



Call for Papers, 42nd Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association
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“Changing Social Connections in Time and Space”

We live in an increasingly connected social space, but those connections seem quite ephemeral. They come and go in an instant. Nevertheless, there have been important continuities underpinning, for example, local, regional, national and transnational identities. Social science historians are particularly well suited to investigating changing channels and speed of communication at different spatial and temporal scales. From the finest scale of individuals and families, to neighbourhoods, communities, cities, economies, nations, cultures and globalization, social science historians are studying how connections have changed and how those changes have affected the daily lives of ordinary people, whether it be in the form of epidemics or religious and intellectual movements. The 2017 Program Committee seeks contributions that show how social connections were changed by the changing environments, technologies, and cultures around them and, in turn, how those changes led to further changes in institutions and affected particular historical events. The study of these processes over time provides a much needed perspective on today’s speculations about rapidly changing and “unprecedentedly connected” social spheres.

The SSHA is a multi-disciplinary community of scholars interested in historical perspectives from all disciplines from across the social sciences. The Program Committee welcomes panels as well as individual papers on all aspects of social science history. The 2017 conference will be held November 2-5, 2017 at the Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth in Montréal, Québec, Canada.

How do I participate in the 2017 SSHA Program?

Starting December 2016, proposals for individual papers and complete sessions will be accepted at <http://ssha.org>, where instructions for submission are provided. **The deadline has passed and submissions are now closed.** We prefer the submission of complete sessions. If you want to organize a session, we recommend that you first contact one of the network representatives who screen papers and panels in their areas. They can suggest people with similar interests who might want to participate in your panel. (Current networks, with their representatives’ email and web addresses, are listed on the SSHA website.) If you are not certain which network is the best fit for your proposal, just ask the representatives of the networks closest to your interests. SSHA will continue to make competitive grants for graduate student travel.

In recognition of Canada’s policy of official bilingualism, SSHA will accept paper presentations in either English or French for our meeting in Montreal. Sessions may be monolingual English, monolingual French, or bilingual English/French. Session organizers must clearly indicate which language(s) will be spoken at their session, and paper submitters must indicate if their paper will be delivered in French. All paper abstracts must be submitted with an English version, regardless of the language in which the paper will be presented. Please contact the Program Committee co-chair Barry Eidlin (barry.eidlin@mcgill.ca) with any questions regarding conference language policies.

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How do I apply for a Graduate Student Travel Grant to help pay the cost?

Also starting in December 2016, information about, and applications for, Graduate Student Travel Grants will be available at <http://ssha.org>. **The deadline for applying for a Student Travel Grant is March 3, 2017 and notification of travel awards will be timed to accompany paper acceptances.**

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