

Call for Papers – Summer School: Towards a European Society? Convergence and Divergence in 20th Century Europe (Politics, Economy, Society and Culture)

France, Moulin d'Andé, 4-10 July 2010

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Deadline: 27 February 2010

This summer school invites doctoral and advanced masters' students in history or related social sciences working on 20th century European history to discuss structural change in Europe across a range of themes. In particular we wish to explore if and how historians can benefit from social science concepts, for example on the convergence of European societies, Europeanisation processes and European integration theories to analyse medium- and long-term developments in European political, economic, social and cultural history.

The summer school aims to provide postgraduate students with the opportunity to present and intensively discuss their research projects. It will offer a perfect occasion to meet and exchange ideas with peers as well as with established scholars in the field. While discussing individual projects the summer school aims to link these to more general currents and developments in 20th century European history. Hence, emphasis will be placed on discussing key driving forces. Young researchers working on topics that explore medium- and long-term developments, comparative or transnational themes are particularly welcome to apply.

Among the issues that could be explored are:

- Europeanisation of politics, political practices and political parties, diplomacy, non-governmental organisations...
- Globalisation, patterns of economic growth, transnational business cooperation, internationalisation of enterprises ...
- European social models, demographic developments, educational systems, trade unions, civil society...
- Media, heritage, memory, popular culture, tourism...

The summer school will take place at the Moulin d'Andé, a listed building in the heart of Normandy. Accommodation, meals, transfers from Paris to Moulin d'Andé and excursions will be covered. Travel costs up to a maximum of 150€ (participants travelling from outside France) or 80€ (participants travelling within France) will also be covered.

Organisers: Dr Christian Wenkel, Matthieu Osmont, Dr Émilie Robin Hivert, Dr Katja Seidel, Dr Mark Spoerer.

Leading academics in the field such as Professors Eric Bussière (Paris IV), Reiner Marcowitz (Metz) and Fabrice d'Almeida (Paris II) will participate in the summer school.

For paper proposals please email your application to summerschool2010@dhi-paris.fr, including a 800 word (max.) paper proposal, including a short abstract of the doctoral or masters' research project (if different), the name and contact details of a referee (for example the director of studies), and a curriculum vitae. Applicants will be notified about the outcome by mid-April. Working languages are French, German and English.