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DISSERTATION PRIZE

The Forum for History of Human Sciences of the History of Science Society awards \$100 for the best doctoral dissertation in history of human sciences. (This award alternates annually in rotation with the FHHS's award for best published article.) Entries are encouraged from authors in any discipline, as long as the dissertation is related to the history of the human sciences, broadly construed. The winner will be announced at the annual History of Science Society meeting, November 6-8 in Pittsburgh, and the prize will be publicized in various publications. To be eligible, the dissertation must have been formally filed within the three years previous to the year of the award—in this case, 2005, 2006, or 2007. Send three copies of the dissertation (PDF format on CD, if possible) to Nadine Weidman, secretary of FHHS, 138 Woburn Street, Medford, MA 02155, by July 10, 2008.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Orientalism, Thirty Years Later: A one-day symposium at the University of York, UK, Saturday 1 November 2008

This symposium commemorates the thirtieth anniversary of the publication of Edward Said's *Orientalism*. Said's most influential and controversial work has inspired countless appropriations and rebuttals from scholars around the globe, and it continues to shape the ways in which literary studies, Middle East studies, East and South Asian studies, anthropology, history, politics, and related disciplines are conceptualised and practised. The symposium will address the reasons for the book's reception and lasting significance, as well as its relevance for contemporary scholarship. The date of the symposium would have been Said's 73rd birthday.

We invite proposals addressing any aspect of Orientalism's legacy. Topics might include:

- Where and how do we situate Orientalism in the Said canon? (in relation to secular criticism, humanism, etc.)
- The intellectual genealogies of Orientalism : e.g., is the Foucault of Orientalism and Beginnings the same as the Foucault of *The History of Sexuality*? What is the place of Vico in Orientalism and *The World, the Text and the Critic*?
- What has the impact of Orientalism been on the Israel/Palestine conflict?
- The reception of Orientalism in the Orient and in Africa.
- How useful is Orientalism for the study of orientalism before 1800?
- Orientalism and Edward Said's returns to philology.
- Orientalism and other -isms (racism, feminism, Marxism, etc.)
- Orientalism and the Anglo-American academy: its influence on postcolonial studies, ideas of identity and otherness, etc.

Titles and abstracts of 250 words should be sent electronically, along with a 50-word biography, by 1 September 2008 to Anna Bernard (ab609@york.ac.uk) and Ziad Elmarsafy (ze500@york.ac.uk).

Empire, Modernity, and the British Social Sciences: 1700-1950, An interdisciplinary conference sponsored by the Nicholson Center for British Studies, The University of Chicago, April 24 – 25, 2008.

The study of the emergence of the social sciences in Britain has for the most part been insular, marginalizing comparative work on continental Europe as well as a serious consideration of the impact of the imperial periphery on metropolitan theory. This two-day conference at the University of Chicago aims to relocate the emergence of the British social sciences within a broader transnational context, by considering the circulation of key concepts and practice both between core and periphery and among the emergent disciplines themselves. In order to explore the diverse ways in which society came to be conceived as an object of study, we propose to focus on the development of methodological instruments such as fieldwork and surveys and on a few central topics, including poverty and the relation between caste and class. To what degree was the empire a subtext for metropolitan accounts of modernity? To what degree did the empire serve as a tool box from which concepts could be appropriated by the emerging disciplines? In such contexts, how was society increasingly conceptualized as having its own laws and rhythms, as distinct from economy, politics and culture? Henrika Kuklick (History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania) and Sudipta Sen (History, UC Davis) will deliver the two plenary lectures at the conference. We invite proposals for pre-circulated papers (20 – 25 pages in length) on these and related questions from both faculty and graduate students. Proposals should include both a 600-word prospectus of the paper and a curriculum vitae.

Submit proposals to Fredrik Albritton Jonsson at fljonss@uchicago.edu by Friday, November 21, 2008.

Questions about this or any other Nicholson Center event may be addressed to Eva Wilhelm at 773-834-3403 or ewilhelm@uchicago.edu.

The **Edward Said Symposium** will bring together Said readers and debaters from Literary Studies, Cultural Studies, Theatre Studies, Media and Visual Studies, History and the Social Sciences, so as to open a transdisciplinary dialogue on the legacies of his work. It will take place from 25 to 27 September 2008 in a conference hotel at Lake Griebnitzsee, near Berlin, well connected to the city centre by public transport.

Email: saidsymposium@gmail.com

Website: edwardsaid2008.de

Mémoire (s) d'ici et d'ailleurs. Hommage à Ernest-Théodore Hamy (1842-1908)

This conference is sponsored by the Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale, and will meet 16-18 October 2008 at Boulogne-sur-Mer (France). See

http://www.univ-littoral.fr/rech/even_scie/appe_comm.htm

For information, contact: jose.contel@orange.fr

150 Years of Evolution – Darwin's Impact on the Humanities and Social Sciences

San Diego State University, November 20, 2009

Researchers and scholars from all disciplines are invited to submit papers

addressing the impact of Darwin's ideas in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Both disciplinary-specific and broadly interdisciplinary approaches are encouraged. Papers accepted for the symposium will be included in a volume to be published by San Diego State University Press. Please submit abstracts of no more than 500 words in length to Mark Wheeler, Symposium Chair, no later than 30 November 2008, mark.wheeler@sdsu.edu. Accepted papers will be announced 1 February 2009.

ORAL HISTORY MEDIA

Silas Michalakas, from Goldsmith's in London, and I have finished producing the film of the 2007 personal-histories discussion with Meg Conkey, Henrietta Moore, Ruth Tringham and Alison Wylie and that DVD is now loaded on YouTube at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYQSanflgPg>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yli3XBx9tz4>
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKZ108_1Ql4

David Redhouse and Alan Macfarlane, from Cambridge University, have another version on

<http://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/personal-histories/video.html>

The podcast is available at

<http://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/podcast/personal-histories-retrospect-2007.mp3>

Copies of the DVD are available by surface mail by contacting Dr Pamela Jane Smith, Cambridge Donald Institute for Archaeological Research, pjs1011@cam.ac.uk

And, I am also very pleased to report that the personal-histories retrospective discussion for 2008 is now scheduled for Monday afternoon, 3 November 2008 in Cambridge, UK; this event will be fully advertised closer to that time but, as a brief preview, the speakers are Leslie Aiello, Rob Foley or Marta Mirazón Lahr, Meave Leakey, David Pilbream (hopefully) and Chris Stringer with Adam Kuper as Chair; the narrators will recall memories and recount experiences of their study of human evolution during the last 40 years.