

Recent IFPH Conferences and Workshops

Public History in a Digital World: The Revolution Reconsidered, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 23-25 October 2014

In October 2014, the University of Amsterdam hosted the first conference of the [IFPH](#), "[Public History in a Digital World: The Revolution Reconsidered](#)". Several years in the making and spearheaded by the tireless efforts of Manon Parry and Paul Knevel of the University of Amsterdam and Serge Noiret, Chair of the IFPH, Some 200 public history practitioners from Europe, the Americas, and Asia came together for three days to discuss and debate what digital media brings to public history and where public history is headed in a digital world.

The conference program as well as the conference blog are available on the University of Amsterdam's Public History webpages [here](#).

Public History and the Media, Florence, Italy, 11-13 February 2015

The IFPH-FIHP, together with the [NCPH](#) and other associations and cultural institutions, participate in a workshop on Public History organised by the History and Civilisation Department of the [European University Institute](#), in Florence-Fiesole, Italy, 11th, 12th and 13th February 2015. This workshop brought together leading practitioners in the field of public history and the media to discuss the current state of the field and in order to explore the relationship between public history and academic history.

A recap of the sessions is available [here](#).

Public History Workshop, Hamburg, Germany, 25-27 March, 2015

Organized in collaboration between [Dr. Thorsten Logge](#) and [Nico Nolden](#) ([Universität Hamburg](#)) and [Prof. Dr. Cord Arendes](#), [Dr. Angela Siebold](#), and [Moritz Hoffmann](#) ([Universität Heidelberg](#)), the workshop placed a particular emphasis on student participation. Attended by students from Hamburg, Heidelberg, Bremen, Berlin, and Bochum (and beyond), the workshop panels dealt with topics such as teaching public history, collaborative public history projects, and the inherent challenges in balancing theory and praxis in public history programs. Panel discussions offered up interesting insight into the different approaches used in teaching/practicing public history throughout Germany today.

A recap of the sessions is available [here](#).

In the News

In August 2013, the IFPH sponsored a conference in Volos, Greece, *Use and Abuse of History: the Public History in Greece*. Eight of the best papers from that conference have been compiled and published as monograph edited by Prof. Giorgios Antoniou (Thessaloniki) as “History and the Public Sphere in Contemporary Greece”, in **Ricerche Storiche** (Historical Researches - Recherches Historiques), a 42 years old Italian history peered journal. All papers are published in English and may be ordered here: <http://www.polistampa.com/php/sl.php?bc=41&idlibro=6222>

Upcoming IFPH Conferences

-Congress of the International Committee of Historical Sciences, Jinan, China, 23-29 August, 2015

As an official International Commission of CISH, the IFPH has been allocated space to convene its own annual meeting on August 27-28, 2015. In addition to a business meeting and keynote speech, which we hope will introduce public history to the larger audience of 1500 to 2000 historians attending the conference and the Chinese Public, Three sessions have been organised on “**Teaching Public History**” and “**Digital Public History**” and/or “**Public History and Museums.**” The full program is available here:

<http://www.ichschina2015.org/cms/>

-IFPH-FIPH 3rd Annual Conference, Bogotá, Colombia, July 7-8-9, 2016

The third international annual conference of IFPH will be held at the [Universidad de Los Andes](#) in Bogotá, Colombia from July 7th to July 9th 2016. Its goal is to open up a space to give visibility and to share the innovative practices and skills that public historians around the world creatively use in their daily practice. The IFPH international conference in Bogotá will bring together practitioners, experts and activists from all over the world to discuss and share their experiences in the many challenges and rewards involved in engaging with the public to diffuse historical knowledge. The conference will not be limited to a specific theme but, on the contrary, will engage with the very different public history activities. So, proposals may present examples of historians’ engagement with communities through different media, building different forms of narratives and looking at different public uses of the past.

-Public History International. Beyond School? Comparative Perspectives, Basel, Switzerland, October 2/3, 2015

Public History Weekly
BLOG JOURNAL FOR HISTORY AND CIVICS EDUCATION

The editors of the blog [Public History Weekly](#) (De Gruyter-Oldenbourg) announced an international conference on the state and the challenges of public history and its relation to school. The conference will take place in

Basel (Switzerland) on October 2/3, 2015. The conference will be open to the public (except the last session) and will be held in English. The [conference will consist of 4 public sections](#) on public history and schools. The Twitter hashtag for the conference will be **#PHI2015**. The IFPH is sponsoring the conference scientifically. All information about the conference (and registration) is [available online](#).

IFPH Finances

At the Nashville, TN meeting of the IFPH Steering Committee, Treasurer Michael Devine reported a current balance in the operating fund of \$8113. He said this balance resulted from strong growth in individual memberships and the addition of institutional members. At Nashville, the IFPH received pledges for several additional institutional memberships. The solid financial position of the new organization will allow for significant partnering and support for international programs, including Jinan, China (August, 2015) and Bogata, Columbia (2016), as well as expanded communication and website efforts.

Steering Committee Election

At the end of December 2015, Arnita Jones, a founding member of the IFPH, will have completed her term as Secretary on the IFPH Steering Committee. To fill this position, an election must be held in the coming months. The call for nominations will open in September and voting will take place in late November.

Student and New Professionals Committee

The idea for an [IFPH](#) student and new professional committee came out of the inaugural IFPH [conference in Amsterdam](#) in October, 2014. Interested students and new professionals began thinking about committee goals and potential projects while the IFPH steering committee considered the new committee's role within the IFPH. The IFPH officially established the Student and New Professional Committee in January 2015.

The Student and New Professional Committee advocates for the interests of public history undergraduates, graduate students, and new professionals around the world. In particular, we seek to build awareness of public history opportunities and establish and strengthen connections between student and new professional public historians separated by international borders.

The committee includes chair [Courtney Neaveill](#), a Public History M.A. student at the [Free University of Berlin](#) and vice-chair [Hope Shannon](#), a United States and Public History PhD student at [Loyola University Chicago](#). We are currently searching for public history students and new professionals from other areas of the globe to fill the remaining three committee seats.

<http://ifph.hypotheses.org/committees/student-and-new-professional-committee>

New Committees

Following the success of our [International Student and New Professional Committee](#), the IFPH proposes two new committees in which members can **contribute** to the international

development of Public History. The first committee aims to create an **international bibliography** for Public History. The purpose is not only to list books, articles and other materials, but also to provide annotations on how and what to use for your Public History teaching and activities. We especially need members that can help us list works in languages other than English (Spanish, German, French...). The second committee deals with **international Public History teaching**. Based on several working groups organized at the National Council on Public History's annual conferences, we are developing guidelines, best practices, and case studies to increase international collaboration between Public History programs around the world.

For more information on the committees or on how to contribute, please contact Thomas Cauvin (cauvin@louisiana.edu)

Call for Papers

- NCPH Annual Meeting, Baltimore 2016

The call for proposals for the 2016 Annual Meeting of the NCPH, to be held in Baltimore, MD, has been made. As the premier venue for discussions relating to the field of Public History, the theme of the annual meeting is "Challenging the Exclusive Past" and will be co-hosted with the Society for the History of the Federal Government. The deadline for the optional Early Topic Proposal is June 1, 2015, while the final proposal deadline is July 15, 2015. Please consult the full call here: <http://ncph.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/NCPH-SHFG-2016-Call-for-Proposals.pdf>

- IFPH Bogota 2016

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