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NEWSLETTER

I have to start this Newsletter with two sad announcements.

GABOR VERMES
1933-2014

Prof. Vermes' life and career is remembered at the Rutgers' University's website:
<http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/departments/mourns-loss-professor-gabor-vermes-1933-2014>

STEPHEN FISCHER-GALATI
1924-2014

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailycamera/obituary.aspx?n=stephen-fischer-galati&pid=170123186>

Our deepest condolences to the families. They will be missed.



I received the following communications from the AHA.

DATE: March 27, 2014

TO: AHA Affiliated Societies

FROM: James Grossman, Executive Director

RE: New Process for Affiliate Sessions and Events

The number of sessions and events at the AHA's annual meeting has grown substantially over the past few years, prompting an evaluation of meeting space requirements. The dynamics of scholarly meetings have changed, and we must adjust our policies in order to keep the meeting financially sustainable. We have been wrestling with these issues, and were fortunate to benefit from thoughtful suggestions at the 2014 annual meeting of the affiliated society representatives. These ideas have helped us think through the most effective way to distribute resources and organize a productive conference that works for everyone. Several changes will be implemented for the 2015 meeting in New York City, and we want to ensure that affiliates' program committees are aware before final programs are set.

Meeting Space:

As you might be aware, a longstanding AHA policy states that "due to the limited availability of meeting space and the large number of affiliates, the Association reserves the right to set limitations or assess fees on usage of meeting space by affiliates." In the past, we have charged affiliates for use of space in the print program. **Beginning with the 2015 annual meeting, we will instead charge per session**

scheduled in one of the 10 official session slots. This makes more sense now that what costs the AHA most is not the program space, but the meeting rooms.

Costs to affiliates should not change under this new process, as we have framed the price structure to map onto the recent costs to affiliates. This new approach will have the added benefit of making charges easier to predict. There will be no charge for events scheduled in off-peak times that do not overlap the official session slots. As always, charges will not apply to sessions accepted for joint sponsorship by the AHA Program Committee.

The price structure will be:

1 or 2 sessions, \$100; 3 to 5 sessions, \$300; 6 to 9 sessions, \$400; 10 or more sessions: \$65 per session.

Charges will apply only for sessions and events scheduled in or overlapping the following time slots:

Friday, Jan. 2: 1:00–3:00 p.m. and 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 3: 8:30–10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., and 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 4: 9:00–11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., and 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 5: 8:30–10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Notes:

- Each affiliate with fewer than 11 sessions may have only one session in each time slot within the normal price structure. There will be an additional fee of \$65 per session for simultaneous sessions.
- Since this is a new system, affiliates are welcome to contact us for a cost estimate before submitting their sessions.
- Invoices will be sent the summer before the meeting.

As you know, space, like everything else, is at a premium in New York. Consequently, the convention director has set a cap on the number of rooms an affiliate may use in each time slot. For 2015 the cap will be 3 rooms per time slot (for a maximum of 30 sessions not co-sponsored by the AHA Program Committee scheduled at peak times).

Registration and Housing:

Our longstanding policy states that, “the AHA does insist...that all individuals in attendance register for the AHA meeting.” There are considerable costs associated with organizing and holding the annual meeting. Individuals are expected to register for the AHA meeting and must do so in order to use the AHA’s professional services, including the exhibit hall and the Job Center.

Attendees are expected to reserve guest rooms through the AHA housing block. No affiliate may negotiate a separate housing block.

It is important that all affiliates convey to their members that it is vital to support the AHA housing block. We can provide text that you can customize and distribute to your members.

Affiliate events are part of the AHA meeting and our affiliates are part of the AHA. We therefore ask affiliates not to refer to meeting “in conjunction with” or “in the same hotel as” the AHA annual meeting. We much appreciate the clear consensus at the January meeting of the affiliated society representatives that this principle is important to maintain and articulate.

Affiliates benefit from the Association’s marketing efforts, and we will be happy to publicize your participation in the annual meeting through our various social media, as well as the fall issues of our news magazine.

New Service:

At the annual meeting of the affiliated societies, several of the larger affiliates suggested that the AHA collect annual membership dues and registration fees on their behalf. The Association will establish a centralized registration system and collect fees for affiliates through our registration vendor. This will reduce administrative costs for the affiliates, minimize inconvenience to members, and give affiliates access to a professional registration service with robust features. There will be a \$2 per registrant service

charge for use of this service. Please contact Kelly Elmore, Manager, Marketing and Business Operations (kelmore@historians.org), for further information about this new service.

