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WELCOME ADDRESS



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What A Year To Go Global!

Welcome, everyone, to what will be a big year in the history and theory of historiography. We're headed to the International Network for the Theory of History conference in Tallinn, Estonia, with a bumper group of ICHTH panels. It's a privilege to witness how our members connect and propose panels together, and to see panels that reflect diverse expertise, institutional backgrounds, and intergenerational insights. Living in the Southern Hemisphere, though, gives you an intimation of the challenges that our colleagues around the world can face in realising opportunities to participate and to network at events. I was privileged to make the long trip to the American Historical Association conference in Chicago recently and to connect with colleagues whom I know in print but not in person. I am acutely aware that participation like this is not possible

for colleagues around the world. This is why we are exceptionally pleased to be supporting both an in-person panel on the future of historiography and a virtual panel on publishing historiography at the International Committee for Historical Sciences (CISH) congress in Leipzig in the last week of August. We encourage you to spread the word about both conferences. Both reflect our burgeoning, global membership and important expertise in dynamic times. There are also at least four other practical steps that you can take to ensure that our work is even more global and appropriately recognised for its strengths. First, if you are organising an event with a virtual component, think about asking us to market it as an [ICHTH event](#) to members. It is with thanks to virtual events that I have been able to connect with wonderful colleagues around the world, even when the time zones are a bit challenging. Seeing people get up in the middle of the night to discuss your papers is so much appreciated! Second, see if you can take advantage of the many read and publish agreements and open access outlets to spread the word about the quality of our work globally. Open access fees for books remain prohibitive for many colleagues—an issue I have raised with our librarians locally—but many journals now come with institutional agreements that waive the open access fee. Third, if your institution has a net zero or green policy, consider offsets to ensure that colleagues a long way away don't miss out on the chance to present and to connect. Last and by no means least, think about nominating colleagues for membership. We're particularly keen to see more nominations for colleagues from Africa, South America and Asia, as well as to promote the growth of our community in First [Nations Communities](#), and in Europe and North America. If you have any questions on the above, do get in touch!

Photo: me looking exceptionally proud of my new winter coat at the AHA in Chicago!

COMMISSION NEWS

ICHTH-INTH Book Prizes

The deadline for submissions for the Best Book and Best First Book, organized jointly by the International Commission for the History and Theory of Historiography (ICHTH) and the International Network for History of Theory (INTH), passed on 31 December 2025. The Prize Committee received 21 submissions from 17 countries (6 in the Best First Book category; 14 in the Best Book category; one submission was disqualified). Compared to the submissions for the previous, fifth, edition of the prize (with 17 submissions from 10 countries, of which 4 in the Best First Book and 13 in the Best Book category), this sixth edition is more successful in terms of numbers of submissions, especially when we take into account the smaller coverage (this edition covered books from 2024–2025, the previous one books from 2021–2023). The Prize Committee consists of six scholars from five continents nominated by ICHTH and INTH: Mariana Imaz Sheinbaum (Mexico), Lize Kriel (South Africa), João Ohara (Brazil), Luke David O'Sullivan (Singapore), Walderez Ramalho (Brazil), and Marek Tamm (Estonia). The Committee will first draft a shortlist and then reach consensus on the Best Book and Best First Book. The prizes will be awarded during a ceremony on 22 May 2026 at the Sixth INTH Conference in Tallinn. Follow updates on <https://www.ichth.net/prize>.

Book fora about the books by Jörg van Norden and Mariana Imaz–Sheinbaum awarded ICHTH–INTH prizes in 2024 will soon appear in the journal *Rethinking History*. The fora are organized by ICHTH Board member Marek Tamm and ICHTH member Lisa Regazzoni, and coordinated by *Rethinking History* editor and ICHTH member Kalle Pihlainen.

INTH Conference Tallinn

From 19 to 22 May 2026, the Sixth Conference of the International Network for Theory of History (INTH) will

take place in Tallinn, Estonia. Its theme is “Rethinking Historicity: Exploring Temporal Relations in a Changing World.” Follow the news on <https://www.inth.ugent.be/node/168605>. Early-bird deadline: 1 March 2026.

