



Practices of Applied History Between Docutubes and Historical Consulting

Everyone has heard the Ciceronian maxim "History is life's teacher". Yet behind this initial idea there are hiding history teachers, university courses, textbooks, and other concrete ways of conveying historical knowledge and expertise. Starting from this maxim, we would like to invite you to a debate that will consider the transmission of such historical expertise and how its fruits can be applied in practice. One of the key elements in this discussion will indeed be applied history and its potential in educational, policymaking, and other practical contexts.

Our guests during the debate will be researchers from two projects that are strongly connected yet have a different approach to applied history: Corvus Historical Consultancy (KU Leuven/State Archives of Belgium) and RETOPEA – Religious Toleration and Peace (Horizon 2020). Both projects are focused on rethinking the past in order to address issues in the present or about future and have in recent years adopted their own ways of fulfilling this ambition.

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Practical information

Time: **March 9, 2021 02:00 PM CET**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvc-uurDMqHtyfGebqgsi8WJZw1EZjUN-g>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. This online discussion is a scholarly event organized by RETOPEA and moderated by Alicja Bielak and Michał Choptiany (University of Warsaw). The event is open to everybody interested in the topic.



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