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Dear colleague,

This circular is sent to 3575 historians and others interested in the past across the globe.

As the Network of Concerned Historians (NCH) turns 30 this year, its founder, Antoon De Baets, was awarded the Forschungsfreiheitspreis (Freedom of research prize) “Lapis animosus” by the Swiss Historical Society, meeting in Luzern on 10 July 2025. For his acceptance speech, “*History is not for beginners*,” please see [here](#). It was preceded by a [laudatio](#), and followed by a [press release](#) and an [interview](#).

The thirtieth anniversary is also an opportune time to place the coordination of NCH into the hands of a new generation. In October this year, and after five years of working as NCH co-editor, Ruben Zeeman will assume the role of coordinator in a first step to make NCH future-proof.

The **Annual Report 2025 of the Network of Concerned Historians** (NCH) is now available (open access; pdf; 186 pages) at:

<https://www.concernedhistorians.org/ar/25.pdf>.

This is the **31st NCH Annual Report**. It contains news from **an unprecedented number of 120 countries** about the domain where history and human rights intersect, especially about the censorship of history and the persecution of historians, archivists, and archaeologists around the globe, as reported by various human rights organizations and other sources. It mainly covers events and developments of 2024 and 2025. The fact that NCH presents this news does not imply that it shares the views and beliefs of the historians and others mentioned in it.

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With best wishes,

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