



Rethinking World and Global History in the 2020s

Programme Event

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THEME J - Connections, Entanglements, and Universal Perspectives on History	CONFERENCE International Committee of Historical Sciences

Overview

The fields of world and global history have grown and changed in the past century. The resulting global historical discourse has unfolded at three main levels: curriculum in secondary schools as public education became nearly universal; national-patriotic interpretation of the past in this era of great powers and decolonization; and scholarly expansion of knowledge in existing and new disciplines.

Presentations on this panel focus especially on changing curriculum in various national settings within the continents. The same presentations also address debates in national-patriotic formulations of the past (for instance, the re-emergence of a Western Civilization framework), and the emergence of new academic knowledge (notably in social, environmental, and biological history). As a result, interactions among these three areas of change emerge from the combined implications of the papers.

Participants

Convenor

- Patrick Manning (University of Pittsburgh)

Chair

- Jie-Hyun Lim (Sogang University)

Commentator

- Megan Maruschke (Leipzig University)

Panelists

- Rila Mukherjee (AAWH, University of Hyderabad)
- Susanne Popp (University of Augsburg)
- Ruth Mostern (WHA, University of Pittsburgh)
- Peter Adebayo (ANGH)

Papers

South Asian Responses to History-Teaching in the Post-Covid Era, in Asian context

Rila Mukherjee (AAWH, University of Hyderabad)

Teaching World History – European Examples

Susanne Popp (University of Augsburg)

North American debates in Academic and Public History since COVID

Ruth Mostern (WHA, University of Pittsburgh), Patrick Manning (University of Pittsburgh)

World history - new trends in Africa

Peter Adebayo (ANGH)

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