

THIS IS AN INVITATION TO THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF

# HISTORIANS WITHOUT BORDERS

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN  
INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF HISTORIANS WITHOUT BORDERS



Historians without Borders in Finland (HWB) was founded on June 17 in Helsinki, at the initiative of Erkki Tuomioja, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, to further public discussion about history and to promote the use of historical knowledge for peace-building and conflict resolution.

The international conference *Historians without Borders: The Use and Abuse of History in Conflicts* will be organised in Helsinki on May 19 – 20.

The two-day Conference will begin with a welcome reception on the evening of Wednesday May 18 and it is organised in cooperation with and input from the University of Helsinki, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and the Finnish Institute of International Affairs.



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## Historians without Borders: The Use and Abuse of History in Conflicts

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19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the University of Helsinki

### SPEAKERS

Martti Ahtisaari Nobel Peace Prize Laureate  
Bernard Kouchner Co-founder of Médecins Sans Frontières  
Margaret MacMillan Professor at the University of Oxford  
Thabo Mbeki Former President of South Africa (TBC)  
Romila Thapar Professor Emerita at Jawaharlal Nehru University

### WORKSHOPS

1917 in Finnish and Russian Historiography  
Writing a Common History for Israel and Palestine  
Turkey and Armenia 1915  
Colonial History or History of Colonialism  
The Presence of History in East Asia: Why Can't Bygones be Bygones?  
Power, Diplomacy, Revolution or Society in Modern Mediterranean History?  
US - Latin American Relations in Historiography

THE CLOSING PLENARY will discuss and take a decision on the establishment of an International Network of Historians without Borders and on the follow-up for the initiative.

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Registration fee: 100 EUR. Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation and cover the costs related to participation.

For more information and registration visit our webpage at  
[www.historianswithoutborders.fi/en/conference](http://www.historianswithoutborders.fi/en/conference)