Our Commission launched a call for panels and papers and the following were approved by the Conference organizers:

Single Papers

- Amitava Chowdhury (Canada), Toward Integral History: Existential Interdependence and the Unity of Human, Ecological, and Cosmic Temporalities
- Efi Gazi (Greece), Temporalities of Hellenism-s
- Hans Kellner (United States), Aging, Temporality, Historicity
- Lizette Jacinto (Mexico), Ginzburg: The Cosmovision of a Microhistorian 50 Years after *The Cheese and the Worms*
- Marta Kurkowska-Budzan (Poland), The Bioarchive Response: Preserving Human Historicity in the Age of AI

Panel 1 — The Physicality of History: Material Ontologies as Grounds for Historical Knowledge — organizers: Shahzad Bashir (Pakistan) and Lisa Regazzoni (Germany)

- Shahzad Bashir (Pakistan), “From Sensing to Knowing: Affordances of Physical and Conceptual Instruments in Early Colonial India”
- Arianna Borrelli (Germany), “Materializing Computational Thinking: Refiguring an Embodied History of Computing in Science”

- Holly Case (United States), “Distributed Identity and Historical Responsibility: Materializing Glory and Guilt in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century, from Sarajevo to Sex Education”
- Lisa Regazzoni (Bielefeld University), “Towards a Material-Oriented Theory of History: From Accomplished Things of the Past to the Quantum Nature of History”

Panels 2–4—Attacks on History—organizer Antoon De Baets (the Netherlands)

Panel 2:

Commentator: Igor Dorfmann-Lazarev (Bulgaria)

Speakers:

- Antoon De Baets (The Netherlands), Attacks on history: A conceptual analysis
- Trudy Huskamp Peterson (USA), Destroyed archives, research lacunae
- Aviezer Tucker (Czech Republic), Totalitarianism denial
- Jan van Muilekom, (The Netherlands), Franco and Tito: Two dictators manipulating history, a comparative approach

Panel 3:

Commentator: Jan van Muilekom (The Netherlands)

Speakers:

- Sorin Antohi (Romania), Attacks on history and memory in Romania (1944–1989)
- Igor Dorfmann-Lazarev (Bulgaria), Attacks on history in Azerbaijan
- Andreas Leutzsch (Germany), SLAPPING histories to history

- Rodrigo Patto Sá Motta (Brazil), Repressive and authoritarian measures against Brazilian historians (1964–2022)

Panel 4:

Commentator: Sorin Antohi (Romania)

Speakers:

- Piotr Kowalewski Jahromi (Poland), Framework for the most extreme forms of attacks on history
- Sanne van der Kaaij (India), The demolition of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya
- Gerben Zaagsma (Luxembourg), Manipulating history online
- Ruben Zeeman (United States), Burning historical works

The INTH 2026 Team organizing the conference consists of eight members, four of which are also ICHTH members: Marek Tamm, Berber Bevernage, Walderez Ramalho, and Marie-Gabrielle Verberg. Marek and Berber are also ICHTH Board members.

CISH Congress Leipzig

From Wednesday 26 to Saturday 29 August 2026, the Centennial Congress of the International Committee of Historical Sciences (ICHS/CISH) will take place in Leipzig, Germany.

The ICHS/CISH was founded in May 1926. The Centennial Congress is a unique occasion. Its theme is “The Past, the Present, and the Future of History.” It is, however, not a regular International Congress of Historical Sciences. Follow the news on <https://cish2026.recentglobe.org>.

The ICHS/CISH Board asked our Commission to submit two panels for this Centennial Congress. It then approved

our proposals, submitted by ICHTH Co-Program Chairs Marnie Hughes-Warrington and Daniel Woolf:

ICHTH Panel 1 – The Future of Historiography [preliminary paper titles]

- Antoon De Baets (The Netherlands, *chair*), “Introduction: Professor Pirenne Returns”
- Ewa Domańska (Poland), “Anticipatory History”
- Ethan Kleinberg (United States), “There Is No Going Back: The Future of Historiography”
- Lynette Russell (Australia), “Rethinking Historical Authority: Who Gets to Author the Past in the Twenty-First Century?”
- Marek Tamm (Estonia), “Historiography as Seen from the Future”

See <https://cish2026.recentglobe.org/events/the-future-of-historiography>

ICHTH Panel 2 – Publishers' Panel

- Daniel Woolf (Canada) and Marnie Hughes-Warrington (Australia) (*chairs*)

