

CALL FOR PAPERS

VI International Conference Theory And Philosophy Of History

¿What does the historian do?

Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Campus Viña del Mar – Chile, August 28th – 30th 2013
Department of History and Department of Philosophy

The *History* of Herodotus is considered the first work of historiography. Thucydides follows soon after with his *History of the Peloponnesian War*. The merits of each one are undisputed and there is no doubt that they can be considered the fathers of history as well as knowledge and narrative.

However, in both of them we can already find a very different way to write that history. While Herodotus integrates religious tradition as part of his narrative, Thucydides leaves it off. While Herodotus echoes of a long oral tradition, Thucydides tells very recent events, in some of which he himself participated. While Herodotus accepts 'sources' uncritically, Thucydides made some criticism and took the data or anecdote in order to look for the causes that explain the facts. While it seems that Herodotus is content to recount the past just to know it, Thucydides seems to want to know it in order to understand the present.

Such differences have not only been repeated but they have also been multiplied over the time. And with them, the formulation of the inevitable question: what does the historian do when writing history? And what *must* the historian do in writing history?

In the 6th International Conference on Theory and Philosophy of History we intend to discuss about this question and all the implications that it may have: is history a science? What is the nature of historical knowledge? What are its conditions? Should it be a history of "facts"? And if that is the case, what would be that "historical fact"? What grounds and what boundaries the work of the historian has? Can the historian do some judgment about history? Or, should it be avoided? What is the role and what is the place that subjectivity has in the work of the historian? Should the historian think about the receiver of his work? Or, in another words, must the historian consider the reader at the moment when he is recreating history? How should the historian deal with other sciences? Could he use them all? What about theology? What about metaphysics? On the other hand, does the historian simply explain the past, or should he try to understand and explain also the present? When writing history, should the historian think about the usefulness that his work may have in order to guide men in their way to the future?

The 6th International Conference on Theory and Philosophy of History invites to make an attempt to approach some answers to these questions, which obviously are at the heart of the historian's task.

Organizing Committee:

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Dates:

August 28th – 30th, 2013.

Deadline for submissions:

The deadline for submission of Registration Form is March 24th, 2013. In the Registration Form must be included the title and an abstract of at least 7500 characters (including spaces). The acceptance of presentations will be informed as soon as possible (around 15 days after receiving).

Papers/sessions:

1. Languages: it will be acceptable every presentation/paper spoken/written in one of the most important languages in the western culture (Spanish, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese)
2. Send a registration form together with the title of the presentation and an abstract of at least 7500 characters (including spaces). Deadline: March 24th, 2013.
3. Thirty minutes will be allotted to each paper (20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for questions and discussion).
4. In order to be published, papers will be up 60000 characters (including spaces). Size: letter or A4. Line spacing: 1½. Format: Word, Times New Roman, 12. Footnotes, Times New Roman, 10. In the footnotes will be showed all information related to cited works. There will be no bibliography at the end of the paper.
5. Papers have to be emailed. Deadline: July 1st, 2013.
6. Paper will be published after approval by Editor Committee. Acceptance to the Conference does not imply acceptance for publication. Conference fee covers only Conference attendance.
7. Organizing Committee will not accept papers that do not conform to the Conference topic.

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Fee:

Participant	\$ 35.000 US\$ 80
Attendee with certification	\$ 25.000
Students with certification	\$ 5.000
Students and attendees without certification	free