

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

May 19th-20th 2016 at the University of Helsinki

WEDNESDAY 18.5.

- 16.00-19.00 Registration
University of Helsinki Main Building, Aleksanterinkatu 5
- 19.00-20.30 Welcoming Reception hosted by the City of Helsinki
Place: City Hall, Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13

THURSDAY 19.5.

- 09.00-10.00 Registration and Coffee
University of Helsinki Main Building, Aleksanterinkatu 5
- 10.00-10.30 Opening Words
Mr. Erkki Tuomioja, President of Historians without Borders in Finland
President Martti Ahtisaari, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
- 10.30-11.30 Keynote lecture: Dr. Bernard Kouchner
Followed by a panel discussion
Panellists: Minister Elisabeth Rehn
Prof. Vadim Roginsky, Russian Academy of Sciences
Moderator: TBC
- 11.30-12.30 Keynote lecture: Prof. Margaret MacMillan
Followed by a panel discussion
Panellists: TBC
Moderator: TBC
- 12.30-14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00-16.00 Workshop discussions in three simultaneous sessions
- Session 1: 1917 in Finnish and Russian Historiography
Speakers: Prof. Henrik Meinander, University of Helsinki (moderator)
Prof. Kimmo Rentola, University of Helsinki
Dr. Sergei Zhuravlev, Russian Academy of Sciences
- Session 2: Writing a Common History for Israel and Palestine
Speakers: Prof. Hannu Jusuola, University of Helsinki (moderator)
Prof. Mahmoud Yazbak, University of Haifa
Dr. Jonathan Furas, Tel Aviv University
- Session 3: The Presence of History in East Asia:
Why Can't Bygones Be Bygones?
Session is hosted by the Finnish Institute of International Affairs
Speakers: Dr Julie Yu-Wen CHEN, Professor, University of Helsinki (moderator)
Dr NAKANO Koichi, Professor, Sophia University
Dr GE Jianxiong, Senior Professor, Fudan University (Shanghai)
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee
- 16.30-17.30 Networking opportunities
- 18.00 Cocktail Reception hosted by the University of Helsinki

FRIDAY 20.5.

10.00-11.00

Keynote lecture: Thabo Mbeki (TBC)

Followed by a panel discussion

Panellists: TBC

Moderator: TBC

11.00-12.00

Keynote lecture: Romila Thapar

Followed by a panel discussion

Panellists: TBC

Moderator: TBC

12.00-13.30

Lunch hosted by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Speaker: Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland Mr. Timo Soini (TBC)

13.30-15.00

Workshop discussions in three simultaneous sessions

Session 4: Turkey and Armenia 1915

Speakers: TBC

Session 5: Colonial History or History of Colonialism

Speakers: TBC

Session 6: Power, Diplomacy, Revolution or Society in Modern Mediterranean History?

Speakers: Prof. Vladislav Zubok, London School of Economics (Moderator)

Dr. Rinna Kullaa, Sciences Po University

Dr. Leyla Dakhli, CNRS, Marc Bloch Center

Session 7: US - Latin American Relations in Historiography

Speakers: TBC

15.00-15.30

Coffee

15.30-17.00

Closing Plenary

Discussion and decision on the establishment of an International Network of Historians without Borders and follow-up for the initiative.