Over the years, several affiliates have operated separate registration and information tables. To minimize confusion for attendees, this will no longer be permitted.

AV Discount:

Affiliates have expressed concern about the high cost of ordering AV equipment for events that are not cosponsored by the Program Committee. As an added benefit of affiliation, the AHA will now offer affiliates use of one LCD projector for one day at 50% the cost to the AHA for equipment and labor. Affiliates will be responsible for the cost of any additional equipment at the discounted rate negotiated by the AHA. To maximize savings, the Association will order all equipment directly and bill affiliates after the meeting. Affiliates will indicate AV requirements when submitting program information in late May.

Please feel free to contact me at jgrossman@historians.org or 202-544-4144 if you have any questions or concerns.



Call for papers:

1. WEI (West East Institute) International Multidisciplinary Academic Conference in Budapest from the 22nd to 25th June 2014, Budapest, Hungary.

Website: <http://www.westeastinstitute.com/budapest-2014/>

Contact person: F. Alexander Magill

Multidisciplinary conference in the very heart of Budapest. We welcome abstracts in various academic disciplines. Business & Economics and Management Humanities and Social Sciences Education and Teaching

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: May 26, 2014.

2. Papers are invited for publication in a thematic issue entitled **War and Life Writing**. Ed. Louise O. Vasvári and I-Chun Wang. *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture* 17.2 (June 2015):

<http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/clcweb> (Purdue University Press ISSN 1481-4374). Throughout history, humans share(d) similar experiences in war: they narrate their experiences and document suffering, trauma, dislocation, memory, etc. Life writing on war is often about (im)migration, separation, and dreams of return. The guest editors of the thematic issue on War and Life Writing invite studies on life writing in all its forms: auto/biography, memoir, testimony, diaries, letters, works in media other than print, as well as visual representation of war from all periods of human history (images are published in the journal, but only if copyright release documentation is obtained by the author of the article). The preferred theoretical background of work is comparative literature and (comparative) cultural studies. Articles in the journal are 6000-7000 words: for the style of the journal consult

<http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/clcweblibrary/clcwebstyleguide>. Articles published in the journal are double-blind peer reviewed and indexed, among others, in the MLA International Bibliography, the Thomson Reuters ISI Arts and Humanities Citation Index, Scopus, etc. Please submit papers by **December 31, 2014** to Louise O. Vasvári (Stony Brook University) at louise.vasvari@stonybrook.edu and to I-Chun Wang (National Sun Yat-sen University) aticwang@faculty.nsysu.edu.tw.

3. We received the following call from Romania.

Romanian Review of Eurasian Studies, Year X, No. 1-2 / 2014 invites professors, researchers and PhD students to submit their research articles and reviews for publication until **July 15, 2014**.

Our journal is indexed in CEEOL, EBSCO, Index Copernicus databases, ProQuest

Manuscripts should be submitted by one of the authors of the manuscript at the e-mail addresses

daniel_flaut@yahoo.com and csea_rrse@yahoo.com under the condition that all authors have seen and

approved the submitted manuscript. Articles will be written in Microsoft Word. There is no page limit. Only online submissions are accepted to facilitate rapid publication. Submissions by anyone other than one of the authors will not be accepted. The articles must be written in English, French or German (with an abstract in English). The articles must have keywords, authors' affiliation and e-mail addresses of the authors.

Note. Authors are responsible for the choice and presentation of the dates contained in the articles, the authenticity and originality and the opinions expressed. These opinions do not involve the editorial board of this journal. However, if the sent articles contain libelous or unlawful statements and contain materials or instructions which might cause injury or harm, these will be rejected.

Submitted articles or reviews will be included in a peer review process which takes maximum 3 weeks.

We accept papers in all the periods of history and its related fields: archaeology, cultural studies, international relations, political science, European studies, security studies in Eurasian space.

For any questions, kindly please, send an email to csea_rrse@yahoo.com and dehaanf@ceu.hu You can also visit our website <http://csea.wikispaces.com/>.

We are looking forward to receiving your articles and reviews.

