

International Conference  
**“History between Reflexivity and Critique”**

Organizers

*Historein: A Review of the Past and Other Stories*  
*International Commission of Historiography and Theory of History*  
*Historical Archive of the University of Athens*

Athens, October 30<sup>th</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

Venue: University of Athens, *Propylaia* (Central Building), Panepistimiou 30

**Program**

**Thursday, October 30**

17:00-19:45

**Kostas Gavroglu, Masayuki Sato:** Welcome

INTRODUCTORY SESSION: Homage to Fernand Braudel’s “*Longue durée*” (1958-2008)

**Erato Paris:** “‘*Greco-latinity*’ in the birth of Fernand Braudel’s *Mediterranean* (1924-1947)”

**Chen Qineng and Jiang Peng:** “*Braudel’s ‘Longue durée’ and Chinese Historiography*”

**Nikos Karapidakis:** “*Braudel and the Readings of Globalization*”

Discussant: **Eleftheria Zei**

Coffee Break

20:00-21:30

POSITION PAPER

**Antonis Liakos:** “What Historical Critique is about?”

**KEYNOTE LECTURE**

**Hayden White:** “*The Practical Past*”

Introduction: **Despoina Valatsou**

Reception

**Friday, October 31**

9:30-11.30, REFLEXIVE HISTORIOGRAPHY IN EAST AND WEST

**Zhu Zhenghui:** *“Zhang Xuecheng: Historical Criticism in China”*

**Masayuki Sato:** *“East Asian Annalistic Historiography (Hennen-tai) as a Reflexive Expression of Historical Narrative”*

**Kostas Gaganakis:** *“Thinking about History in the European Sixteenth Century: La Popelinière and his Quest for ‘Perfect History’”*

Discussant: **Giannis Giannitsiotis**

Coffee Break

12:00-14:00, TOWARD A HISTORY OF CRITICAL HISTORY

**Patrick Joyce:** *“What is the History of Critical History?”*

**Haris Exertzoglou:** *“Can History have a Critical Edge?”*

**Irmline Veit-Brause:** *“Historical Knowledge and Critique: The History Wars and the Hidden Agendas”*

Discussant: **Dimitra Lambropoulou**

Lunch Break

17:00-19:00, DANGEROUS LIAISONS? HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND SCIENCE

**Servanne Jollivet:** *“Philosophical Historicism as Critical Reflexivity. From Dilthey to Heidegger”*

**Vasso Kindi:** *“A Spectre is haunting History --the Spectre of Science”*

**Kostas Gavroglu:** *“Historians and Historians of Science: The Convergence of Diverging Traditions”*

Discussant: **Angeliki Koufou**

Coffee Break

19:30-21:30, CRITIQUE AND MODERNITY

**Edoardo Tortarolo:** *“The Past as Disturbing Otherness. Presence of the Past in Thomas Carlyle’s French Revolution”*

**Michael Bentley:** *“Herbert Butterfield and the Problem of Historical Critique”*

**Axel Körner:** *“Benjamin, Croce, Gramsci, and the Concept of Critique in the Philosophy of History”*

Discussant: **Yiannis Papatheodorou**

**Saturday, November 1**

9:30-11:30, TRANSCULTURAL HISTORY

**Anthony Gorman:** *“Islam in the Middle East: Critical Histories”*

**Sanjay Seth:** *“Historiography after Society”*

**Alexandra Lianeri:** *“Démokratia and the Modern Political Imaginary: Setting the History of Democracy as a Field of Critique”*

Discussant: **Athena Syriatou**

Coffee Break

12:00-14:00, CRITICAL CONCEPTS

**Kalle Pihlainen:** *“Critical Historiography in the Entertainment Age”*

**Ewa Domanska:** *“Beyond Anthropocentrism in Historical Studies”*

**Richard (Dick) Vann:** *“Herstorography as Critique”*

Discussant: **Pothiti Hantzaroula**

Lunch Break

17:00-19:00, POST-COLONIALISM AS CRITIQUE

**Daho Djerbal:** *“La difficile écriture de l’histoire d’une société colonisée. Interférence des niveaux d’historicité et d’individualité historique”* (*“History Writing as Cultural and Political Critique”*)

**Edward Wang:** *“The Power of Paradox: The Double-Edged Effect of the Postcolonial Challenge to Modern Historiography”*

**Catherine Hall:** *“Postcolonial Reflections on National History: The case of Thomas Babington Macaulay”*

Discussant: **Ioanna Laliotou**

Coffee Break

19:15-21:15, HISTORY AND THE POLITICS OF RECOGNITION

**Diana Mishkova:** *“Politics of Regional Representation: Reflections on the History of Southeast-European Historiography”*

**Rika Benveniste:** *“The ‘coming out’ of Jewish History in Greece”*

Discussant: **Polymeris Voglis**

**Effi Gazi: Concluding Remarks**

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