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**JS 19 Call for papers**

***The Use and Abuse of History***  
**(Joint Session)**

The Joint Session intends to study the abuse of history in its political context. Contributions should focus either on concepts, cases, patterns and trends related to the abuse of history or on the larger set of phenomena surrounding it.

The three core phenomena—which can be studied from the perspective of political power, civil society, and/or individual historians—are the following:

- \* *Abuse of history*, that is the use of history with intent to deceive.
- \* *Irresponsible history*, that is the abusive or negligent use of history.
- \* *Misconduct by historians*, that is the violation of legal, professional or moral norms, which are either general or specifically related to history.

Papers on these phenomena could include studies of plagiarism, piracy, censorship of history, historical propaganda, etc., in any country.

These core phenomena should be demarcated from larger phenomena that *could*—but not necessarily *do*—amount to an abuse of history, and of which an impression is given here:

- \* The conduct of unofficial (private or nongovernmental) agents who commission histories; or level charges of invasion of privacy and defamation at historians.
- \* The conduct of official agents who commission histories; regulate the access, selection and secrecy of current and archival records; or deal with legal forgetting (including prescription, pardon, and amnesty).
- \* The conduct of diffuse collective agents who aim at social forgetting; at constructing historical taboos or historical myths; or at denying corroborated historical crimes.
- \* The conduct of historians themselves, varying from irresponsible peer review or

nondisclosure of information sources on the one hand, to copyright and intellectual property claims, confidentiality pledges, and the adoption of codes of ethics on the other.

Proposals should be a maximum of 2 500 characters - 350 words and should be sent with a short biographical note to the organizers and to the Secretary General Robert Frank : [sgcish1@gmail.com](mailto:sgcish1@gmail.com).  
by the **30th November 2013**.