

NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

Comparative History of European Nationalism

The second conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas will be held in Leuven/Louvain (Belgium), September 3–8, 1990. The theme of the conference will be the “Comparative History of European Nationalism”. There will be about forty workshops dealing with topics like “Anti-Colonial and Anti-Imperial Theories of National Liberation”, “The Napoleonic Wars and the Spread of Nationalism”, “Historical Factors in European Nationalism”, “State and Nation”, “Nationalism and Socialism” and “Fascism and Nationalism”. All those interested should write to Professor Ezra Talmor, ISSEI Conference, Kibbutz Nachshonim, D. N. Mercatz 73 190, Israel, telephone 972-3-938 6445, fax 972-3-9386500.

National and Racial Minorities in Total War

An international conference on “National and Racial Minorities in Total War” is to be held at the University of Keele, September 10–11, 1990. This conference will bring together major scholars from Britain, North America and Australia. It will tackle themes which include the reaction of Government and public opinion to the presence of hostile groupings in wartime; the reaction of the minorities under threat; and economic and cultural changes within individual communities. For further information contact Dr Panikos Panayi, Department of History, University of Keele, Keele, Staffordshire, ST5 5BG, Great Britain, telephone (0782) 621111, ext. 3667.

Nineteenth-century French Studies

The sixteenth Colloquium in 19th Century French Studies will be held on the University of Oklahoma campus, October 11–13, 1990. The organizers are hoping to have the following topics represented: (i) interdisciplinary cultural history, (ii) the application of science and scientific method in the 19th century, (iii) current trends in criticism as applied to 19th century studies, (iv) images and representations: race and racism, museums, sainthood, etiquette etc., and (v) the perception and representation by contemporaries of the great esthetic movements, cultural ideas and political ideologies like romanticism, darwinism, marxism, anarchism, and nationalism.

Those interested in participating should send a 1/2 page abstract or session proposal to Dr Keith Busby, Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, The University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, 73019, USA, before March 15, 1990.

North American Labor History Conference

The 12th annual meeting of the North American Labor History Conference will be held at Wayne State University, October 18–20, 1990. The program committee is

soliciting papers representing the best of contemporary scholarship on topics dealing with the history of labour and related social and economic reform movements. Although receptive to proposals on a wide variety of topics dealing with every area of the world, it is especially interested in papers dealing with the relationship of labour to gender, race, or ethnicity.

Individual proposals and suggestions for sessions, special events, and featured speakers should be submitted no later than May 1, 1990. The committee reserves the right to give preference to proposals submitted earlier. Please submit proposals and direct inquiries to: Prof. Stanley D. Solvick, Department of History, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan 48202, USA. Telephone (313) 577-6145 or 577-2525.

Rumour, News and Propaganda

The Social History Society of the United Kingdom will hold its annual conference at Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln, on 3–5 January 1991. The theme is “Rumour, News and Propaganda”, and the Society would like anyone wishing to give a paper to contact Dr David Vincent, Department of History, University of Keele, Keele, Staffordshire ST5 5BG, UK, telephone (0782) 621 111. Booking details will be available in due course from Linda Persson, Centre for Social History, Lancaster University, Bailrigg, Lancaster LA1 4YG, Great Britain, telephone (0524) 65201, ext. 2812/2806.

Social Catholicism

The Social Values Research Centre at the University of Hull proposes to hold an international conference in 1991, probably from 12 to 14 April (dates to be confirmed). The central theme will be the consideration of the impact of the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* through hundred years of rapid social, economic and political change. One of the themes of the conference will be the practical significance of *Rerum Novarum* as a set of prescriptions for Catholic social action, particularly for its importance in the development of Catholic Social Action and specifically of Christian Democracy as a political movement. Another theme will be the development of Catholic social and political thought in relation in particular to the “modern ideologies” of socialism and liberalism. Papers in English or in French should be available for circulation to participants by 28th February, 1991. Inquiries and proposals should be directed to David Curtis, Department of French, or Paul Furlong, Department of Politics, University of Hull, North Humberside HU6 7RX, Great Britain.

Racism and the Labour Market

The Dutch Association of Historical Racism Studies is preparing an international conference on “Racism and the Labour Market in a Historical Perspective”, to be held in the International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam, September 5–7, 1991. The following theses should function as guiding principle in the papers for the conference.

1. Racism and specific positions in the labour market for ethnic groups overlap each other.
2. The overlap can be either complete or incomplete.
3. Changes in the labour market will therefore hardly produce any effect on the discriminated position. Changes of an exogenous nature or in the conceptualization of ethnicity could result in changes in position in the labour market.
4. In the event of a partial escape, that share of the ethnic group which no longer holds a specific position will have an increased chance of losing the social consequences of ethnicity and vice versa. Should this not be the case, then the analysis will give more insight into the non-economic aspect of racism.

The theoretical background of the above-cited theses is sketched in a special conference publication, *Racism and the Labour Market*. Scholars are invited to send summaries of papers before 1 February 1990 and papers in English before 1 November 1990. Selected papers are to be published.

For more information and for the publication *Racism and the Labour Market* please write to: Annemarie Woudstra, Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis, Cruquiusweg 31, 1019 AT Amsterdam, telephone 31-20-6685866, fax 31-20-6654181.

Kenneth Scott Latourette Prize

The Conference on Faith and History announces the annual Kenneth Scott Latourette Prize in Modern Religious History. The prize (for submissions in the post-1500 period and not limited to Western culture or Christianity) will consist of a guaranteed publication for the winning manuscript by the Mercer University Press and will be announced at the Conference's annual session at the American Historical Association meeting. For information, contact: Joel Carpenter, Administrator, Latourette Prize Competition, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL 60187, USA, telephone (312) 260-5437.

American National Biography

The American Council of Learned Societies is preparing a new biographical dictionary, which will contain sketches of approximately 20,000 persons, and which will be published by Oxford University Press. It will include persons prominent in every field of human activity. Already under consideration for inclusion are all persons in the *Dictionary of American Biography*, *Notable American Women*, and other important collections. But the editors are eager to locate significant people whose careers have not been described in these reference works. Readers of this journal who have come across such persons in the course of their research are urged to nominate them by writing to: John A. Garraty, General Editor, *American National Biography*, Center for the Social Sciences, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027. Please include a brief explanation of why each nominee merits inclusion.

The editors are also eager to locate scholars who would be interested in writing biographies for *American National Biography*. Such persons should write to Mark C. Carnes, Assistant General Editor, at the above address, indicating their fields of special competence. In particular the editors are hoping to locate scholars who

would be willing to prepare sketches of persons in fields where there are relatively few academic experts.

Tien'anmen 1989 Archive

The International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam and the Sinological Institute of Leyden University have jointly established an archive of primary materials of the April–May 1989 movement in the People's Republic of China. These materials will be collected and preserved in a systematic way, in order to make them available to a broad audience of researchers, journalists and other interested parties.

Anyone in possession of primary material (pamphlets, wall-posters, photographs, audio or video tapes, eyewitness reports etc.) is invited to:

- (i) contribute copies thereof to the archive, stating the date, location, and circumstances under which the material was obtained;
- (ii) to indicate whether she/he would like to be kept informed about the future holdings of the archive, and if so, the kind of materials in which she/he takes a special interest;
- (iii) indicate the names and addresses of private persons, organizations and institutions who would be interested in receiving information about the archive, and/or who would be willing to contribute materials.

For more information, please contact Drs Frank Pieke or Dr Tony Saich, Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis, Cruquiusweg 31, 1019 AT Amsterdam, The Netherlands, telephone 31-20-6685866, fax 31-20-6654181.