About the conference

Historic sites are very popular today. They have been for a long time, as people chose them as favourite places to see and experience. The conference addresses several of the issues at hand in these past journeys into the past: Why did people seek out places as echoes of the past? What is the role of history in these specific types of touristic experience? What characterizes the touristic quality of localizing the past in a specific place? What are the effects of looking at the past from a tourist's perspective? How and to what purpose does this process generate conceptions of the past or even of history? Papers will reflect on the character, role and functioning of this kind of tourism and its ways to popularize history.

Registration

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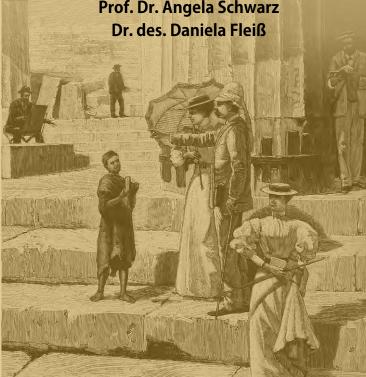


Journeys into the Past: History as a Tourist Attraction in the 19th and 20th Centuries

Conference at the University of Siegen

November 6-8, 2014

Conveners: Prof. Dr. Angela Schwarz Dr. des. Daniela Fleiß







Conference programme

Thursday, November 6

9:30am – 10:00am Welcoming coffee

10:00am – 10:30am

Angela Schwarz (Siegen)

Starting out and arriving – By way of introduction

Sektion I: Conceptual remarks

10:30am – 12:30pm
Jerome DeGroot (Manchester)
"The Past is a Foreign Country" –
History and/ as Colonialism

Ian McKay (Kingston/Ontario)
A Picturesque Atrocity: Canadian Tourism/History
and the Romance of Evangeline, 1840s-1960s

12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch break

Sektion II: Religious Sites

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Christoph Luzi (Luzern)
From the Konzilgebäude to Imperia – a City Tour through the Historic Imaginations of Constance

Silvio Reichelt (Heidelberg)
Protestant Pilgrims on Routes to Luther

3:00pm – 3:30pm Coffee break

Sektion III: Dark Tourism

3:30pm - 5:00pm

Sylvia Kesper-Biermann (Cologne)
"Very very interesting as well as disgusting".
Torture Museums and Dark Tourism

Daniela Fleiß (Siegen)
Visiting Cemeteries between Memento Mori
and Personality Cult

5:00pm - 5:15pm Coffee break

5:15pm - 6:00pm

Axel Drecoll (Munich)
The "Fuehrer" in Private. Historical Tourism at
Obersalzberg and "eagle's nest" between Nazi
Folklore and the Politics of Remembrance

7:00pm Dinner

Friday, November 7

Sektion IV: Nation and Identity: The European and Non-European Periphery

9:30am - 11:00am

Robert Lukenda (Mainz/Erlangen)
Patriotic Itineraries – History Tourism and
Nation-Building in Nineteenth-Century Italy

Hann Kozińska-Witt (Rostock)
Journeys as a National Duty: the Case of Polish Cracow

11:00am – 11:30am Coffee break

11:30am - 1:00pm

Katharina Haverkamp (Jena)
"New Interest in Old Russian Things": History Tourism in the Soviet Union in the 1960s and 1970s

António Barrento (Lissabon)
History in the Making: Visiting Revolutionary
Sites in Republican China (1912-1949)

1:00pm – 2:30pm Lunch break

Sektion V: Nation and Identity: The Western and Mid-European-Context

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Tobias Scheidt (Siegen)
"Spots in which the Past is Most at Home":
Popular Periodicals and Anglo-German
History Tourism in Mid-Nineteenth Century

Silvia Hess (Luzern)
Facing History? Imagination and
Irritation on Visiting Morgarten

4:00pm – 4:30pm Coffee break

4:30pm – 6:00pm

Ste Timo Saalmann (Bamberg)

Celtic Sites in Franconia. Archaeological
(Re-) Constructions and Identity Modelling

Adam Rosenbaum (Houston)
In Search of the Authentic Past:
Tourism and Identity in Postwar Bavaria

7:00pm Dinner

Saturday, November 8

Sektion VI: The Past as a Romantic Attraction

9:30am – 11:00am
Ekkehard Schönherr (Jena)
Landscape and Three Kinds of Past.
The Mallorca of 1845 in the Travel Diary
of Spanish Historian Juan Cortada

Angela Berlis (Bern)
More than Ruin Romanticism? Religious Tourism
to Holy Places in the Nineteenth Century

11:00am – 11:30am Coffee break

11:30am – 1:00pm

Alexandre Bonafos (New York)
The Lure of History. French Romantic Home Tours
and the Making of Historical Landscapes

Drew Flanagan (Waltham) Civilizations of the Mind: French Travelers and the History of the Rhine, 1945-1955

> 1:00pm – 1:30pm Concluding discussion