Contributions from:

- Kalle Pihlainen (*Rethinking History*)
- Lucy Rhymer (Cambridge UP)
- Eve Setch (Routledge)
- Gary Shaw (*History and Theory*)

See <https://cish2026.recentglobe.org/events/publishing-in-historiography-and-historical-theory-a-roundtable-for-early-career-researchers-roundtable-hybrid/>

ICHTH Members

On 6 February 2026, our Commission counted 154 members. Of these, 113 members paid their fees for 2026, 32 did not yet. The nine honorary members were exempted from fees. Like in 2023 and 2024, the Board organized two rounds to recruit and approve new members in 2025, leading to 19 new members. It also struck 21 members who did not pay any fees since 2022 from the list. Those who have not yet paid their membership fees for 2025 and 2026 can contact info@ichth.net. For the list of members, see <https://www.ichth.net/members>. Please send any

omissions or mistakes in the list to info@ichth.net.

The ICHTH Board will organize a new round of membership recruitment in May–June 2026. Candidate members can apply themselves by filling out a simple *application form* at http://www.ichth.net/content_files/file/members/form1.doc. Please send the form to any colleague you may know. ICHTH members can nominate candidate members themselves by filling out a simple *nomination form* at <https://www.ichth.net/members/form2.doc>. The ICHTH Board will evaluate all nominations and applications and invite those approved for membership in June 2026. For background information, see <https://www.ichth.net/membership>.

ICHTH Budget

On 6 February 2026, our Commission had a positive balance of 6400,77 euros. This included 2762,07 euros from members' fees for 2026 and 44,26 euros from donations from members. In terms of cost, 2025 was a very cheap year: our biggest expense was the annual contribution to the International Committee of Historical Sciences (ICHS/CISH) of 723,06 euros. By 6 February 2026, we had 9158,41 euros on our bank and PayPal accounts.

Miscellaneous

• News in-between ICHTH newsletters

If you want to follow news in our two core areas (the history of historiography and the theory of historiography) in-between Newsletters, please consult our news page at <https://www.ichth.net/news>. This page contains two types of news: about ICHTH and about ICHTH's partners.

• ICHTH discounts

Learn about discounts on five subscription-based historiographical journals for ICHTH members at <https://www.ichth.net/membership>.

- **Policy on the use of the ICHTH logo**

ICHTH has a policy on the use of its logo. Please see <https://www.ichth.net/archive/38.pdf>.

- **ICHTH Board meetings and Minutes**

Read about ICHTH Board meetings and minutes at <https://www.ichth.net/meetings>.

- **Donations to ICHTH**

Please consider making a donation to ICHTH. Write to info@ichth.net.

- **Wikipedia**

The ICHTH has Wikipedia pages in [English](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), and [Spanish](#). We hope that some of you may want to launch a Wikipedia page in your language. If you want some advice on this, please contact info@ichth.org.

- **Personal websites and webpages of ICHTH members**

Please consider adding a link to the [International Commission for the History and Theory of Historiography](#) (<https://www.ichth.net>); including its full name and acronym ICHTH) to your personal websites and webpages.

- **ICHTH website**

Please send any corrections and additions to the ICHTH website (<https://www.ichth.net>), including its archive (<https://www.ichth.net/archive>) to info@ichth.net.

ICHSH/CISH NEWS

- On 19 January 2026, the International Committee of Historical Sciences (ICHS/CISH) published its Newsletter No. 10. it downloadable at <https://www.ichth.net/news/74.pdf>. It is dedicated to the Centennial Congress in Leipzig, about which you can also find more information elsewhere in this Newsletter.
- The ICHSH/CISH Board also appointed a Nomination Committee to evaluate and recommend new ICHSH/CISH

Board members to the ICHSH/CISH General Assembly during the Centennial Congress. ICHTH Vice President Olufunke Adeboye served as a member of this Nomination Committee. One of the colleagues who will be presented as an ICHSH/CISH Board member to the ICHSH/CISH General Assembly is ICHTH member Tyson Retz (Norway).

MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW PUBLICATIONS

A. Erős Vilmos, University of Debrecen.

- *A historiográfia egész embert kíván.* Tanulmányok a 20. századi történetírásról. L'Harmattan, Budapest, 2025. 445 p. Open Access: ISBN 978963646912/DOI: 978963646491_2

- *A gótikától az Anjou-reneszánszig: az Anjouk öröksége a 20. századi magyar historiográfiában.* Valóság 2025/9. 7-24. pp.

