Why is CIHEC part of CISH? Actual reflections on integrating religious history into general historiography

Programme Event

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Overview

The Leipzig centennial conference challenges international historians of Christianity to ask a simple question on the CISH/CIHEC connection since 1926/1952: Why should general historians consult church historians? Or why should church historians cooperate with general historians? The question may be answered from historiographical perspectives of different countries connected to CIHEC. Can we collect comparative insights on practices of church history in the interbellum or (also) in the postwar period? What made church historians to profile themselves apart from or close to general historians, and what effects can be observed in terms of coercion, isolation, or confrontation? How should historians of religion deal with conceptual and methodological renewals in the humanities in a post-secular age and world?

Participants

Convenor

- Fred van Lieburg (VU Amsterdam)

Panelists

- Riho Altnurme (University of Tartu)
- Peter Morée (Charles University Prague)
- Fred van Lieburg (VU Amsterdam)

Papers

Writing church history in Estonia from its independence in 1918 and through the Soviet period

Riho Altnurme (University of Tartu)

History of Church and Religion in the Czech Lands: between confessional, political and social approaches

Peter Morée (Charles University Prague)

Dutch church historians navigating in international historiography in the past century

Fred van Lieburg (VU Amsterdam)

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