

## Historians without Borders: The Use and Abuse of History in Conflicts

May 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2016 at the University of Helsinki

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### WEDNESDAY 18.5.

- 16.00-19.00 Registration  
University of Helsinki Main Building, Aleksanterinkatu 5
- 19.00-20.30 Welcoming Reception hosted by the City of Helsinki  
Place: City Hall, Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13

### THURSDAY 19.5.

- 09.00-10.00 Registration and Coffee  
University of Helsinki Main Building, Aleksanterinkatu 5
- 10.00-10.30 Opening Words  
Mr. Erkki Tuomioja, President of Historians without Borders in Finland  
President Martti Ahtisaari, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
- 10.30-11.30 Keynote lecture: Dr. Bernard Kouchner  
Followed by a panel discussion  
Panellists: Minister Elisabeth Rehn  
Prof. Vadim Roginsky, Russian Academy of Sciences  
Moderator: TBC
- 11.30-12.30 Keynote lecture: Prof. Margaret MacMillan  
Followed by a panel discussion  
Panellists: TBC  
Moderator: TBC
- 12.30-14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00-16.00 Workshop discussions in three simultaneous sessions
- Session 1: 1917 in Finnish and Russian Historiography  
Speakers: Prof. Henrik Meinander, University of Helsinki (moderator)  
Prof. Kimmo Rentola, University of Helsinki  
Dr. Sergei Zhuravlev, Russian Academy of Sciences
- Session 2: Writing a Common History for Israel and Palestine  
Speakers: Prof. Hannu Juusola, University of Helsinki (moderator)  
Prof. Mahmoud Yazbak, University of Haifa  
Dr. Jonathan Furas, Tel Aviv University
- Session 3: The Presence of History in East Asia:  
*Why Can't Bygones Be Bygones?*  
*Session is hosted by the Finnish Institute of International Affairs*  
Speakers: Dr Julie Yu-Wen CHEN, Professor, University of Helsinki (moderator)  
Dr NAKANO Koichi, Professor, Sophia University  
Dr GE Jianxiong, Senior Professor, Fudan University (Shanghai)
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee
- 16.30-17.30 Networking opportunities
- 18.00 Cocktail Reception hosted by the University of Helsinki

## FRIDAY 20.5.

- 10.00-11.00 Keynote lecture: Thabo Mbeki (TBC)  
Followed by a panel discussion  
Panellists: TBC  
Moderator: TBC
- 11.00-12.00 Keynote lecture: Romila Thapar  
Followed by a panel discussion  
Panellists: TBC  
Moderator: TBC
- 12.00-13.30 Lunch hosted by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland  
Speaker: Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland Mr. Timo Soini (TBC)
- 13.30-15.00 Workshop discussions in three simultaneous sessions
- Session 4: Turkey and Armenia 1915  
Speakers: TBC
- Session 5: Colonial History or History of Colonialism  
Speakers: TBC
- Session 6: Power, Diplomacy, Revolution or Society in Modern Mediterranean History?  
Speakers: Prof. Vladislav Zubok, London School of Economics (Moderator)  
Dr. Rinna Kullaa, Sciences Po University  
Dr. Leyla Dakhli, CNRS, Marc Bloch Center
- Session 7: US - Latin American Relations in Historiography  
Speakers: TBC
- 15.00-15.30 Coffee
- 15.30-17.00 Closing Plenary  
Discussion and decision on the establishment of an International Network of Historians without Borders and follow-up for the initiative.