

**Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research (Braunschweig),
Institute for National History (Skopje), Institute for Spiritual and Cultural
Heritage of the Albanians (Skopje)**

Call for Applications for an academic conference on

Historiography and History Education in the South Slavic and Albanian Speaking Regions

3-5 June 2015, Skopje

Modern and contemporary history provide us with numerous case studies focusing on the multi-layered relationship between the Albanian- and Slavic-speaking (and other) communities in the Balkans. Whether through hardship and conflict, or coexistence and cooperation, various groups from this part of the Balkans have been engaging in and shaping a thoroughly intertwined regional life throughout history. The aim of this conference is to provide a forum for academic discussion on the complex trans-cultural history of the region and on the role of history education in the formation of mutual perceptions and relationships. The conference seeks to understand not only the past, but also the socio-political contexts which bring their influence to bear on the writing of historiography and history textbooks.

Most of the topics we will discuss at the conference will touch upon modern and contemporary history, but we do encourage an interdisciplinary approach and therefore welcome the participation of colleagues from different fields in the humanities and social sciences. Trans-cultural and cross-border approaches are equally encouraged. Participants may wish to focus on some of the following topics/sessions:

1. Historiography: regional perspectives on cultural and socio-political history
2. Historiography and history education: assessment of their relationship
3. History education: textbooks and society
4. Otherness: images of neighbours
5. Cross-cultural patterns: shared traditions and experiences

How to apply

Applicants should submit an abstract (around 500 words) of their paper and a short CV in English.

Participants: 20-25 scholars from history and related fields

Date and venue: 3-5 June 2015, Skopje

Costs: The organiser will provide board and accommodation, and will reimburse participants' travel expenses.

Presentation time: 15-20 min.

Language: English

Application deadline: 1 December 2014

Organiser responds: January 2015

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