Kind regards,

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4. **The European Association for Banking and Finance (EABH)** working papers series (*EABH Papers*), launched in 2014, gives scholars in banking, financial, business, and economic history and related fields the opportunity to distribute their research-in-progress. Making these findings available to a wider audience, even at an early stage, supports authors' search for qualified feedback, makes their work visible to international audiences, and increases their research's impact. These are important steps towards publication in a top-ranking scientific journal.

For more information visit their website at: <http://www.eabh.info/news/>

The EABH publications include the **Financial History Review** is published by *Cambridge University Press (CUP)* as an international forum for scholars interested in banking, financial, and other monetary matters; **Studies in Banking and Financial History** which is currently published in successful cooperation with different academic publishers or alternately in cooperation with a renowned member institution; and the **Bank and Financial Archives Series**, *EABH* releases remarkable *EABH* workshop proceedings in order to enhance research into the profession and importance of archiving. Twice a year *EABH* publishes the **bulletin - newsletter of EABH**. This comprehensive publication provides a forum for new studies, research, and events related to the fields of banking, financial, and insurance history.

5. **CFP Aspasia 10: Finding Women in the Archives: Experiences and Stories from Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe. Deadline September 15, 2014.**

In the early decades of women's and gender history as an academic discipline, feminist historians devoted a lot of time and effort to finding historical sources by and about women and making those sources available to a wider audience. It turned out that women's absence in the historiography was not

primarily due to a lack of sources but was rather a consequence of (mostly male) historians' conceptual frameworks and assumptions about what counted as "history." There is currently a strong interest in rethinking archives, both as official institutions and repositories of documents and in the broader sense of collections holding "traces of the past," sometimes put together with the help of new technologies.[1] Recent publications challenge the older assumption that archives are neutral and fixed repositories of information and instead reconceptualize them as "artifacts of history" (in Antoinette Burton's words), shaped by material circumstances, state interests, war and politics, the decisions of those who deposit materials and of archivists, and much more. In addition to historians rethinking archives, the on-going digital revolution has a huge impact in the archival world. More and more archival descriptions and primary sources are becoming available on-line.

We invite historians of women and gender in the region of Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe to reflect on their archival experiences and the issues mentioned above. Questions we are interested in include, but are not limited to:

- What is the state of the archives in the country you are working on and how has this influenced the questions historians ask, the kind of narratives they can tell and, in general, what counts as proper history? How has the archival landscape shaped research on women's and gender history?
- How and to what extent has the specific nineteenth- and twentieth-century history of the region influenced the state and availability of archives, both more generally and specifically with respect to the history of women?
- Have efforts been made to make women's records visible and available?
- Have you developed specific research strategies to find traces of women or to work around the limited sources available?
- Did you make exciting discoveries when looking for women in the archives? Sometimes a single document is enough to change our historical understanding of women's presence and agency; are there examples of such findings in CESEE and their impact on our interpretations?
- What is the role of oral history research and the creation of oral history archives in developing women's and gender history in the region?
- What counts as an archive, what do historians regard as "reliable sources," and how do they deal with different forms of "evidence"?
- Are efforts being made to create and maintain archives of other previously marginalized groups?
- Does the digital revolution lead to a greater availability and visibility of women's archives/sources relevant for women's and gender history?

In addition to the specific theme of Finding Women in the Archives, we welcome submissions on all topics related to women's and gender history in CESEE on an on-going basis.

Submissions of up to 8,000 words (including notes) can be sent to Francisca de Haan (Aspasia Editor-in-Chief) at dehaanf@ceu.hu or to Melissa Feinberg at mfeinberg@history.rutgers.edu

For more information, please write to one of the editors or visit <http://journals.berghahnbooks.com/asp/>, where you can also download the Aspasia Guidelines for Authors.

6. The *International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES)* is the global alliance of national associations of Slavic and Eurasian studies, will hold its IX World Congress on August 3 – 8, 2015 in Makuhari, Japan. Paper and panel proposals are accepted until **May 31, 2014**. For more information, visit the organization's website at: <http://src-h.slav.hokudai.ac.jp/iccees2015/>

7. The **2nd Biannual European Central Slavic Conference** will be held in Przemysl, Poland and Lviv, Ukraine on July 10-12, 2014. Host institutions provide lodging and partial board for a limited

number of American participants. Proposals and inquiries should be sent to Jaroslaw Moklak (jmoklak@gmail.com) or David Borgmeyer (dborgmey@slu.edu) by **May 1, 2014**.



