The Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS), in conjunction with the Department of History at Bielefeld University, organises the Third International Conference on Political History on behalf of the Association for Political History, founded in Leiden, the Netherlands, in September 2014.

The conference is devoted to the consolidation and continuity – not yet to the expansion – of the young APH.

In accordance with the foregoing conferences in Lucca, Italy, and Leiden, in 2014, we therefore invite PhD-students and doctoral researchers from the participating institutions to apply for 16 available slots to introduce their dissertation projects to be discussed by their peers, other guests, and senior scholars from the member universities.

The presentation of accepted papers should not exceed 20 minutes, followed by a full panel discussion. Since we do not plan to split the conference up into parallel sessions, we can accommodate no more than 16 papers.

The range of possible topics is not limited, but we would preferably welcome dissertation projects which are situated in the fields:

- the languages of politicisation and de-politicisation
- relationships between formal and informal politics
- the mutual transformations of social movements into political parties
- party politics and the mass media

Interested PhD-students and doctoral researchers are invited to send an abstract of no more than 500 words by 15 March 2015 to: aph-conference@uni-bielefeld.de.

Notification of acceptance will follow no later than 13 April 2015.

The BGHS covers travel expenses and accommodation costs for accepted speakers.

Conference programme and information about travel options and accommodation as well as the conference venue will follow in due time.

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