

Call for applications

The 20th Century: Revolutions and Nationalism Revisited

April 17 – 30, 2011- Lima (Peru)



This Workshop focuses on the most significant revolutions of the 20th century and their impact on questions of nationalism and identity. The aim of the workshop is to study how shifts from monarchy to democracy, populism and dictatorship took place across the Global South and how revolutions and civil wars changed the meaning of concepts such as nationalism and identity.

The Workshop will be organized around the comparative experiences of Africa, the Middle East, Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America. It will bring together about 10 young historians and historically-inclined social scientists for two weeks of collective reflection, knowledge building and training. The participants will follow a programme designed to permit them to share experiences, improve the theoretical and methodological quality of their work, and deepen their comparative insights.

Theme and Content of the Workshop

The 20th century was a century of revolutions. It was a time in which important historic social and political changes happened, such as the Russian and Chinese Revolution. In addition to these “violent” revolutions we witnessed the collapse of the Berlin Wall and of communism in Eastern Europe, the end of apartheid in South Africa, the downfall of Marcos' regime in the Philippines and the liberation of East Timor. Moreover, many social and technological “revolutions” took place such as the emancipation of women and the development of the internet. These and many other events reconfigured the geopolitical structure of the globe.

This Workshop proposes not only to bring a wide range of additional, long-overlooked cases into the literature on revolutions and nationalism but also to begin the crucial task of formulating well-structured comparisons across different empirical examples.

The Workshop offers an opportunity for young scholars from the Global South to engage in research and debates on revolutions and nationalism. The objective of the workshop is to stimulate a historically-grounded, comparative analysis of these topics, with the goal of promoting reflections on the origins, directions and changes in the concepts, especially in the light of recent times.

Participants will be encouraged to carry out their reflections in a comparative perspective. They will also be offered practical support in sharpening their research project, and submit a research proposal for funding.

Eligibility

The Workshop is open to PhD and MA students registered in Southern universities, i.e., Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America and the Caribbean. The age limit is 35 years. Please note that the working language of the workshop is English. All applicants are strictly required to be proficient in English.

Travel Grants

The grant will provide for the participants' airfare, accommodation, readings, a modest stipend, and an excursion. Snacks and lunch will be provided during the workshop proper and meals during the excursion.

Application Procedures

Applications should include the following:

- 1) A Curriculum Vitae (maximum of two pages)
- 2) A research proposal outlining the candidate's current research project, including the methodology that is being employed or considered (at most four pages)
- 3) A scanned letter certifying registration in a doctoral or Master program at a university in the South and the stage of the program the student is at.
- 4) A scanned letter from the thesis supervisor indicating why this workshop will be of importance to the applicant
- 5) The candidate should fill an application form (download from www.iep.org.pe).
- 6) A copy of the passport.

Applications must be written in English. The deadline for submission is 28th of February 2011. An international scientific committee will examine the applications of the candidates by the first week of March 2011. Successful applicants will be notified immediately after the completion of the selection process.

Incomplete or unnecessarily lengthy applications will not be taken into consideration. The applications must be emailed (or faxed) to:

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