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BGHS, Bielefeld University

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I. WELCOME

Dear APH-members, conference participants, and guests,

welcome to the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS).

We are pleased and proud to host the third doctoral conference of the still young Association for Political History (APH) on our premises, in our new building which has become our home almost exactly a year ago. As the current director of the BGHS I am glad that you could come to Bielefeld and join the third APH Conference. I hope and trust that the coming three days will be full of fruitful discussions about fascinating projects, of intimate exchange among junior and senior researchers, and of some conviviality in a stimulating environment.

In addition I hope to stir your interest in our graduate school - the BGHS - and its interdisciplinary, top-level, structured doctoral programme. The BGHS aims at combining excellent doctoral research on independent projects of a broad range within the fields of history and sociology with raising the overall quality of dissertations done in these fields for all doctoral researchers active in the department of history and the faculty of sociology in Bielefeld.

The BGHS sees itself as an international learning community in which doctoral researchers can focus not only on their own subject matter, but also reflect about their discipline as a whole and engage in a productive dialogue with researchers from other disciplines. We bank on the bottom-up principle. We believe in the initiative and commitment of our doctoral researchers and encourage a creative, self-determined, lively doctoral culture.

The BGHS offers its doctoral researchers a wide range of courses, financial and other assistance and individual mentoring. We give them the opportunity to develop into highly qualified, independent and communicative researchers.
In our community, doctoral researchers and professors from the history and sociology departments all join in this unique project.

I would gladly welcome it if you looked around at the BGHS during the days of your stay here at the conference and perhaps use the opportunity to talk to our doctoral researchers – even to those who do not participate in the conference. They will be around in their offices, in the hallways, and in the lounge, and they can certainly give you an impression of our learning community which constitutes the BGHS.

Enjoy your stay, the conference, the social life in Bielefeld.

Prof. Dr. Thomas Welskopp  
[Director of the BGHS]  

Bielefeld, 10 June 2015
2. PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 10 June 2015 (BGHS Seminar Room, X-B2-103)

05:00 pm  Registration (BGHS-Floor)
06:00 pm  Welcome Address
          Thomas Welskopp, Director of the BGHS
06:15 pm  Discussion with members of the APH-Board: 
          What’s next? Current Trends and Agendas in Political 
          History
          Chair: Willibald Steinmetz (Bielefeld)
          Discussants: Marc Lazar (Paris), Giovanni Orsina (Lucca),
          Hagen Schulz-Forberg (Aarhus), Henk te Velde (Leiden)
07:30 pm  Get-together (BGHS-Lounge, X-B2-109)

Thursday, 11 June 2015 (BGHS Seminar Room, X-B2-103)

08:30 am  Registration (BGHS-Floor)
09:00 am  Session I

          Chair: Thomas Welskopp (Bielefeld)
          Discussant: Giovanni Orsina (Lucca)

          Michael Humphries (London): ‘L’unité d’action est la 
          chose essentielle’: The Allied Quest for Unified 
          Command and the Limitations of Informal Political 
          Power, 1914–1918.
Stefan Laffin (Bielefeld): The Role of US-War Correspondents in the Italian Campaign: The Case of John Lardner.

11:00 am COFFEE BREAK

11:30 am Session II

Chair: Margit van der Steen (Den Haag)
Discussant: Lucia Bonfreschi (Lucca)


01:30 pm LUNCH BREAK
(Refectory, Bielefeld University, Main Floor)
(on one’s own expense)

02:30 pm Session III

Chair: Henk te Velde (Leiden)
Discussant: Hagen Schulz-Forberg (Aarhus)

Jarmo Taskinen (Jyväskylä): Between industries and politics - means and strategies of political influencing in economic interest groups.
Cleovi Mosuela (Bielefeld): Rendering Political and Technical: Framing the Field of Intervention.

04:30 pm  COFFEE BREAK

05:00 pm  **Session IV**

Chair: Pertti Ahonen (Jyväskylä)
Discussant: Richard Vinen (London)


Anne Heyer (Leiden): The Birth of Political Mass Parties.

07:00 pm  CONFERENCE DINNER
at restaurant *Nordlicht* (X-Building, Bielefeld University, X-E0-232)

**Friday, 12 June 2015** (BGHS Seminar Room, X-B2-103)

09:00 am  **Session V**

Chair: Giovanni Orsina (Lucca)
Discussant: Henk te Velde (Leiden)


11:00 am  COFFEE BREAK
11:30 am  
**Session VI**

Chair: Lucia Bonfreschi (Lucca)  
Discussant: Rinna Kullaa (Jyväskylä)

Roxana Eugenia Breazu (Aarhus): Cultural elites and the process of ‘modernization’ in Interwar Romania.


01:30 pm  
LUNCH BREAK  
(Refectory, Bielefeld University) (on one’s own expense)

02:30 pm  
**Session VII**

Chair: Hagen Schulz-Forberg (Aarhus)  
Discussant: Nicolas Roussellier (Paris)


05:00 pm  
SIGHTSEEING TOUR BIELEFELD

07:00 pm  
DINNER at Brauhaus Johann Albrecht (brewery)  
(Hagenbruchstraße 8, 33602 Bielefeld) (on one’s own expense)
Saturday, 13 June 2015 (BGHS Seminar Room, X-B2-103)

09:00 am  Session VIII

Chair: Marc Lazar (Paris)
Discussant: Christine Vodovar (Lucca)


11:00 am  END OF CONFERENCE
Departure of the doctoral researchers

11:30 am  Board Meeting APH-Committee

13.30 pm  FAREWELL
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