

## Historical Approaches in Contemporary Research Field: Making Connections.

Meeting of the SIEF working group of historical approaches in cultural analysis

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Venues: Estonian Literary Museum, Vanemuise 42, Tartu, Estonia; University of Tartu, Ülikooli 16, Tartu, Estonia.



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Doing research is all about making connections – between past and present, sources and theories, disciplinary history and contemporary problems, the academy and the society etc. The SIEF working group of historical approaches in cultural analysis invites scholars involved in the field to reflect upon those different connections being created, disrupted or altered during research.

On the one hand it is a question of positioning oneself as a researcher with respect to earlier theories, terminologies and methodologies. How do we feel about keywords that have already been criticised by earlier generations ('the voice of the past' or 'history from below' for example)? Are they adaptable to new situations, do they help to solve contemporary research problems?

On the other hand, it is a question of relationship between the academy and the society. How do developments in the society influence our understanding of scientific vocabulary or the uses of sources? Is researcher responsible for non-academic uses of specific keywords and notions or should we try to 'update' the society's understanding of them? Are we willing to share authorship of our researches with the people who have shared their experiences with us?

We invite papers that explore some of the following questions:

- \* how to reassess earlier terminology and approaches in contemporary research
- \* how do new research questions, resources, interdisciplinary and international context affect the usage of historical terminology and concepts
- \* which questions can be addressed by historical approach to researching culture and society
- \* how academic and non-academic approaches to history are interrelated (what is the role of history in (social) media discussions; history as positive resource vs means of intimidation)

We welcome individual proposals and posters.

The participation fee will be 30 euros.

If you are interested please send your submissions (max 350 words) by May the 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 via this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/pWKEFbXhyRg7BZ2n2>

The presenters will be notified in May 2018.

The meeting is organized by SIEF working group of historical approaches in cultural analysis, Department of Estonian and Comparative Folklore of the University of Tartu, Department of Folkloristics of Estonian Literary Museum and Centre of Excellence in Estonian Studies.

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