



Workshop Research School Political History Working in an international academic community

Date: 23-24 February 2024
Location: Antwerp
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As a professional historian, presenting your research at national and international fora, both in print and at conferences, is an important part of your work. Some of you may already have gained some experience with it. The next level is to organize (international) seminars or edited volumes yourself. This two-day Workshop in the international environment of Antwerp University is meant to upscale your ability to work in an international academic community.

Academics with an established network will share with you what they see as best practices and pitfalls. Together with PhD candidates from the RSPH program and colleagues from the University of Antwerp you will discuss the future of (open access) publishing, the practice and added value of conferencing in the digital age, and more. This Workshop will result in a proposal for a conference panel for the next conference of the Association for Political History in Antwerp. The proposal you will prepare is co-created with one or two fellow PhD candidates.

Speakers invited are prof. dr. Jacco Pekelder (Münster/Research School Political History), prof. dr. Roshanack Shaery-Yazdi (Antwerp University) and prof. dr. Jan Schmidt (KU Leuven).

Program

Friday 23 February

Location: Room S.J.024 (in 't Brantijzer, Sint-Jacobsmarkt 13)

13.00-13.45	Welcome and lunch
13.45-14.30	Introduction to international publishing
14.45-15.30	Introduction to international collaboration
15.30-17.00	Groupwork on the group assignment
17.15-18.30	Roundtable on international cooperation
18.30-21.30	Drinks and dinner

Saturday 24 February

Location: Room C.104 (entrance via Prinsstraat 13)

9.00-10.00	Groupwork on assignment
10.00-11.00	Short presentations and discussion about your assignments
11.00-12.30	Tour in Antwerp

Readings

- A blog post on academic conferences: <https://globalacademyjobs.com/academic-conferences-where-friendships-and-collaborations-are-born/>
- An article about the future of academic conferences (please note: this article concerns academic conferences in management studies, but the issues discussed also apply to the historical field): Dror Etzion, Joel Gehman, and Gerald Davis, 'Reimagining academic conferences: Toward a federated model of conferencing', *Management Learning* 53:2 (2021): <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/13505076211019529>.

Preparation

1. Read the two views on academic conferences mentioned above (under 'Readings').
2. Re-submit the (re-worked) one-pager you wrote for the first workshop of the RSPH program.
3. Have a look at the program of the APH-OPG conference, which took place in June 2022: <https://www.aanmelder.nl/politicalhistorytoday2022>. If you could have handed in a proposal for a panel (that would have addressed more than your PhD project only) at this conference, what would it have looked like? Make a one-page draft for such a panel proposal (including a general description of the panel and four possible speakers) and bring this to the workshop.

Assignment

During the workshop, you will outline a (sub) panel for the next conference of the Association for Political History in Antwerp on the theme: how to decolonize political history.

The outline consists of the following elements:

- Title of the (sub) panel
- Theme
- Brief description of the theme: which issues will be addressed (250 – 500 words),
- Debates/research questions will be addressed,
- Size of the conference (this may vary from a seminar of one afternoon to a three-day event)
- Invited keynote speaker(s)
- Describe how your research fits into the theme of this seminar

The plan for a (sub)panel that looks most promising to be realized, can also be organized with some support from the Research School Political History and senior researchers.

Registration and accommodation

Participants need to register at bureau@onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl before 5 February 2024. Please let us know if you need hotel accommodation, the RSPH may be able to provide some support.