



Call for Papers

“Identities in Transition”

23rd Annual Conference

ISHA – International Students of History Association

April 2nd-8th, 2012 – Jena, Germany



I am somebody who attracts no attention, an anonymous person before an even more anonymous background, and if you, dear reader, still could not help but notice me [...], it is just because I am called 'I', and that is everything you know about me. But this alone is reason enough for you to invest a little bit of your own self in this unknown 'I'.

Italo Calvino: If on a Winter's Night a Traveller

Almost nothing seems to be so strongly connected to human being as the concept of personal natures and properties, usually referred to as an own **'identity'**. But what is meant when one speaks of 'identity', of an 'I'? Where do various forms of identities come from? How do they develop, and what purposes do they serve?

With these questions in mind, the 23rd ISHA Annual Conference in April, 2012, invites **undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students of history and related disciplines** from all over Europe and beyond to come to Jena, Germany. In workshops, presentations, discussions, guided tours, and excursions, as well as extensive intercultural contact, the participants will gain insights into the handling of identities in a variety of contexts. Through an interdisciplinary, comparative approach, they will view the topic from a variety of perspectives, helping them grow both personally and professionally.

The participants will join one out of several parallel **workshops** that they may choose according to their academic interests. They will prepare and create these workshops independently through presentations and discussions. In keeping with the **interdisciplinarity and multiple perspectives** we are seeking, the thematic and methodic approaches to the topic will be deliberately very diverse.

Further information, including a list of workshops and the full conference programme, can be found on our website:

jena.isha-international.org

Applications will be possible online

from February 13th until February 17th, 2012

Founded in 1990, ISHA is a network of students of history and related sciences. By exchanging views, we hope to improve our understanding of history, culture, and each other.

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