Call for Papers

The 23rd International Conference on the History of Concepts:
Global Modernity. Emotions, Temporalities and Concepts

Berlin, 17 -19 September 2020

The 23rd International Conference on the History of Concepts, organized by Sebastian Conrad and Margrit Pernau on behalf of the History of Concepts Group (HCG), brings together scholars from all disciplines interested in conceptual history. It offers a platform for interdisciplinary exchange on the problems and practice of the history of concepts and fosters the international network of conceptual historians.

The motto of the 2020 conference “Global Modernity. Emotions, Temporalities and Concepts” takes up two prominent movements within conceptual history: its globalization and its increasing interest in temporalities and brings them into conversation with the history of emotions.

The organizers welcome proposals for papers or panels focusing on the conference motto, not excluding proposals on any other aspect of conceptual history, particularly to problems of theory and methodology.

Proposals can address, but are not limited to the following topics:

- Rethinking concepts and conceptual history from the global South
- Conceptual history and analytical concepts
- Conceptual history and the history of language, images and sounds
- Conceptual history and the history of emotions and of the body
- Temporalities and emotions
- Concepts of modernity
- Concepts relating to time and temporality
- Emotion concepts

Proposals for panels (3 speaker and 1 commentator, or 4 speakers) should not exceed 800 words; proposals for individual papers should not be longer than 300 words. The speaker’s name, institutional affiliation, major publications (not more than 5) should be added. Panels at the conference will last two hours. The language of the conference is English.

Please send your proposals to historyofconcepts@gmail.com

The deadline for sending in proposals is the 31st March 2020. Participants will be notified by 15th May 2020. The registration will be open beginning of June 2020.

General Information
Dates: 17-19 September 2020
Venue: Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
Organizers: History of Concepts Group; Research area “Global History” of Freie Universität; Center for the History of Emotions, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin.