Palgrave Handbook of Attacks on History

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Introduction

The *Palgrave Handbook of Attacks on History* will comprise approximately 750 pages, including approximately 50 illustrations.

Scope

While global in its theoretical scope, the Handbook will principally cover empirical material from 1945 up to the present, with emphasis on the last quarter of a century (2000–present). Occasional contributions from earlier periods will be considered for their comparative interest.

General

See https://www.concernedhistorians.org/handbook for Handbook introduction, table of contents, and timeline.

AUTHOR RECRUITMENT & CHAPTER PROPOSAL

Prospective authors will submit a chapter proposal (a fluent text of ca. 500 words), ideally including:
(i)   author's name; email address
(ii)   draft chapter title – preferably with the term "attacks" or a comparable concept in it
(iii)   an indication of the geographical and chronological scope
(iv)   a main question or hypothesis
(v)   an indication of the main arguments
(vi)   an indication of the comparative angle
(vii)   an insight into the use of sources
(viii) a note on methodology
(ix)   an indication of the concluding part with balance and reflection
(x)   an explanation as to how the chapter innovatively adds to the Handbook.

Please note that a large dataset about attacks on history (1995–2023), including for your chapter, is available and searchable at https://www.concernedhistorians.org/ar/compilation.pdf [2407 pp.]

Any proposal will be the subject of a discussion between the potential author and the editor. This discussion will always lead to the submission of a revised and final proposal, which has to be approved by the editor. Final approved proposals will lead to a Palgrave contract before the start

of work on the chapter. Submission of the chapter manuscript occurs in two rounds, with the manuscript revised in detail by the editor at each round and then updated by the author. The editor reserves the right to refuse contributions that are or remain substandard or violate deadlines. Palgrave editors will review the final copy-edited manuscripts for language and style.

The Handbook distinguishes 6 types of attacks and 27 indicators. It will contain six sections with overview chapters for some indicators and case chapters for subdomains of indicators:

TYPOLOGY OF ATTACKS ON HISTORY		

I: Attacks on historians
    1: Attacks on historians as individuals
    2: Attacks on historians as a community
	7 indicators
	6 indicators
		x cases
		x cases

II: Attacks on historical work
    3: Attacks on historical information
    4: Attacks on historical opinions
    5: Attacks on historical truth
    6: Attacks on expressions of memory
	3 indicators
	5 indicators
	3 indicators
	3 indicators
		x cases
		x cases
		x cases
		x cases

	Overview chapters treat one indicator	Case chapters treat one subdomain of an indicator
For a list of the 27 indicators, see Table of Contents – For a description of the 27 indicators, see Introduction.		

Overview chapters and case chapters

Overview chapters (10,000 words or 25 pages) treat one indicator of an attack on history both theoretically and empirically, drawing from situations and cases over the globe.

Case chapters (5,000 words or approx. 12–13 pages) treat a topical subdomain of an indicator of an attack on history. They discuss, contextualize, and analyze coherent series of instructive cases (affairs, scandals …), preferably comparatively, from different countries, culminating in some sort of balance and overarching reflection.

Proposals for *case chapters on attacks in one country* are welcomed if they fit the above criteria. Proposals for *case chapters on indicators based on a single case* are only accepted if the latter's enduring importance or theoretical interest is explicitly and convincingly demonstrated at chapter proposal stage.

Examples

"The online harassment of historians" would be an overview chapter, "Watch lists of historians in the USA and the Netherlands" a case chapter.

"Abusive memory laws" would be an overview chapter, "Legislation on critical race theory in the USA" a case chapter.

The goal is to realize at least fifteen overview chapters (each covering one or perhaps two indicators). The number of case chapters cannot be determined in advance.

STRUCTURE OF CHAPTER MANUSCRIPTS

General requirements:

- Microsoft Word
- American spelling and punctuation [except for quoted material]
- Times New Roman 12 for main text; Times New Roman 11 for endnotes
- Line spacing 1.5 for main text; line spacing 1 for endnotes
- Eighteenth century; the 1970s
- See Palgrave's editorial guidelines and permissions form

(i)   Author *name(s) and e-mail(s)*.
        If there is more than one author, please indicate corresponding author.
(ii)   An *abstract* (200 words): a short and attractive text presenting the research question or hypothesis; sources; research method; parts and main arguments; and core findings.
(iii)   Alphabetically sorted lists of (a) *keywords* (3 to 6) and of (b) *index words* (one or two index entry terms per manuscript page).
(iv)   A biographical sketch of the author(s) (50–100 words).

(v)   A chapter *title*.
(vi)   The *chapter text* with (a) an introduction; (b) a main part consisting of sections; (c) a conclusion.
(vii)   *Competing interests*.
(viii) *Further reading* (10 recommended titles for overview chapters; 5 recommended titles for case chapters).
(ix)   *Endnotes* containing complete references of cited works on first mention
        (*no* footnotes; *no* in-text references; *no* chapter-end bibliographies; abbreviations and links to web pages are avoided when possible and used when strictly necessary).
        Please do not follow Palgrave's editorial guidelines for references on pp. 9–11; instead follow the reference system used in the Handbook introduction.

(x)   Figures, tables, etc. [only insert captions in the chapter text followed by <INSERT FIGURE/TABLE X HERE>]

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Handbook keywords

Abuses of history
Academic freedom
Archival cleansing
Archives laws
Arrest, arbitrary
Attacks on historians
Attacks on history
Blasphemy
Censorship of history
Commemorations
Community of historians, obstruction of
Constitutions
Crimes against history

Cultural heritage, destruction of
Defamation
Deportation
Disinformation, historical
Dismissal, unfair
Genocide denial
Hate speech
Human rights violations
Integrity of history
Intellectual misconduct
Memory laws
Movement, restrictions of

Online harassment, of historians
Persecution, of historians
Prosecution, malicious
Political killings, of historians
Political leaders
Responsibilities of historians
Rights of historians
Surveillance
Traditions, alternative
States duties