looking for manuscripts to consider for its 2015 issue. If you have a manuscript of 6,000 to 8,000 words, please consider submitting it for consideration. We would like to have manuscripts in hand during by **1 June 2015**, so that they can be evaluated both in-house and by anonymous referees. Be sure to follow the contributor guidelines, which can be downloaded from *ICON's *web page: <http://icohtec.org/publications-icon-guidelines.html> [3]

Articles appearing in ICON are abstracted and indexed by SCOPUS, America: History and Life, Current Abstracts, Francis, Historical Abstracts, PubMed and TOC Premier. ICON also is listed in the European Reference Index for the Humanities and will be available through JSTOR beginning later this year.

If you have any questions, please contact James Williams, ICON's current editor, at techjunc@gmail.com. We look forward to receiving submissions from both members and non-members of ICOHTEC, so please share this call for submissions with all your colleagues.

II. Conference Announcements

2 – 3 June 2015

Architecture and the Globalization of Knowledge in the 19th Century: Gottfried Semper and the Discipline of Architectural History

ISA Istituto di storia e teoria dell'arte e dell'architettura, Accademia di architettura, Università della Svizzera italiana, Mendrisio, Italy

Please find the program on <http://www.arc.usi.ch/en/news/detail/24327>

Please contact Michael Gnehm, michael.gnehm@usi.ch

30 June – 3 July 2015

Greening History. The 8th European Society for Environmental History Biennial Conference

Versailles, France

Please find the draft programme on <http://eseh.org/eseh-2015-draft-programme/>

Please contact the organizers by [conference \[at\] eseh.org](mailto:conference[at]eseh.org)

1 – 3 July 2015

Ravage of the Planet IV

4th International Conference on Management of Natural Resources, Sustainable Development and Ecological Hazards

Opatija, Croatia

Please visit http://www.wessex.ac.uk/15-conferences/ravage-of-the-planet-iv.html?utm_source=wit&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=rav15rem4&uid=1916645

Please contact Rachel Van Loock, Wessex Institute, Ashurst, Southampton, rloock@wessex.ac.uk

18 – 19 September 2015

Environmental history of Poland and East-Central Europe from the Middle Ages to the present

Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland

CFP – Deadline **15 June 2015**

The Institute of History of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow with the support of the European Society for Environmental History and the Polish Historical Society is organizing a conference on the Environmental history of Poland and East-Central Europe from the Middle Ages to the present. The conference will take place in Polish, but papers in English will be accepted and fully considered.

Please find the call for papers on <http://eseh.org/cfp-environmental-history-of-poland-and-east-central-europe/>

24 – 25 September 2015

Landscape Reading Methodologies

Guimarães, Portugal

CFP – Deadline **15 June 2015**

The University of Minho, the host of last year's World Congress of Environmental History, has issued a call for papers for the Workshop on Landscape Reading Methodologies to be held in Guimarães, Portugal.

The workshop intends to bring together specialists in landscape reading methodologies from a diversified set of research fields like archeology, geography, history, forestry, environmental sciences, landscape design just to mention a few. The objective is to promote an in-depth debate over the state of the art of landscape reading and its applications for devising sustainable resource management practices, as well as the constraints faced by researchers in the field.

The workshop is organized over a two day period. Each day will start with a one-hour presentation by a keynote speaker, followed by three sessions for presenting papers: one session in the morning period and two sessions in the afternoon. Each paper presenter will have 20 minutes for presenting his/her work and one of the keynote speakers will be in charge of discussing the paper. In total 18 papers will be accepted for presentation.

