Call for papers

Bridging Ages International Conference in Tartu, Estonia 09.-13.9 2019

FREEDOM to/in Time Travel

Can we see the future?

The freedom of expression and the freedom to define yourself as an independent country: this topic was widely discussed during the 'Time Travel to 1918 ´ programme in 2018 when Estonia celebrated 100 years of independence.

The freedom to travel in time – does this method give us the freedom to talk about problematic or taboo topics of everyday society and can we contribute to society by doing so?

Freedom in Time Travel

As a small country on the eastern coast of the Baltic Sea Estonia has had a dramatic history. Only in the middle of the 19th century did we become aware of ourselves as a nation. In the beginning of the 20th century we gained statehood, but during the 2nd World War we lost it again. During the occupation by the Soviet Union we lost a number of basic freedoms such as the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion. We regained our independence in 1991, and since then we have built a strong, democratic state where people's basic freedoms are respected. We want to focus on the importance of freedom as we still remember the time when there was none. On a personal level freedom has many facets, and each person experiences it in their own manner.

During the conference we will focus on the following themes:

- How does Time Travel as a method contribute to the maintenance and development of democratic processes and personal freedom in society?
- Are freedom and responsibility incompatible?
- The meaning of freedom, can it mean different things to different groups?
- Can we see the future by looking at current global processes? Can Time Travels help us in this?

We welcome innovative examples of how to discuss and reflect on democracy, nationalism, identity, ethnicity and unionism through heritage education and the Time Travel method.

We call for papers, panels or workshops that describe and analyse different practices of TT or scientific studies carried out on the TT method. (10 minutes for a description of the case-study and 10 minutes for analysis/reflection)

The conference is hosted by Estonian National Museum in Tartu, Estonia (www.erm.ee).

Please submit an abstract of your presentation (not more than half a page) and a brief description of yourself as soon as possible but not later than **01.05.2019** as a Word document attachment to Kaari Siemer (kaari.siemer@erm.ee).

If you have practical questions, please contact our conference manager Saale Randaru (saale.randaru@erm.ee).

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