

Call for Papers:

The Congress of Vienna 1814/15. Stocktaking and Perspectives. Workshop organised by the German Historical Institute Paris, in conjunction with the Österreichisches Kulturforum in Paris, to be held in Paris on 15-16 June 2015

Between September 1814 and June 1815 decisions were made at the Congress of Vienna about the new European order of states following the collapse of the Napoleonic system. What was new here, compared to practice during the Ancien Régime, was that this congress was no longer a matter for plenipotentiary envoys, but took place in the presence of the highest representatives of the states involved, mostly the monarchs themselves. Also new were the forms of negotiation, particularly the process of negotiating the individual objects of dispute in special commissions. Here, along with the central theme of the political restructuring of Germany and Europe, other issues concerning the international order were discussed, for instance, European law for ships at sea and on rivers, the European legation system or the global problem of the slave trade.

When the Final Act of Vienna was signed on 9 June 1815 the map of Europe was re-drawn and a relationship between its states initiated that was to last for decades. To mark the 100th anniversary the German Historical Institute Paris, in conjunction with the Österreichisches Kulturforum in Paris, is holding a workshop on 15 and 16 June 2015 to discuss the Congress of Vienna and its consequences in multiple perspective. Here the topics should be the events of the Congress and political communication, as well such issues as its cultural and everyday by-products, indirect medialisation, or the mid- and long-term formation of memory.

Researchers interested in presenting the results of their current research on the Congress of Vienna should send a summary of about 1,500 characters (including spaces) with a short CV to the following email address: wienerkongress@dhi-paris.fr. The closing date for applications is 9.1.2015.

Younger researchers (PhD students and post-docs) are particularly welcome to apply.

The organisers will pay for essential travel costs and accommodation.