Keynote speakers:

Mauro Agnoletti <http://landscapeunifi.it/it/>

Marcus Hall <http://www.ieu.uzh.ch/staff/leaders/mhall.html>

Local Organization:

Lígia Pinto, NIMA, UMinho

Estelita Vaz, EC, UMinho

Paulo Ramísio, CTAC, UMinho and Laboratório da Paisagem

Priscila Ferreira, NIMA, UMinho

Cristina Joanaz de Melo, Instituto de História Contemporânea, UNL

Important Dates

Submission deadline: June 15, 2015

Accepted abstracts notification: July 15, 2015

Deadline for registration and payment: September 1st, 2015

Please visit <http://www3.eeg.uminho.pt/economia/wlrm/>

Please contact Lígia Pinto at wlrn.uminho@gmail.com

24 – 25 September 2015

175 years of The Economist: An International Conference

University College London

CFP – Deadline **15 May 2015**

"Economics in the Public Sphere" project, Department of Science and Technology Studies, UCL

In 2018 the Economist magazine will be 175 years old. This conference is a prelude to a book that will examine the political, economic and cultural impact of one of the most significant news publications in the modern world.

The workshop will take place at University College London over 2 days: 24-25 September 2015. We seek to bring together journalists and researchers from many fields including economic, social and political historians, cultural analysts, sociologists, literary and media scholars.

Papers are invited on any topic connected to The Economist, past and present, and the following suggested topics are intended to be neither prescriptive nor comprehensive:

- Controversies: Corn laws, currency vs banking school, free trade, the people's budget, the welfare state, nationalisations, the making and unmaking of Bretton Woods, the oil shocks, privatisations, the Great Depression, the Great Recession;
- Editors, Economists and intellectuals in The Economist: Walter Bagehot and others;
- Ownership, censorship and the law;
- Publishing history: journalists and their recruitment, women in The Economist, US and China editions, the Economist Intelligence Unit, digital expansion, statistics, rankings and methods, futurology;
- Management: industrial policy, labour relations, corporate strategy, personal finance, the global economy;
- Readers: the anti-corn law league, in academia, use by campaigners, correspondents and letter writers, in the City, use by lobbyists, and in international relations (WTO, IMF etc);
- Typography and design: covers, cartoonists, designers, printers and publishing and branding strategies;
- War: The First World War, The Second World War, the Cold War, and pan global conflicts

Please send proposals (around 300 words) for papers of 20 minutes duration to sts-econpublic@ucl.ac.uk by 15 May 2015.

Please contact Tiago Mata, Department of Science and Technology Studies, t.mata@ucl.ac.uk

25 – 26 September 2015

Environmental History of Underground Spaces

Vasylivka-Zaporizhia, Ukraine

CFP – Deadline **30 July 2015**.

Vasylivskyi Historical-Architectural Museum-Reserve “Popov’s Country Seat”, Ya.Novytskyi Zaporizhia Scientific Society and Historical Department of Zaporizhia National University are pleased to announce a two-day conference in environmental history of underground spaces, which will take place in Vasylivka-Zaporizhia, Ukraine, on 25-26 September 2015.

Please find the call for papers on <http://eseh.org/cfp-underground-space-development-exploration-secondary-use/>

1 October 2015

Financial Development and Economic Growth in South-East Europe – a historical and comparative perspective

Universität Wien, Institut für Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte; Österreichische Nationalbank

CFP – Deadline **14 June 2015**

The relationship between finance and growth is an evergreen in economic history, at least since the seminal work of Alexander Gerschenkron. In particular, the role of the financial sector for growth and development of emerging countries has been in the focus of quantitative and qualitative research. The purpose of the 10th Conference of the SEEMHN

“Financial development and economic growth in South-East Europe – a historical and comparative perspective” is to gather scholars working on financial development (e.g. development of banks, central banks and financial markets) and economic development (e.g. growth and structural change) in Southeastern Europe to get new, challenging and exciting insights into the links between the financial sector and the real economy. Quantitative and qualitative research as well as national case studies and cross-country comparative work can be presented at this conference.

The conference is being organized by the Oesterreichische Nationalbank and the University of Vienna, Department of Economic and Social History. The conference will take place at the Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Vienna, on October 1, 2015 and will be followed by a workshop on “The central bank balance sheet in a long-term perspective” on October 2 (see separate call for papers). Conference participants are invited to also attend the workshop.

