

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP COMPARATIVE HISTORY CHALLENGES

This workshop aims to promote the debate and reflection about Comparative History, including its potential and main challenges, as well as its relationship with other historiographical schools (Global, International, or Transnational History). The workshop will host **Stefan Berger** (Director of the Institute for Social Movements, at the Ruhr University Bochum), who has studied the process of 'history nationalisation', and **Odd Arne Westad** (Harvard University), a distinguished name of Cold War historiography and who recently published the book *Cold War: A World History*.

The session will be conducted in English.

Organisation:

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Speakers:

Arne Westad

Stefan Berger

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Odd Arne Westad

Odd Arne Westad is the S.T. Lee Professor of U.S.-Asia Relations at Harvard University, where he teaches at the Kennedy School of Government. Before going to Harvard in 2015, he was School Professor of International History at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). While at LSE, he directed LSE IDEAS, a leading centre for international affairs, diplomacy and strategy.

He won the Bancroft Prize for the book *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times*, which has been translated into fifteen languages. He served as general editor for the three-volume *Cambridge History of the Cold War*, and is the author of the *Penguin History of the World* (now in its 6th edition). His book *Restless Empire: China and the World since 1750* won the Asia Society's book award for 2013. In 2017, he published *The Cold War: A World History*, a new history of the global conflict between capitalism and communism since the late 19th century.

Stefan Berger

Stefan Berger is the Director of the Institute for Social Movements, at the Ruhr University Bochum, where he is Professor of Social History. He specializes in nationalism and national identity studies, historiography and historical theory, memory and museum studies, comparative labour studies, and the history of industrial heritage. Previously, he was Professor of Modern German and Comparative European History at the University of Manchester (2005 – 2011), and Professor of Contemporary History at the University of Glamorgan (2000 – 2005).

He was instrumental in the programme *Representations of the Past: The Writing of National Histories in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Europe* (NHIST) that the European Science Foundation organized between 2003 and 2008. He has published widely on the history of historiography, national identity, memory history, and the history of social movements. One of his most recent publications is *The Past as History: National Identity and Historical Consciousness in Modern Europe* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2015).