

Call for papers

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‘Modernization’ and ‘modernity’ in the history of history education

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Since its institutionalization, history teaching in schools has been an important societal place where the concepts of 'modernization' and 'modernity' have been and are being negotiated.

‘Modernization’: On the one hand, the history of history teaching since the 19th century can be told as a continuous process of ever new reform calls, which demanded to overcome ‘the old’ or ‘outdated’ and to adapt history teaching to the (supposed) challenges of the respective present and (presumed) future.

‘Modernity’: On the other hand, since its institutional emergence in the context of ‘nation-building’, history education has always regarded the ‘modernity’ of the present as a dominant point of reference for the historical narratives to be mediated to students. While the idea that the "present" represents the ‘most advanced’ point within the historical narrative remained largely unchanged, the statements about the ‘central challenges’ of the respective present and future were and are subject to manifold historical changes and document the temporal nature of the historical and social contexts of history education.

The Joint Session is not only interested in international case studies on significant ‘modernization processes’ in the past and present of historical education (e.g. political, social, cultural and ideological contexts, debates on goals of history education, reception and/or effects of reform). He also welcomes studies that examine the historical transformation of the concepts of ‘modernity’ and the respective ‘present’ in curricula, textbooks, teaching materials, and historical didactic and pedagogical discourses.

Based on the case studies the aim of the joint session is to discuss the concepts of 'modernization' and 'modernity' related to history education in international comparisons and from a historical perspective. Contributions that examine these aspects from a national and international perspective are welcome. Case studies on history teaching in postcolonial countries are particularly welcome.

Please send your proposal (max. 500 words, contact details) to Susanne Popp
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by 20 January 2020 at the latest.