

International Congress of Historical Sciences, Jinan (China), 23-29 August 2015-10-05

At the end of August the 22nd congress of ICHS/ CISH - the international association of historians - took place in Jinan, China. A total of 2600 scholars registered with about 1500 coming from China. The CISH congresses have been organized every 5 years since 1926, which have each in recent time been structured in two parts. The first corresponds to its membership, of which there are now about 60 national affiliates such as the American Historical Association and the German Historikerverband. The second part is organized around thematic commissions and affiliated international organisations, like the Network of Global and World History Organizations for example, currently 39 in number. The first two days were devoted to major themes and sessions prepared by the national commissions; the following days were filled with contributions by thematic commissions and affiliated international organisations.

The opening keynotes were given by Andrea Giardina (University of Pisa and incoming CISH president), by Mamadou Fall (Cheikh-Anta Diop University), and Xia Mingfang of Renmin University in Beijing. Major themes which were discussed included "China from Global Perspectives," "Historicizing Emotions," "Revolutions in World History: Comparisons and Connections," and the "The Digital Turn in History." The topics and speakers from the 27 specialized themes, the 18 joint sessions, and the 19 roundtables, as well as from a whole range of accompanying meetings can be accessed online at <http://www.ichschina2015.org/cms/>. This intriguing collection shows the wealth of transnational, transregional and world/global history research which is currently being carried out around the world.

Two sessions organized by the Network of Global and World History Organizations (NOGWHISTO), during which four papers - by Dominic Sachsenmaier, Mikhail Lipkin, Jie-Hyun Lim, and Rokhaya Fall - were presented on transnational, world, and global history. A further four papers were presented in a session on Big History. Added to that the network presented a selected and commented "Bibliography of Global history" displaying research from around the world. A revised and enlarged version of the bibliography will be available to download at the beginning of 2016. An overview of the literature which will be produced over the next five years will also be presented at the next CISH congress, which is set to take place in Poznan, Poland in 2020.

Matthias Middell, Frank Hadler and Katja Naumann participated in the congress on behalf of the GESI, the NOGWHISTO and the GWZO Leipzig. Matthias Middell and Frank Hadler co-organized a session on "New Order for the Old World? The Congress of Vienna 1815 in a Global Perspective". Matthias Middell was involved in the preparation of the major theme dealing with Revolutions in Global History, where he talked about "The revolutions in Eastern Europe – What is New since 1989?". Katja Naumann and Matthias Middell co-organized a round table on "The International Commission of Historical Sciences and World History".