Publications, presentations by our members:

Holly Case's (with Máté Rigó's) interview with **Ivan Sanders** is at <http://ecepastandpresent.blogspot.com/2014/03/extended-profile-life-and-career-of.html>.

Katalin Fábíán, Naming Rights: Nation, Family, and Women's Rights in the Debates on Domestic Violence in Contemporary Hungary." Agatha Schwartz and Judit Szapor (eds.) "Gender and Nation in Post-1919 Hungary" *Hungarian Studies Review*, Vol. 41, Nos. 1–2, pp. 153–182, 2014.
_____, "Disciplining the 'Second World': The Relationship between Transnational and Local Forces in Contemporary Hungarian Women's Social Movements." *East European Politics*, Vol. 30, No. 1, pp. 1–20, 2014.
_____, "Overcoming Disempowerment: The Home-Birth Movement in Hungary." In Kerstin Jacobsson and Steven Saxonberg (eds.) *Beyond NGO-ization: The Development of Social Movements in Central and Eastern Europe*, pp. 71–95. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate. 2013.

Alice Freifeld reviewed Katalin Fenyves' *Képzelt Asszimiláció? Négy zsidó értelmiségi nemzedék önképe in Slavic Review Volume 73, Number 1, Spring 2014*

Miklós Müller, A Kossuth Prize in 1952 – The Short Term Rule of Dialectic Soviet Cell Biology in Hungary - *Egy 1952-es Kossuth-díj – A dialektikus szovjet sejtbiológia rövid regnálása Magyarországon. ORVOSTÖRTÉNETI KÖZLEMÉNYEK COMMUNICATIONES DE HISTORIA ARTIS MEDICINAE, 2013, No. 1—4. HUNGARIA Vol. LIX.*

At the US Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC at the "Holocaust in Hungary: 70 Years Later", on March 19, 2014:

Rebekah Klein-Pejšová, *Across the Iron Curtain: Hungarian Jewish Refugees in Austria, 1945–1950*.

Árpád von Klimó, *The Catholic Church, Nationalism, and Antisemitism in Hungary since 1989*.

Paul Hanebrink acted as a Chair/Respondent.

"The Holocaust in Hungary, 70 Years On: New Perspectives" conference held in Florida, 2014 on March 16-18, 2014:

David Frey, *The Near Death Experience of Hungarian Film. The Impact of Hungary's First and Second Anti-Jewish Laws on the Hungarian Film Industry, 1938-40*

Catherine Portuges, *Cinematic Representations of the Holocaust in Hungary: Three Generations*

Alice Freifeld, *Displaced Hungarian Jewish Identity*

Mario Fenyó, *Jewish Resistance to the Holocaust*

Julia Bock, *Working and Dying as Doctors during the Holocaust*

Tamás Kovács, *Hungarian Implementers, German Officers and Advisers*

Richard Esbenshade, *Uncovering Holocaust Memory in Socialist Hungary, 1948-70*

Emese Ivan will present a paper at the Southern Slavic Annual Convention in Atlanta titled *The Revitalization of the Hungarian Sports System*.

Johanna Mellis will present a paper at the Southern Slavic Annual Convention in Atlanta titled Reflections on the Socialist Past and Post-Socialist Present from a Late Communist Sport Leader.



An announcement of possible interest:

A new website about History has been founded on FEBRUARY 24, 2014. It is an "aggregator" site that will assemble links to historical events of America and the world. It will be a fun and educational experience; one that we thought your members would be interested in learning about. The address of the site is <http://www.sejano.com>. Now you don't have to "surf" the web, [sejano.com](http://www.sejano.com) brings you history from around America and the world and it changes every day. Our researchers know what our readers are looking for a 'variety of historical events' put forward in a news format. High school students, university students, and history "buffs" will love learning about history in this new presentation of events of the past. Senior citizens will have the enjoyment of reliving events of the past. We hope you and your relatives, friends, business associates will enjoy this adventure and will come back to the site often; because every day new links are brought forward on the site for you and other visitors. Good luck, let us know what you think of this new way to learn about History and please forward this email to your friends and associates.



