Call for papers

International Conference

Networks and Society. A historical perspective from Ancient World to the present

The aim of the second international conference organized by West University of Timișoara, Faculty of Letters, History and Theology, Department of History, is to open dialog between worldwide historians, especially from Central and Eastern Europe. From the Ancient world to the present day, the human societies found various ways to connected each other in a vast social, political, economic, religious and even mental networks. These networks brought together people of different language, ethnicity or social status and open the possibility of cooperation and understanding, but in the same time led to conflict and violence. We encourage everyone to discuss and highlight how people linked in the past and integrated in the political, social, religious, cultural and economic frameworks of different networks. There is no chronological barrier, contributions from Ancient World to present day are to be expected.

Proposals may include but are certainly not limited to the following topics:

- Networks and people: ethnic diversity, cohabitation and conflicts

- Connecting to others: alterity

- Informal networks in history: kin, marriage and family ties

- Roads and trades: transportation, commercial networks and economies

 - Political networks and relations of power

- In the name of God: religious networks, confessional propaganda and dialogue of denominations

- Spreading the words around the world: news, stories and networks of communication

- Forging communities and states: social networks and group strategies

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- Exchanging ideas in a changing world: cultural, educational and artistic networks

- Moving networks: migration, mobility and searching for a new home

The conference will be held online (via Google Meet) between 17th and 18th of March 2022. Deadline for panel submissions is 15th of February 2022 and for individual papers is 1st of March 2022. Titles and abstracts of approximatively 100-150 words should be sent to Adrian Magina (adimagina@gmail.com), Simona Regep (simonaregep@yahoo.com) or Adrian Cîntar (adrian.cintar@e-uvt.ro). Each participant will be allotted 15 minutes for presentation. All papers and discussions are going to be in English.

The panel titles will be available after March 1st 2022, on the conference event page on The Faculty of Letters, History and Theology website (http://litere.uvt.ro/cs-events/2022-networks-and-society/).

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