RETHINKING HISTORICITY: EXPLORING TEMPORAL RELATIONS IN A CHANGING WORLD

6th network conference of the International Network for Theory of History — Tallinn (Estonia), 19–22 May 2026

Call for Papers

The International Network for Theory of History (INTH) is pleased to announce that its sixth network conference will take place from 19 to 22 May 2026 at the School of Humanities in Tallinn University (Estonia). The conference aims to bring together historians, philosophers, and researchers from related fields worldwide to explore questions in the theory of history and historiography, exchange perspectives, and foster new collaborations.

Recent debates in historical theory and adjacent disciplines suggest that we are witnessing the emergence of new ways of linking pasts to futures, particularly in response to ecological crises, socio-technical developments, geopolitical shifts, and other transformative forces. These shifts challenge traditional historical narratives by introducing, for example, deep time perspectives – as seen in the Anthropocene's reconfiguration of human history within planetary scales – or by reshaping temporal frameworks through predictive algorithms that use past data to model future outcomes.

These and other examples beg the question: **How do individuals and societies experience, perceive and represent time?** In what ways do past, present, and future interact to shape our understandings of historical continuity and change? Are traditional paradigms of development, progress, and revolution still shaping our temporal relations and imaginations? Or are we seeing a break with these assumptions as alternative forms of relating to the past come to the fore? How do such potential changed temporal assumptions and relations manifest themselves concretely in historical research and public discourse?

To address these and related questions, this year's INTH conference centres **on the concept of historicity** – the ways in which temporal relations are constructed, experienced, and narrated. Under this broad thematic umbrella, we invite participants to reflect on the role of historicity in contemporary historical theory and consider how it may be mobilised to reimagine historiographical approaches today.

Confirmed keynote speakers

Aleida Assmann (Universität Konstanz)

Ewa Domanska (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań / Stanford University)

Helge Jordheim (University of Oslo)

Hartmut Rosa (Friedrich Schiller University of Jena / Max-Weber-Kolleg Erfurt)

Submission guidelines

Interested participants are invited to submit an abstract of 300–500 words in .docx or .pdf format to 2026inth@gmail.com by **1 September 2025**. Please name your file as follows: Surname_Title of the abstract. We welcome proposals for both individual papers and panel sessions. Panel proposals should include a panel abstract, the names of a commentator and a chair, and abstracts for each paper (each within the 300–500 word limit). Accepted papers will be allotted 20 minutes for presentation, followed by a 10-minute discussion.

In addition to panels and plenaries, the conference will include practical workshops and master classes aimed primarily at PhD students and early career researchers.

You can find the complete Call for Papers and practical information on our website**.**

THE FUTURE OF INTH — WORKING GROUP

Dear colleague,

The International Network for the Theory of History (INTH) was founded in 2012 in Ghent and has since grown into a vibrant community of over 1,500 scholars. Through the network, we facilitate the exchange of ideas and collaboration, by offering a directory of theorists of history, an online community-based bibliography of theory of history, as well as a forum for announcing events.

As we prepare for the next Biannual Network Conference in 2026, to be held in Tallinn, we are forming a working group to reflect on the future direction of INTH. Our goal is to explore new services and resources we could offer to theorists of history worldwide, as well as to consider the legal structure of the network.

In January 2025, we launched a survey to explore new services and resources we could offer to theorists of history worldwide, as well as to consider the legal structure of the network. **If you have not yet completed the survey, you can still do so** here**.**

You can read the report of the first meeting here**.**

We are eager to advance this initiative and reflect on the future of our network. To take the next steps, we propose holding the **second meeting of this working group on June 25 at 15:00 (GMT +1). Join us at Teams through** this **link.**

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation at your earliest convenience.

2026 ICTH-INTH Book Prizes for the History and Theory of Historiography

The International Commission for the History and Theory of Historiography (ICHTH) and the International Network for Theory of History (INTH) jointly award two prizes, worth 500 euros each, for the Best Book and Best First Book on any aspect of the history and theory of historiography.

Scope
• The Prize focuses on books in the fields of the history and theory of historiography.
• All authors, whether ICHTH or INTH members or not, can submit.
• Authors may submit only one book.
• A book is any single-author publication with an ISBN. Books without ISBN, edited volumes, translations, re-editions, and unpublished Ph.D. dissertations are not accepted.
• There are two categories: the Best First Book targets first works (including published Ph.D. dissertations) of early career scholars; the Best Book targets all other works.
• The submitted book should be published between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2025.

Submissions are now open for the 2026 ICHTH–INTH Best Book AND Best First Book
Submission deadline: 31 December 2025

You can find all information here.

REVIEWS
Since its establishment, INTH has managed a review section for books in the theory of history and history of historiography. We are grateful to our reviewers who have written English reviews of books in various languages, and to authors who have alerted us about their publications.

Here you will find the list of books we would like to be reviewed. If you are interested in writing a review (or you have a book up for review), please contact us. Further information can be found on our website.

CONFERENCES

24.07.2025: HistoryLab Annual Conference: Shaping Histories: Representation and Perception through Time
24-26.11.2025: Congreso Internacional e Interdisciplinario (Filosofía / Historia / Literatura) Escribir la vida: Teoría y Praxis de la Biografía (Argentina)
19-22.05.2026: 6th INTH Conference: Rethinking historicity: exploring temporal relations in a changing world (Tallinn, Estonia)

LECTURES

19.06.2025: Historical Research and Policy Making (Online event)

20.06.2025: Provenance & Restitution: AfricaMuseum & Its Colonial Legacy – prof. dr. Didier Gondola (Ghent, Belgium)

29.06.2025: On a pragmatist Philosophy of History (Online event)

10.07.2025: Stefan Haas (Göttingen): Nach der Narrativität. Warum für die Geschichtswissenschaft eine eigene Argumentationstheorie essentiell ist? (Bielefeld, Germany)

CALL FOR PAPERS

31.07.2025: Call for submissions for the Dossier "Anthropocentrism and History"

31.07.2025: Call for submissions for the Dossier "Ethnographic archives: other inscriptions and epistemologies of sound and listening"

31.07.2025: Call for submissions for the Dossier "Editing history: historiography, memory and dissemination"

31.07.2025: Call for submissions for the Dossier "New historiographical keys in Iber-American Philosophy"

31.07.2025: Call for submissions for the Dossier "Between intellectual history and sociology of intellectuals"

01.08.2025: Call for Papers Journal of the Philosophy of History: Tradition in the philosophy of history

01.08.2025: Call for Papers History Education Research Journal: Narrative Competence, History & Responsibility

Kind regards,

The INTH team