The Political History PhD Network

The Changing Frontiers of Political History, 16th-20th Centuries

3rd Workshop for PhD candidates
26th – 27th October 2017, Sciences Po – Paris

The Political History PhD Network, created in 2014 after the launch of the Association for Political History, is promoting since then the dialogue and the scientific exchange among international PhD students and candidates making their research in different fields of political history. As a part of this activity, the Network organizes its third annual workshop, dedicated to The Changing Frontiers of Political History.

The workshop aims to further the reflection started in the last years about the new tendencies of political history. Traditionally focused on the emergence of the European “modern” nation state, political history seems to adopt resolutely new perspectives crossing the borders of the national contexts, as well as those of classic chronological partitions. The development of a transnational political history involves taking into consideration phenomena of connection and transfers across state borders and among the local, the national and the global scale. This transformation raises crucial epistemological and methodological questions, concerning for instance the access to and the use of sources and the integration of national history within international fluxes. Fostering the debate among young scholars, the workshop will give the opportunity to compare and discuss different topics and methodological approaches in Early Modern and Modern History.

The Political History PhD Network invites PhD students interested in political history to submit a proposal for its third annual workshop. Historians working on extra-European contexts are strongly encouraged to apply for participation, as well as students in other disciplines dealing with topics related to political history. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their ongoing research with their peers in specialized, small-scale panels, thus expanding their academic network with young scholars from other countries. Papers can consist of either a case study or a description of the research project (for applicants who are at the beginnings of their work). The two-day workshop will be completed by a keynote speech and a plenary meeting to discuss the further development of the Network.

Participants can apply for one of the following sessions. It is possible, anyway, to indicate a second option:

1. Empires and Nation-States in a global perspective
2. Religions, politics, and modernity
3. A political history of the urban space
4. Politics and practices of social control
Practical information

Applicants are expected to submit a paper proposal (max. 350 words) and a short biographical presentation or CV by the 30 June 2017 to phdpolhis@gmail.com. Notification of acceptance will be announced before the end of July. The final papers, consisting of approximately 3000-5000 words, have to be handed in before 30 September 2017.

The workshop will be held at the Centre d’Histoire de Sciences Po in Paris.

To facilitate international exchange, the École Doctorale and the Centre d’Histoire de Sciences Po offer limited funding to cover travel and accommodation costs. Participants wishing to apply for funding should indicate it in their proposal submissions.

For further information, please contact us at phdpolhis@gmail.com, join the Network on LinkedIn, and subscribe to our monthly newsletter by writing us an email!

Other information on the website of the Association for Political History: http://www.associationforpoliticalhistory.org/?page_id=210

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