



Dear Colleagues,

another year has passed, and here comes the new bulletin of Microhistory Network. Let us draw your kind attention (1) to the new members of Microhistory Network (MHN) and (2) to some news of the Network, and (3) asking you to give us information about your professional activities in 2013.

(1) First of all, let us warmly welcome those who have joined us recently:

Ivanka Huber,
Sebough David Aslanian,
Jarmo Peltola and
Christian G. De Vito.

Ivanka Huber is Research Assistant at the Department for Interdisciplinary Research of the Scientific Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts and is currently located at the Prekmurje Research Station. Her research focuses on the socio-historical aspects of family life in Prekmurje (Goričko) in the 20th century. Particularly, she is interested in the individual's turning points in life. Apart from this, her research interests also entail education in relation to the social environment, socio-demographic frameworks, microhistory, social history, the sociology of families and the history of everyday life.

Sebough David Aslanian received his Ph.D. (with distinction) from Columbia University in 2007. He is the Richard Hovannisian Endowed Chair of Modern Armenian History and Assistant Professor in the Department of History at UCLA. He taught world history and Indian Ocean studies at California State University, Long Beach, as an Assistant Professor from Fall 2010 to Spring 2011 after serving a year at Cornell University as a Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow in World History. Aslanian specializes in early modern world and Armenian history and is the author of numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals such as the *Journal of World History*, the *Journal of the Social and Economic History of the Orient*, *Book History*, the *Journal of Global History*, and *Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies*. His book *From the Indian Ocean to the Mediterranean: The Global Trade Networks of Armenian Merchants from New Julfa* (University of California Press, 2011) received the UC Press Exceptional First Book Award from PEN Center USA and the Houshang Pourshariati Iranian Studies Book Award from the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) in 2011. Aslanian is currently working on a second book project, provisionally titled *The Voyage of the Santa Catharina: A Global Microhistory of the Indian Ocean*. In addition, he is conducting research for another project on early modern Armenian print culture and "book history" that seeks to study not only the diasporic production of early modern Armenian books from Amsterdam, Venice, and Constantinople to Madras and Calcutta, but also how these books were consumed and read by early modern readers.

Jarmo Peltola (Ph.D.) is Researcher of Social History at the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Tampere. His most important study in the field of microhistory is *Depression, Shortage and Unemployment: The Livelihood of Tampere Families in 1928–1938. The Depression of the 1930s in the Industrial City II*, (2008). He has researched and published in the fields of structures, employment and local history. He is interested in the methodological problems of the long term structural development of society and microhistorical life stories.



Christian G. De Vito (History, Ph.D., Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, 2008) is Honorary Fellow at the Amsterdam-based International Institute of Social History and Research Associate at the University of Leicester. In the latter institution he participates in the Carceral Archipelago Project with a study on convict transportation to late-colonial presidios and post-colonial penal colonies in Latin America (1750–1958). He has published extensively on the history of prison and psychiatry, convict labour and social movements, and on global labour history. His historiographical interest especially focuses on how the micro-analytical perspective and a spatially-aware approach can be brought together, thus overcoming what he perceives to be the theoretical biases of (a part of) global history and the spatial shortcomings of (a part of) micro-history. He has named this integrated approach “Micro spatial-history”.

(2) Let us call your kind attention to a special initiative. You can read the following, short introduction of it [at the main page of the MHN site](#):

COLLABORATIVE TEACHING EXPERIMENT IN THE FALL OF 2014

Members of the Microhistory Network are kindly invited by Professor Andrew S. Bergerson to take part in the following interesting project of a microhistorical character:

In the Fall of 2014, a collaborative teaching experiment will take place. Faculty at universities in various countries will try to teach a course using a common website, www.trugundschein.org and a common format ([course description](#)). Each instructor is responsible for their students, but the students engage with each other on the subject using virtual technologies. Most of the work is asynchronous; some of it will be in real time. There are already colleagues interested in the project from universities in Austria, France, Germany, Taiwan, and the US. Students/faculty in any discipline in the social sciences or the humanities may participate. The only prerequisite is that students and faculty must be able to read German.

See some recent books and articles on microhistory: <http://microhistory.eu/recent.html>

The Microhistory Network’s homepage (<http://www.microhistory.eu>) and our e-mail address (microhistory@microhistory.eu) are the same.

Here are some statistics about our webpage (since 7th March, 2010 by FlagCounter). The webpage of MHN has been visited **11 754 times** by **7467 unique visitors**. Our visitors come from more than 107 countries, you can see many of them on the following map:



(3) We would like to ask our members to have a look at their **own personal pages** (<http://microhistory.eu/members.html>), and let us know which changes, amendments and extensions would you prefer there.

You are invited to send us the title and publication data of your **recent works** that concerns microhistory. They will certainly be of interest for all the members: <http://microhistory.eu/recent.html>

It is warmly welcomed to send us new book, articles etc. to our **bibliography** – which is the most popular site of our webpage – to keep it updated: <http://microhistory.eu/bibliography.html>

This year we plan to build a new website for Microhistory Network with a more professional user interface. Suggestions and recommendations are warmly welcomed.

With best wishes:
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