

**Meeting of the SIEF-Group on Historical Approaches in Cultural Analysis,
13th SIEF-Conference in Göttingen, Tuesday, 28th March, 13.00-14.00**

1. Agenda of the meeting:

Pauliina introduces herself and Michaela, and propose as content of the business-meeting the following topics: (1) Agenda of the meeting, (2) Self-Introduction of members and guests, (3) Reports from the chairs, (4) Election of the chairs for the next period until 2019. Pauliina propose to add the election of a secretary to the agenda. (5) Discussion and plans for future projects. The topics were already distributed weeks before the conference via the newlist of the working group, so that the members were informed about these proposals and had the chance to add their interests. The chairs also asked via newlist whether any member might be interested to chair the group for the next period. The agenda is unanimously accepted.

(2) Self-Introduction of members and guests

Eight participants introduce themselves and their interests.

3. Report from the chairs

Panels: The working-group has organized two/three panels for the Göttingen-SIEF-conference: (1a) Dwelling in the Cultural Archives. 1: Traces, Experiences and Meanings (Convenors: Pauliina Latvala, University of Turku and Charlotte Hagstrom, Lund-University), (1b) Dwelling in the Cultural Archives. 2: Policies and Archive Practices (Convenors: Susanne Österlund-Pötzsch, Society of Swedish Literature in Finland), Susanne Nylund Skog, Institute for Language and Folklore). This double-panel was co-organized by the Archive-working-group. (2) Shared Spaces: Perspectives on Animal Architecture (Convenors: Sophie Elpers, Meertens-Institute Amsterdam, Michaela Fenske, Humboldt-University Berlin). There was a huge interest in these panels, not only from the side of the authors, but also of listeners.

Members: The working group has now 48 members. Until the Göttingen-conference, the group has counted 37 members. In Göttingen we welcomed 11 new members from six different countries (Austria, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Israel, Sweden):

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Poster: Pauliina presents the poster, introducing the working group on the conference (the posters of the working groups were presented at the center of the conference, in the main-building on the campus). She promises to introduce the work of the group during the poster-session.

Teaching-Platform: Since the last meeting in Zagreb, the chairs have discussed with NOMADIT about the establishment of a teaching platform where the members of the group could exchange their concepts, materials and pedagogical skills. Also other working groups of SIEF and even of the sister organization EASA have declared their interest in this kind of resource. Therefore the developing a suitable database is still in process. Our working group is open to collaborate with other working groups in this matter, especially the Archive-working group was mentioned, since these two groups would greatly benefit if they shared materials, theories and frames of analyzing the past.

Valencia: Some of our working group members, including Pauliina, attended European Social Science History Conference in Spain, Valencia last spring. There they planned the next working group seminar to be held in the University of Tartu in 2018.

Website: Pauliina presents the updated version of our Working group SIEF-website, which was discussed and approved by the members of the group.

4) Election of the chairs for the next period until 2019 and new secretary

Since nobody else is willing to chair the working-group for the upcoming period, Michaela and Pauliina agree in chairing the group once more. Burkhard Pöttler organizes the election of both of them as chairs and they are unanimously elected. Both chairs underline the need of finding new chairs for the new period in Santiago de Compostela, and encourage the participants of the meeting to reflect their interest in this important position as well as for the society as for our special field of historical approaches.

Katre Kikas is willing to be the secretary of the working group for the period until 2019. The group thanks her for this interest and approves it very much (and of course without a dissentient vote).

(5) Discussion and plans for future projects

Facebook: The search for other possibilities to make the work of the group more popular than a Facebook profile was not successful. Therefore Pauliina asks the members' opinion again concerning Facebook. Other SIEF-working groups use Facebook for their networking, and also a lot of members of our group do so. Even when there remains still some critics concerning Facebook, the participants agree to start a trial. Konrad Kuhn is willing to establish a Facebook-site for the group.

In-between Conference in 2018: The members from Estonia, Tiiu Jaago and Katre Kikas, offer to organize a conference for the group in 2018. The participants discuss the topics and the best time for the conference. September 2018 is accepted as the most suitable time for this conference. The Estonian colleagues aim to enforce the relevance of historical-anthropological approaches in their discipline. On the same time the topic has to be of relevance for colleagues working in different fields and disciplines to gain their interest for the event. Therefore one discusses whether a topic like "History from below revisited" might invite a lot of colleagues, and give the liberty as well, to reflect historical approaches. In addition, the theme might invite to look for the perspectives and aims

relevant for historical approaches today and in the future. As other relevant topics, the members discuss also the following: genealogy, family and life history, inheriting etc. The organizers thank the participants for their proposals and ideas. They propose to write a draft of a call for paper for their conference and circulate it within the group via its newslister and social media.

Panel for the next conference: The members of the working group will reflect which topics might be of interest for a panel, proposed from the side of the working group on the next SIEF-conference in 2019.

Minutes by: Michaela Fenske



(PD Dr. Michaela Fenske)



Place, Date, Signatures