- „Második jobbágyság”, „porosz út”, „harmadik út” Szabó István és Niederhauser Emil történetírásában. In: Kortáran Kelet-Európa: Szerk.: Mezei Bálint - Bagi Dániel. Budapest, 2025. 11-124. pp.

B. Edward Wang, Rowan University.

- *Staple to Superfood: A Global History of the Sweet Potato* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2025)

C. Marnie Hughes-Warrington, Adelaide University.

- (with Lewis Yurlupurka O'Brien and Anne Martin) *Artificial Historians*. (Cambridge Routledge, August 2025) Open Access.

D. Kasper Risbjerg Eskildsen, Roskilde University

- *Things of the Past: A Modern Yearning* (Cambridge University Press, 2025).

E. Herman Paul, Leiden University.

- *Key Issues in Historical Theory*, 2nd ed. (London: Routledge, 2026), <https://www.routledge.com/Key-Issues-in-Historical-Theory/Paul/p/book/9781032974637>
- *Vices of the Learned: Towards a Long-Term History of Scholarly Vices*, ed. Sjang ten Hagen and Herman Paul (Leiden: Brill, 2026), available in open access at <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004725058>

F. Igor Dorfmann-Lazarev, University of Sofia St Kliment Ohridski

- 'Catholicos John of Odzun's Polemic against Paulicians and the Armenian-Syrian Council of Manzikert, 725, in: *Filosofiya-Philosophy. Bulgarian Journal of Philosophical Education* 34/2 (2025), pp. 19-31. Urmensch (Adam und Eva)', in: Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum. Sachwörterbuch zur Auseinandersetzung des Christentums mit der Antiken Welt, vol. 33/3 (Lieferung 260), eds Ch. Hornung et al. (Stuttgart: A. Hiersemann, 2025), coll. 360-396.

G. Lisa Regazzoni, Bielefeld University/ Center for Theories in Historical Research.

- Hölscher, Lucian. *Virtual History. Perspectives on an Expanded Concept of History*, Bielefeld: Bielefeld University Press, 2025. DOI: 10.64136/qtya8202. Edited by Maja-Lisa Müller and Lars Deile, with comments by Britta Hochkirchen, Chris Lorenz and Rūta Kazlauskaitė.

Open

Access:

<https://bielefelduniversitypress.de/publikationen/virtual-history>

H. Paul Zanazanian, McGill University.

- *Historical Consciousness and Practical Life: A Theory and Methodology*. University of Toronto Press, 2025. <https://utppublishing.com/doi/book/10.3138/97814875>

03833**I. Maria Grever, Erasmus University Rotterdam**

- *Contested Public Monuments: Global Perspectives on Landscapes of Memory*, University Press, series Elements in Historical Theory and Practice, 2025 (98 p).
- "Traces of Existence. Public Monuments and the Dead", *Rethinking History. The Journal of Theory and Practice* 29 (2025), no. 2, 336-356. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13642529.2025.2470486?src=>

- "Monuments as Actants of Mnemonic Change", in Astrid Erll, Susanne Knittel, and Jer Wüstenberg eds., *Dynamics Mediation Mobilisation. Doing Memory Studies with Ann Rigney*. Berlin De Gruyter, 2025, 383-388.

J. Jürgen Kocka, Freie Universität Berlin.

[Two major German publications with much substance on the history and theory of historiography, a handbook, and the most recent introduction into Social History:]

- Jörn Rüsen et al. (eds.), *Handbuch der Historik*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS 2025, 445 pp.
- Olaf Blaschke, *Sozialgeschichte. Einführung*, Baden-Baden: Nomos 2025, 325 pp.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

A. Norbert Fabian, Institute for Social Movements/ Ruhr- University Bochum, Germany

- DISCOVER THE FUTURE THROUGH THE PAST

Equality and Sustainability Challenges. Zum World Economic History Congress in Lund, Sweden, July 28th - 31st 2025
in: HSozKult, 28.10.2025 <https://www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/fdkn-15813> and connections, 3.12.2025