Publications of possible interest

Lajos Bokros, *Accidental Occidental, Economics and Culture of Transition in Mitteleuropa, the Baltic and the Balkan Area*. Budapest: CEU Press, 2013. 204 pages
978-615-5225-24-6 cloth \$55.00 / €50.00 / £45.00

“If political economy, i.e. the interdisciplinary study of interrelationships between political institutions and economic systems, has ever made sense, it is exactly now. Hardly any better example of mutual influence and co-determination between political action and economic behavior can be conceived than the historic transformation of a politically supercharged and embedded system into an economically more autonomous and predisposed one. While in communism the political sphere was more important than the economic one, it is not to say that in capitalism it is exactly the other way round. *The interplay between politics and economics in capitalism is more subtle, stochastic, nuanced and balanced.* What is important here is that transition, as a process of transforming a closed and exclusionary totalitarian system into an open and more inclusive, democratic polity, involves the **restoration of relative autonomy for institutions in all spheres of societal existence**, economy, politics, science, education, culture, law, religion, ethics, etc. Structural reforms, implemented throughout the protracted and still ongoing period of transition, have been aiming at achieving this delicate separation by a *tremendous amount of deliberate institution building* which requires highly professional and deeply political societal governance.” (Excerpt from the book)

Mihályi Péter: *A magyar gazdaság útja az adósságválságba*. (Budapest, Corvina, 2013, 208 oldal, 2690 Ft)

A külső eladósodás mint probléma végigkísérte Magyarországot a 20. században: kétszer volt deklarált államcsőd, de sokkal többször vészesen csőd közeli helyzet. Az ország mostani eladósodása sem köthető az elmúlt három vagy az „elmúlt nyolc év” gazdaságpolitikájához: ez egy 40 éve, vagyis körülbelül az 1973/74-es nemzetközi olajválság óta követett gazdaságpolitikai

pálya végállomása.

Bár a közvélemény másképp gondolja, Magyarországon jelenleg sem makrogazdasági, sem társadalmi értelemben nincs válság. Recesszió, azaz gazdasági visszaesés van, ami azonban 5-10 évenként megkerülhetetlen velejárója a kapitalista piacgazdaságnak. Nem ez a fő gond, hanem az, hogy adósságcspadba kerültünk. Nemcsak a költségvetés, de a magyar vállalatok és a magyar háztartások is nyakig el vannak adósodva. Külön-külön még ez el is menne: együttesen viszont kezelhetetlen ellentmondások forrása. Muszáj csökkenteni az ország külső adósságát, az emiatt szükséges lépések viszont fékezik a gazdaságot, vagyis meghosszabbítják a recessziót, tovább rontják utolérési esélyeinket. Pedig lenne mit behozni. Minden erőfeszítés és társadalmi áldozat ellenére az elmúlt 100 évben még nőtt is Magyarország lemaradása az Egyesült Államokkal, Nyugat-Európával vagy Ausztriával összehasonlítva. Bár önmagunkhoz képest hatalmas volt a fejlődés, versenytársaink még eredményesebbek voltak a termelékenység növelésében, a minőségi munkában, az innovációban.

Sérülékenyek vagyunk, de még nem tört ki az adósságválság, amely megroppanthatja egy ország költségvetését vagy bankrendszerét, és kétszámjegyűvé teheti a GDP csökkenését. Lehet még sokkal rosszabb is a helyzet.

Beth Greene, "Selling Market Socialism: Hungary in the 1960s" in the Spring 2014 issue of *Slavic Review*.

Beth Greene discusses the media portrayal of sales and marketing activities in the early phase of the Hungarian market reforms in the late 1960s. Using articles from the popular and specialist press and archive sources from Hungarian Radio and Television, the author argues that under the New Economic Mechanism (NEM), sellers were elevated as symbolic figures of market socialism and thus the modern socialist economy. The media portrayed sales activities as addressing endemic problems of the command economy, mediating production and consumption, and creating a buyer's market in which sellers would compete for customers. This article provides a unique approach in examining the role of sellers and selling under the market socialism, adding to the rich literature on state socialist consumption and challenging the traditional view that Soviet bloc governments sought to control production and consumption independently and irrespective of their connection to the market.



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Thank you!

Susan