
History, Memory, and Archives: Sensitive Issues

Conference dedicated to the Centenary of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Finland

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Creation of the national state is hardly imaginable without striking its roots in history and defining the grounds on which the future state is to be constructed. Thus, establishing of the tradition archives had a significant impact in consolidating national communities and shaping their values, even becoming means by which identity of a national community was formed. The tradition archives still play an important role in safeguarding the collectables and making them available to the society, and as knowledge hubs shaping people's understanding of themselves. However, there are hosts of sensitive issues related to the functioning of the archives, from policies of the archive making to representation and research of the materials. The 100th anniversary of the independent states of the Baltic region is a good opportunity to survey how the national history is reflected in the archives and how the archives influence and sustain creation of national, social and individual identities.

In cooperation with the SIEF Working group on Archives and the Network of Nordic-Baltic Tradition Archives, the Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore invites proposals for papers dealing with a wide range of topics, including:

- Archives and the nation building: historical and contemporary perspectives
- Archival policies during different periods: inclusion and exclusion / censorship
- Remembering, documenting and archiving of sensitive materials: case studies
- Social, ethnical and gender representation in creation and maintaining of the archives
- Archives and the memory making: ego documentary as core of the contemporary collections
- Folklore, folklorism and the challenges of archiving the living tradition
- Archives and information society: new possibilities in the digital era
- Archives as link with the past and bridge to the future

We invite archivists and folklorists, historians and cultural researchers from various memory institutions to share their experience, knowledge and practices in relation to the above mentioned and other relevant topics. Please submit proposals including your name, affiliation, proposed title of your paper, and abstract of maximum 200 words to the following address: archives.conference@liti.lt by **April 1, 2018**. Also, please indicate if you need financial assistance. Paper acceptance will be confirmed by April 16, 2018.

Conference language: English.

Duration of talk: 20 minutes (plus 10 minutes for discussion).

Participation fee: 35 EUR (20 EUR for PhD students; travel and accommodation expenses are not included in the fee).

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