Call for Papers

Body (Hi)stories

Budapest, 25–26 May 2017

Organiser: Történeti Kollégium (Eötvös Loránd University)

In order to grasp the various contemporary perceptions and uses connected to the body, the historical perspective is of paramount importance. Nowadays, problems/questions/notions related to the body are central to a variety of discourses in society, the body came to be in the focus of social-historical research. The aim of the conference is to invite young scholars from diverse fields (history, social history, the history of literature, arts, anthropology, law) to discuss the various approaches to the theme (medical, legal, religious, ethical) in different historical, social and temporal contexts, including interconnected problems, among them the relations between body and soul; health and sickness; the questions of dying, death and the view/representations of the dead body; sexuality; sports; the body and fashion, as well as the tools and methods of body alteration (dress, make-up, tattooing, surgery); the body and language use; body-metaphors (the community as a body, the body of the nation), biopolitics, the uses of the body (political uses, the body as an advertising surface) and the related issue(s) of violence (discipline, punishment, torture).

The following themes/sections are planned:

- :: the healthy body / the sick body
- :: health / lifestyle / health education
- :: the body in arts
- :: the body and ethical norms
- :: ideals and monstrous bodies
- :: the uses of the body
- :: sexuality
- :: sport
- :: fashion / body modification
- :: body and religion / the sacredness of the body
- :: body and politics
- :: the body of the nation
- :: biopolitics
- :: body and language
- :: animal bodies
- :: the death of the body / the corpse

Languages: English and Hungarian

The deadline to submit the abstracts (maximum length: 2500 characters): **15 February 2017.** In the case of BA and MA students a supervisor's recommendation should be included in the application.

Submitting the abstracts / contact: testtortenetek@gmail.com