

Call for Papers
International Conference
“Science as Communication between Germany and Russia”
Leipzig, September 30 to October 1, 2010

In May 2007, the project “Relations between Germany and Russia in the areas of chemistry, pharmacy, and medicine in the 19th century” started at the Sächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig (*Saxon Academy of Sciences and Humanities to Leipzig*); the conference aims at bringing together scholars active in this field and will provide a forum for exchanging methods and issues in transnational science studies. A fundamental target is the documentation of leading players and the description of their institutional settings. Therefore biographical and prosopographical along with socio-historical presentations are welcome. Secondly, the project is dedicated to issues regarding history and philosophy of science, such as the assertion of new scientific paradigms and the history of concepts and ideas. This is to be the focus of the conference which – in accordance to historical findings of blurring delineations between subjects – is open to all natural sciences in addition to chemistry, pharmacy, and medicine. The German-speaking countries (Germany, Austria, and Switzerland) and the Russian czardom are understood to be part of the European academic world; the time period spans the “long nineteenth century” (from the French Revolution in 1789 to the October Revolution in 1917).

Topics could include:

- Modes of communication: e.g. publications, periodicals, letters, study and travel reports
- Institutions: e.g. universities, academies, scientific societies, medical associations
- Context: science/knowledge in the conflicting areas of politics and society
- Ideas: conception, dissemination, further development, implementation, rivalry, disappearance
- Practice: relation to theory, mundane challenges, cultural or regional peculiarities

Conference languages: German, English, Russian

Time limit for presentations: 30 minutes; 15-minute presentations and posters are possible.

Manuscripts must be available by October 31, 2010 at the latest, since the presentations are to be published in the project’s series *Relationes* in 2011.

Travel expenses for international speakers will be covered; speakers from Germany will receive a travel allowance.

Please send abstracts (max. 1 page) to either of the following addresses by June 30, 2009:

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