



Call for Proposals:

International Conference of Historical Tourism and Historiography

**„Sites of Memory-History-Tourism”**

Faculty of History, University of Gdańsk, Poland

**Thursday, October 17 – Friday, October 18, 2019**

Organized by the Historical Tourism Scholarly Team (Institute of History, University of Gdańsk) and the Historiographical Association

in cooperation with

Polish American Historical Association (PAHA)

We hereby announce the 4<sup>th</sup> congress on Historical Tourism and Touring, to be held at the University of Gdańsk on 17-18 October 2019. As with previous congresses, we invite proposals for participation from a diverse range of scholarly disciplines, including history, art history, sociology, literary studies, geography, and management. Other fields whose research scope falls within the proposed thematic area are also encouraged to submit a proposal.

The leading theme of our next meeting in Gdansk is related to three interrelated issues: 1) places of remembrance, 2) their history, 3) how these two influence tourism. While previous scholarly analyses have usually focused on places of remembrance concerning the Second World War, their significance for identity, role in historical education, academic texts have also produced studies focusing on particular individual memorial sites: for example necropolises, etc. In recent decades specialists from various disciplines have developed frameworks useful to the field of tourism studies focusing on cultural landscape and open regionalism. Based on the previous achievements of science and appreciating the contribution of many scholars, we would like to expand the research area of this field, link findings of different discipline, and give them a more complementary dimension. The main

aim of the conference is to show the connections between theories exploring memory and place (including a discussion of the historiography and methodology), various sites of memory, their histories and how they have been popularized (open regionalism, cultural landscape), and a synthesized reflection exploring how all these elements affect tourism.

We are particularly interested in how the histories of particular places are connected with their tourist values. The focus of our discussion will be the individual (for example a tourist) and the individual's interest in a place. For this reason, we would like to concentrate our attention on different places, understood as sites of memory, including, but not limited to cemeteries, necropoli, battlefields, concentration camps, and places associated with death and tragedy or commemorating them.

Taking all those into consideration, we have chosen topics to be discussed during the conference. Papers combining several of the following are especially welcome:

1. Sites of memory, the problem of non-memory and social forgetting as a methodological challenge;
2. Dead body - theoretical (methodological, historiographical) and historical dimension;
3. Open regionalism and cultural landscape versus sites of memory;
4. Categories used to study sites of memory - theoretical and practical aspects;
5. History of various sites of memory (cemeteries, necropoli, battlefields, places commemorating tragedies and massacres), and their connections with tourism;
6. Polish sites of memory outside the country;
7. Development of specific forms of tourism related to memorial sites: dark tourism, thanatourism, Holocaust tourism and their influence on the historical memory;
8. Sites of memory in fiction literature and guidebooks;
9. Places of memory as a factor stimulating the development of tourism and business;
10. Sites of memory in tourism and their connection with biology, geography, religion (morality) and history of art;

**Deadline for proposal submissions: May 15, 2019**

Papers should be limited to **20 minutes**.

Dr. Magdalena Nowak serves as the conference organizer. In order to submit your proposal, please complete an attached form and mail it to her at: [hisman@ug.edu.pl](mailto:hisman@ug.edu.pl) or send it by post at: Pracowania Krajoznawstwa i Turystyki Historycznej, Instytut Historii Uniwersytet

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The conference fee is **350 PLN**, which will cover the cost of publication, food during the conference, the Opening Reception, and attractions. Please notice that only those papers, which have been actually presented during the conference, are going to be considered suitable for publication (after reviewer acceptance). Accommodation options, a list of Gdańsk tourist attractions, payment details, and the preliminary schedule will be sent to participants after closing of call for proposals. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Dr. Magdalena Nowak at [hisman@ug.edu.pl](mailto:hisman@ug.edu.pl).

On behalf of the Conference Programme Committee,

Conference Organizer

*Dr. Magdalena Nowak*