Call for Papers ISCHE 42

Standing Working Group

Material Hermeneutics and Remediation as Challenges for Visual Studies in Histories of Education

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Following up on our workshop at the ISCHE conference in Porto, the SWG on Visual Studies in Histories of Education is holding another workshop followed by a panel at ISCHE Örebro entitled “Opening the Audiovisual Archive: New Initiatives in History of Education”. The purpose of the first part of this workshop is to present recently digitized audiovisual materials from the UNESCO Archives. The focus will be on documentary films featuring selected UNESCO missions in the field of fundamental education. This part of the workshop will offer the opportunity to connect historians of education with UNESCO archivists and to initiate and encourage scholarly exchanges on UNESCO’s media policies and film productions in the field of education. The second part of the workshop will look at audiovisual materials originating from Belgian and Swedish reform initiatives in the 20th century. The workshop will serve to discuss the materials presented and to develop new research perspectives in the field of history of education, with a focus on the mediatization of educational missions and reforms.

The workshop will be followed by a panel, for which we are calling for presentations related to the theme of the workshop. We are particularly interested in contributions that introduce new archival materials on how the camera (film and photography) was used to observe and promote educational reforms. More specifically, presentations should stimulate discussions on how film and photography were used as technologies for shaping and propagating a certain (public) image of educational reform and related imaginaries of a better world.

To sum up, we would like to discuss further avenues for investigating the visual in education, while focusing on interdisciplinary research into the history of education, media history and the promotion of educational reforms and missions.

Please note that proposals for SWGs should be submitted via the conference submission portal: https://www.conftool.org/ische2020/.

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