V International Research Conference
«Usable Pasts»
Call for Papers

The Department of History at the Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg in cooperation with Student Research Society welcomes Bachelor and Master students to participate in the V International Research Conference «Usable Pasts». The event will be held on April 10-11, 2020.

The conference aims at exploring the dynamic field of history featuring both the efforts of various disciplines in dealing with the pasts and interdisciplinary approaches within the discipline of history. The conference embraces a broad variety of research themes, which deal with material objects in history and their meanings within the framework of heritage and memory studies on the one hand, and the politics of circulation of historically formed discourses of identity and legitimacy in present-day society, on the other hand.

The topics of the conference are:

- Historical memory and historically-informed discourses in politics, art, and science; nationalism and nationalization of the past;
- Political imagology: representation of power from Antiquity to Contemporary history;
- Cultural, natural, and industrial heritage, including museums, media space, use of nature in historical narratives and memory;
- Interdisciplinary methods in history: environmental history and history of technology, cultural and intellectual history, urban history, social and economic history, historical anthropology and ethnography, historical geography.
- History of empires, colonialism and nationalism
- Global and regional history

The Department of History will arrange accommodation for international participants and travel grants might also be provided.

The deadline for submission is February 10, 2020. Proposals must have information about participants (name, surname, E-mail, phone number, university), title of your paper, and abstract. Send on sss.hist.hsespb@gmail.com
Proposal must include:

- Research question
- Historiography
- Methods and sources
- Expected results

The maximum length of a proposal (including an abstract no more than 300 characters) is 4000 characters (with spaces). Submissions will be peer-reviewed. Final theses will be published online after the conference.

Working languages of the conference: English, Russian

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