Scholars interested in presenting new research at the conference are requested to send a one-page abstract and a short CV to seemhn2015@oenb.at by June 14, 2015. Accepted speakers will receive an invitation by June 26, 2015.

Selected papers of the conference will be published in a special issue of the Financial History Review (FHR) subject to fast-track review procedures. When submitting an abstract to the conference please indicate whether you would like to have your paper considered for the FHR. Papers submitted for the special issue shall be made available shortly after the conference. Participants have to cover their costs of travel and accommodation. It is also possible to attend the workshop as an observer only. If you wish to make use of this option we kindly request that you register your attendance, as the number of participants is limited.

Please contact Carsten Burhop, Universität Wien, Institut für Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte, carsten.burhop@univie.ac.at

III. Scholarships

Pam Laird Research Grant 2015

Deadline for application **1 June 2015**

The Mercurians, a Special Interest Group of the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT), is offering the Pam Laird Research Grant (US\$1,000) to defray the cost of travel and housing to use a research collection to pursue research in the history of communication technologies.

The Mercurians began meeting in 1986 for the purpose of generating networks between people who share work and interests in the history of communication technologies, defining the field broadly. Our activities include meeting during annual SHOT conferences, organizing paper sessions for SHOT meetings, and pursuing contacts between meetings via our Google Groups list. The Google Groups list serves both as a clearing house for members and as an informal forum for their ideas.

We have added this new initiative to encourage and reward high-caliber research in the history of communication technologies, broadly defined. One of the Mercurians' missions is to encourage scholarship in the history of communication technologies. There is no research grant program (either within or outside SHOT) that we are aware of dedicated to supporting scholarship on the history of communication technologies. While the history of communication technology literature is vast and always growing, the quality of the research effort or resulting publication too often falls short of scholarly expectations.

In general, the research grant is awarded in alternating years. We awarded two such grants during the 2011 SHOT annual meeting in Cleveland. The winners were Carmen Krol, a PhD candidate in the Department of Science & Technology Studies at Cornell University, and Michael Lemon, a PhD student in Latin American History at Indiana University (Bloomington). Subsequently, The Mercurians announced during the 2013 SHOT meeting in Portland, Maine, that Ian Johnson, a PhD student in the History Department at Ohio State University, had won. This year's winner will be made known during the 2015 SHOT meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, this October.

Eligibility

The grant is intended for and limited to junior scholars-meaning either current graduate students or recent postgraduates (no more than three years beyond the terminal degree in their field).

Requirements and Application

Only travel to an appropriate archival collection to carry out research on an aspect of the history of communication technology, broadly defined, will be supported. The archive can be open to the public, private, or even closed, provided that necessary permissions have been obtained from the archive.

Complete the application form (available at: <http://www.mercurians.org/grant-form.doc>) and e-mail it and a curriculum vitae (no longer than 3 pages) as attachments to the Mercurians c/o abutrica@earthlink.net

Your curriculum vitae should include pertinent publications, fellowships, or accomplishments relevant to your proposed research, and professional societies and affiliations.

The deadline for submitting an application for the grant is June 1, 2015.

For further information or questions, please contact Andrew Butrica at abutrica@earthlink.net or visit our website:

<http://www.mercurians.org/Prize-Grant.htm>

IV. Recently Published Books

Pursell, Carroll: From Playgrounds to PlayStation: The Interaction of Technology and Play. Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore 2015.

From Playgrounds to PlayStation explains how play reflects and drives the evolution of American culture. Pursell describes the work of inventors, engineers, manufacturers, entrepreneurs and consumers in reshaping the worlds of toys, playgrounds, amusement parks, hobbies, and sports, as well as "extreme" sports and video games, from 1800 to the present.

V. 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)
- Electronic access to back issues of ICON (published since 1995)
- ICOHTEC's electronic Newsletter (published monthly – available via mailing list and on the homepage)

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Form for annual membership renewals / registration of new members

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