

Food as Voice: Historical Perspectives (Malta, 8–10 Nov 2017)

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MALTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORY WEEK 2017

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CALL FOR PAPERS

No food, no life, no history. The acquisition and preparation of food holds a central position in the development of societies, from prehistoric times to the present day. Food forms the basis of the greatest social revolution in history, while laying down the foundations of those structures and institutions we today refer to as 'civilization'. Apart from its physiological importance, food is also a cultural phenomenon. According to Arjun Appadurai, food is 'a highly condensed social fact' and 'a marvellous plastic kind of collective representation'. As a cultural object, food is a means through which humans communicate behaviours. It is a channel leading to understanding of self, of behaviours and of social interactions with others, providing for the study of the multifaceted material and symbolic meaning of food in history.

Food as Voice: Historical Perspectives is the theme chosen for the Malta Historical Society's biennial History Week to be held in November 2017. The MHS welcomes researchers, academics and doctoral students to present innovative and original papers with a historical perspective. A selection of the papers will be published in the Society's Proceedings of History Week 2017.

Applicants are encouraged to consider a wide range of methodologies and subjects in their approach. Some possible areas might include:

Agriculture and Food

Architecture and Food

Food in Art

Food-ways and trade routes

Industrial aspects of Food

Medical aspects of Food

New Foods and their impact

Rituals and popular culture

Food and Society

The transmission of knowledge on Food

Please send proposals of up to 500 words for 20 minute papers, together with a short CV, and contact information (email, telephone and postal address) to theresa.vella@um.edu.mt and noel.buttigieg@um.edu.mt by no later than 30 June 2017.

Notification of acceptance

The MHS organizing committee and advisory board will make a selection of papers to be presented. Submitted abstracts will be held in full confidence during the reviewing process. Successful candidates will be notified by 15 July 2017.

Successful candidates are to present the full text of their paper to the MHS by 5 October 2017. Submitted papers will be held in full confidence during the reviewing process.

Reference:

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