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, including interdisciplinary research on the past from the perspective of heritage and memory studies, approaches in the field of global, comparative, and transnational history, research on regional and local history, and dialogue between history and cultural anthropology.

Themes of the conference will include:

- Historical memory and historically-informed discourses in politics, art, and science; nationalism and nationalization of the past;
- Cultural history of politics: representation of power from the 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 the organizers will provide visa support in case of need. A select number of travel grants is also available on the competitive basis. 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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