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Seminar for Early Career Scholars

Montreal,
11-15 September 2017

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Call for Papers

The International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ISECS) is pleased to announce the 2017 International Seminar for Early-Career Eighteenth-Century Scholars. Colleagues from all fields of eighteenth-century studies are invited to submit abstracts for this one-week event.

Formerly called the East-West Seminar, the International Seminar for Early-Career Eighteenth-Century Scholars brings together young researchers from a number of countries each year. The 2017 meeting will take place in Montreal, Canada and will be organized by the University of Quebec in Montreal (UQAM) and the Research Group on the History of Sociabilities (RGHS).

The seminar will be held from Monday, September 11 to Friday, September 15, 2017 in Montreal, under the direction of Pascal Bastien (History, UQAM), Marc André Bernier (Literature, UQTR), Sébastien Charles (Philosophy, UQTR), Benjamin Deruelle (History, UQAM), Peggy Davis (Art History, UQAM), Geneviève Lafrance (Literature, UQAM), Laurent Turcot (History, UQTR).

The seminar will also be an opportunity to pay tribute to Professor Robert Darnton (Harvard University), former president of ISECS as well as co-founder, with Jochen Schlobach (1938-2003), of the East-West Seminar.

This year, the theme of the seminar will be:

Cities and Citizenship in the Enlightenment

FRAMING THE ISSUES

The ISECS International Seminar for Early Career Scholars will engage discussions on the forms, representations and modalities of political action and social and political identities in the eighteenth century.

“Citizenship” in the eighteenth-century did not yet encompass the notions of property rights, equality before the courts, or even the electoral system of political representation. The result of a process rather than a status, urban citizenship can be understood as an appropriation of the urban space, the sociabilities found therein, and, fundamentally, civic culture within a civil society. The study of citizenship should not, therefore, be restricted to nationality and naturalization.

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Is the *public* space strictly an *urban* space? How should we understand political dynamics, collective emotions and urban citizenship in eighteenth-century cities?

If the Marxist undertones of the Habermas model have been questioned over the years, the notion of “public space” still retains its significance and relevance. The questions surrounding language, verbal exchanges and discourse in general remain at the center of the reflections by historians of society and class consciousness. At the crossroad of texts, discourses and practices, sociability is the field of enquiry for those who wish to grasp the different forms of public opinion and citizen commitment, especially within eighteenth-century urbanization.



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A detailed description of this theme is available on line at the following address:
<http://www.grhs.uqam.ca/en/>

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The seminar is limited to **15 participants**. The proposals (approx. 2 pages, single spaced) should be based on an original research project (e.g. a doctoral dissertation) which addresses one of the aspects mentioned above. Because this is a seminar rather than a conference, each participant will be given approximately one hour to present the texts and questions that will then form the basis of a group discussion.

Preference will be given to scholars who are at the beginning of their academic career (PhD or equivalent for less than six years). The official languages are French and English.

Applications should include the following information:

- _ a brief curriculum vitae with date of PhD (or equivalent);
- _ a list of principal publications and scholarly presentations;
- _ a brief description of the proposed paper (approx. 2 pages, single-spaced);
- _ one letter of recommendation.



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TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodation costs will be covered in full by the organizers, who will be responsible for reserving hotel rooms.

Other travel costs are currently under evaluation for a grant from the Government of Canada. If the seminar should benefit from such funding, airline tickets and other living expenses (lunches and dinner) may also be covered.

PROCEEDINGS

As it is the case each year, the proceedings of the seminar will be published by Honoré Champion (Paris) in the “Lumières internationales” series.

DEADLINES

Colleagues are invited to submit proposals by **January 30, 2017**. Please send abstracts by e-mail to Pascal Bastien: bastien.pascal@uqam.ca



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