

# YOUNG SCHOLARS WORKING GROUP

## Short History of the YSWG



- The YSWG was first inaugurated at the SIEF Congress in Derry/Londonderry (2008) and relaunched in Tartu (2013).
- YSWG was first present at the 2015 SIEF Congress, organizing a fruitful workshop and a well-attended wine mixer.
- In Göttingen 2017 we had our very first international conference!

### Board members :

Alessandro Testa, University of Vienna/Austria  
 Arnika Peselmann, Georg-August University,  
 Göttingen/Germany and Institute of Saxon History and  
 Cultural Anthropology Dresden  
 Jón Þór Pétursson, Lund University/Sweden  
 Mathilde Lamothe-Castagnous, University of Pau/France and  
 University Laval/Quebec  
 Nada Kujundžić, University of Turku/Finland and University  
 of Zagreb/Croatia

## First Business Meeting of the YSWG (12th SIEF Congress, Zagreb, June 22)

Board members Mathilde Lamothe, Arnika Peselmann and Jón Þór Pétursson introduced the Working Group, its aims and future tasks, and provided a report of their previous term in office (2013–2015). Elections for a new YSWG Board were held, which confirmed the posts of the existing members. Two new members were elected to the Board: Nada Kujundžić and Alessandro Testa. The discussion was continued during the YSWG workshop, which included lively group discussions between old and new members (many of which signed up on the spot) on the future of our disciplines and the role of the Group in connecting early-career researchers and encouraging their professional development.

## YSWG : Description and Mission for the SIEF 2017

The major task of this working group is to introduce young academics in the early stages of their academic careers to SIEF. It thus functions as a platform for sharing relevant information about topics concerning students and young scholars.

The Young Scholars Working Group aims to create a broad international network that promotes the projects of students and young scholars but will also serve as a forum for discussing practical matters such as daily university life (learning and teaching), academic experience, and international studies.



39 members  
 Facebook page : 213 followers

## YSWG Conference in Göttingen 2017

The First International Conference of the SIEF-Young Scholars Working Group was held on March 26, 2017 in Göttingen, Germany. The Conference brought together scholars in the early stages of their careers. We discussed the different ways in which we “Learn Our Trade” and which academic currents and paradigm shifts shape our research questions and disciplinary interests. Additionally, the Conference served as a platform for discussing participant’s individual research projects and learning about work experiences from invited discussants with a background in anthropology/ethnology/folklore who have chosen different professional paths.