

## **6TH INTERNATIONAL PHD CONFERENCE**

***Sciences Po, Paris,  
20-22 June 2018  
Call for Papers,  
November 2017***

The Association for Political History (APH) has been created in September 2014 for promoting Political History, broadly defined as the history of institutions, parties, public policies, as well as the history of ideas, political cultures, identities, behaviours, passions or emotions. APH welcomes historians working from different perspectives, including the most recent and innovative ones, such as transnational history. One of the main goals of APH is to strengthen international cooperation in the field of education and research, thus promoting the quality of research. Furthermore, APH will provide high-quality training opportunities for PhD candidates and advanced masters students in Political History. See <http://www.associationforpoliticalhistory.org/> for further information.

The institutions currently attached to APH are: [Research School Political History](#) (The Netherlands-Flanders), [Sciences Po](#), [Jyväskylä University](#), [LuiSS University Roma](#), [King's College London](#), [Bielefeld University](#), [Aarhus University](#). The University of Antwerp, University of Geneva, Södertörn University and European University Institute have recently joined the network. APH also supports the international linkedin group for PhD candidates in Political History. See <https://www.linkedin.com/grp/home?gid=8191700>.

The sixth annual conference of APH will be organized at Sciences Po, Paris, France from Wednesday June 20th to Friday afternoon June 22nd. APH invites PhD students from the participating institutions to apply to introduce their dissertation for comments from their peers and senior scholars from the member universities as well as by external commentators and keynote speakers.

Besides the panels during which Ph-D student will be able to introduce their papers which will be discussed by a senior researcher and another Ph-D, several events will take place: a lecture by Professor Jenny Andersson (Sciences Po) and two round tables. The schedule will be detailed soon.

Papers will be examined by a committee composed of professors of history from Sciences Po as for instance Claire Andrieu, Alain Chatriot, Nicolas Delalande, Mario Del Pero, Michele Di Donato, Mathieu Fulla, Gerd-Rainer Horn, Guido Panvini.

Each paper presenter should have 1–3 years' experience in doctoral studies by the time of the conference. Your abstract and paper could start with a formulation of a particular scholarly point that you want to make and/or problem to which advice from the commentators and other participants is sought.

Paper proposals can focus on institutional political history, conceptual, social, cultural, of gender or anthropological in a national, transnational, compared or connected perspective. The concerned periods will mostly be the XVIIIth, XIXth, XXth and XXIst centuries, with no geographical boundaries. Yet, one or two sessions will specifically focus on political parties, institutions, States and political behaviors. Paper proposals on these topics will be carefully examined.

The deadline for applications including an abstract of **250–500 words**, university affiliation and an explanation of the relation of the paper to the PhD project is **February 12th 2018**. The applications will be sent by e-mail to [aph2018paris@gmail.com](mailto:aph2018paris@gmail.com). The acceptance of the proposed papers will be confirmed by the first days of March 2018.

An accepted paper of no more than **6,000 words** must then be submitted to the conference organizers by **3 June 2018** at the latest. The paper will be made available to the other participants during the following week on a closed website. Kindly include in your paper a brief introduction for those who may be unfamiliar with the period, country, organization or theme of study. The oral presentation of the papers during the conference must not exceed **10 minutes**, the rest of the time being reserved for comments and general discussion.

Paper presenters should be PhD students in the APH member universities. As a way to expand the network we invite doctoral students from universities that are not yet members of the APH to also propose papers. The final acceptance of the paper then depends on the student's home institution agreeing to pay the annual institutional membership fee of the APH (currently EUR 300) which provides an entrance to the conferences for both the senior academic staff and PhD students. Consult the head of your department on the readiness of your home institution to participate before submitting your proposal. If you are interested in an individual membership instead, contact APH coordinator Margit van der Steen ([margit.van.der.steen@huygens.knaw.nl](mailto:margit.van.der.steen@huygens.knaw.nl)) for further information.

The participating institutions will have to cover the travel and accommodation costs of their doctoral students but we aim at providing all meals and social programme. There will be no registration fee for this conference.