B. Lisa Regazzoni, Bielefeld University/ Center for Theories in historical Research.

- November 13, 2025, 6:00-8:00 PM: Claudia Opitz-Belakhal (Basel). From Women's History to Gender History- and Back Again? Current Issues and Debates in Gender History | The Theory Center "As a guest at the profile era premodern", Colloquium
- December 9, 2025, 6:00-8:00 PM: Jürgen Renn (Jena). The Anthropocene. | The Theory Center "As a guest at the profile era Society/Knowledge/Environment", Colloquium
- January 15, 2026, 4:00-6:00 PM: Martina Kessel (Bielefeld). The Excluding Self: Modernity as Identity Politics with Unequal Intentions | The Theory Center "As a guest at the profile era History/Culture". Colloquium

PERSONAL NEWS AND HONOURS

A. Marnie Hughes-Warrington, Adelaide University.

- Recently appointed as Distinguished Professor in History/Philosophy at Australia's newest Group of Eight University, Adelaide University.

B. Igor Dorfmann-Lazarev, University of Sofia St Kliment Ohridski.

- 2026, autumn term: 'Chercheur en résidence', at the École Française d'Athènes, with a research project on the comparative analysis of shared cult and the transfer of Christian shrines to Islam in the Caucasus, Anatolia and the Balkans.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A. Lisa Regazzoni, Bielefeld University/ Center for Theories in historical Research.

- February 4, 2026, 6:00-8:00 PM: The Colloquium will take place at the Faculty Closing Colloquium: Sandra Maß (Bochum). Future Pasts | The Theory Center "As a guest at the profile era historical cultures". Colloquium
- "Towards a Material-Oriented Theory of History"

An exploratory workshop dedicated to rethinking the ontology of History in interdisciplinary dialogue with the natural sciences. Organized by Lisa Regazzoni and funded by the Volkswagen Foundation. Bielefeld University, July 9-10, 2026.

B. Dobre Claudia-Florentina, "N.Iorga" Institute of History, Romanian Academy.

Call for Papers for the **International Conference, Communism for Young People**. Passing on the Recent Past in Central and Eastern Europe". More than 35 years after its fall, Communism remains a frame of reference for the memory cultures of countries in Central and Eastern Europe and still plays an important role in the political, social, and cultural life of those countries. Politics have tried to fashion these memory cultures through commemorative and compensatory laws, monuments, memorials, and museums, textbooks and school curricula. The European laws and politics and/or the pro-Russian discourse added a new dimension to the ways of remembering the Communist/Soviet past in these countries. The impact of these politics of memory, and alternative public discourse in creating and promoting various representations of Communist/Soviet past and how members of the Z generation received and incorporated them while building their own representations of the recent past are the main questions to which our conference aims at finding answers.

Our conference aims to discuss the following topics, but not only:

Politics of Memory in Central and Eastern Europe

Narratives and Public Representations about Communist/Soviet Past Educational Policies Regarding the Communist/Soviet Past

Lieux de mémoire regarding the Communist/Soviet Regimes

Generational Memory of Communism

Young People's Perceptions about the Recent Past Nostalgia and Young People Values and Expectations

Artistic Representations about the Communist/Soviet Past Consumerist Practices of Communist Goods

Museumizing Communism in Central and Eastern Europe

The conference is to be organized by the „Nicolae Iorga" Institute of History in partnership with The National Museum of History of Moldova between May 28-29, 2026, in Bucharest, Romania, at the headquarters of „Nicolae Iorga" Institute (Address: 1, Aviatorilor). We invite specialists and young researchers interested in the above topics to send us their proposals of no more than 300 words and a short bio by April 5, 2026 to the email address: commfy2027@gmail.com

C. Eugen Zelenak, Catholic University in Ruzomberok, Slovakia

- March 3-4, 2026: On Plurality and Relativism in Contemporary Philosophy, conference at the Catholic Events University in Ružomberok, Slovakia, CFP: <https://relativizmus.ku.sk/on-plurality-and-relativism-in-contemporary-philosophy/>

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ICHTH Newsletter No. 8 is scheduled for October 2026. A call for submission of news items shall be made in August 2026.

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NO.1- [<https://www.ichth.net/news/9.pdf>]

No.2- [<https://www.ichth.net/news/18.pdf>]

No.3- [<https://www.ichth.net/news/26.pdf>]

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