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## Conferences

EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND THE EUROPEAN MIND: CULTURAL HEGEMONY OR  
DIALOGUE OF CULTURES, at the University of Aalborg, Denmark,  
24–29 August 1992

This will be the third international conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas. Those interested should contact Professor Ulf Hedestoft, European Research Unit, Aalborg University, Fibigerstraede 2, 9220, Aalborg O, Denmark.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY,  
at the University of Nottingham  
25–27 September 1992

A conference will take place with British and Russian speakers. Further information can be obtained from either Dr Derek Spring or Dr Stuart Thompstone, both of the Department of History, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD, UK.

## THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL

The Society for the Study of Labour History is holding a one-day conference in central London. Those wishing to participate or offer papers should contact Dr John Halstead, Division of Continuing Education, Sheffield University, 85 Wilkinson Street, Sheffield S10 2GJ, UK.

## Institutes

### *The Institute of German, Austrian and Swiss Affairs*

The Institute of German, Austrian and Swiss Affairs, University of Nottingham, holds a *major archive of newspaper cuttings*. The archive, which was built up by the British Military Government in Berlin during the years 1946–81, consists of approximately 2,700 large files of newspaper cuttings.

Although the archive includes material on all of Germany, the main focus is on the GDR. The preponderance of the material relates to the political and economic affairs of the country, but social policy, law and the administration of justice, education, arts and science, culture and religious matters are also covered in some detail. The archive thus represents a unique body of material of enormous potential value to scholars in the field of German

studies. Indeed, it is thought to be the only large-scale, systematic collection of this sort covering this crucial period in German history.

At present the archive is extremely difficult of access. For although the material was systematically arranged as it was collected, the classification changed radically several times in the course of the thirty-five years, making it very difficult, if not impossible, to retrieve all the material on a given topic.

A major project, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, is currently under way to rationalise the classification and provide the archive with an index. This should enable the user to trace all material relevant to his topic and should also reveal related topics, which might be of interest. When completed, the index will be made available on-line in the Institute and, it is hoped, in a printed version.

Although the index is not yet available, it is possible to identify material in broad subject areas and researchers with an interest in consulting the archive should contact the Institute Librarian to make an appointment.

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### Research Projects

The European Community is funding a major research project centered on the University of Paris 1 (Sorbonne) and directed by Professor René Girault. The project is entitled *European Identity and Awareness in the 20th Century* and is divided into the following areas of research:

- Group 1: Towns and borders in the process of European integration. Professor Dr Rainer Hudeman, University of Saarbrücken.
- Group 2: Migrants and the formation of European Identity. Professor Pierre Milza, Institut d'Études Politiques, Paris.
- Group 3: The role of wars in European memory and their effect on the awareness of being European. Professor Fleury, University of Geneva.
- Group 4: European identity and structuration across institutions. Professor Gilbert Trausch, Luxembourg University Centre, University of Liège, and Professor Dr Wilfried Loth, Essen University.
- Group 5: Popular Culture and European consciousness (cinema and song). Professor Ennio Di Nolfo, Florence University.
- Group 6: Intellectual and Spiritual Elites in the formation of European identity (artistic and scientific milieu). Professor Manuel Espadas-Burgos, University of Madrid, and Professor Andrée Bachoud, University of Paris.
- Group 7: The specifics of European social structure compared to other areas. Professor Dr Hartmut Kaelble, Free University, Berlin.
- Group 8: The role of economic groups in conceptions of European integration.
- Group 9: Political Elites and Europe (political families, individuals, diplomats). Dr Peter Morris, University of Nottingham, and Professor Dr Wolf Gruner, University of Hamburg.
- Group 10: Europe's external frontiers and the formation of European awareness. Dr Martha Petricoli and Dr Antonio Varsori, University of Florence.