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Mountains and Plains: Past, present and future environmental and climatic entanglements

Bern, Switzerland | 22-26 August 2023

Since prehistoric times, mountain ranges all over the world have been a protective barrier and a place to be overcome. Transit deeply influenced the socio-economic structure of mountainous societies and enabled knowledge transfer. Mountains are «water castles» of the surrounding plains, and they play an important role for macro- and micro-scale weather conditions. The Alps were the first transnational mountain range that scholars examined in detail; and since the eighteenth century, they had been one of the most important places for tourism in Europe.

Numerous environmental challenges of the present and the future are also connected to mountains: the melting of glaciers; the availability of natural resources; increases in the number and magnitude of natural hazards; traffic and tourism; losses of cultural landscape ecosystems through rural depopulation; structural economic problems due to low income in agriculture and forestry; losses in biodiversity as a consequence of the maladaptation of state subsidies; losses of cultural and natural heritage. The great variety of topics at the conference will thus show the relevance of environmental history approaches (in a wider sense) for societies of the present and the future.
Welcome and “Grüessech” to Bern. It is a great pleasure for the University of Bern to host the 12th ESEH Conference in Bern.

The University of Bern has a long tradition in research on environmental and climatic issues, starting with a research unit and a professorship on “Economic, Social and Environmental History” already in 1998 (representing the classical triangle of sustainable development). Since 2010, this Chair is focused on “Environmental and Climate History”. Environmental history is therefore also a core topic within the history curricula in Bern and part of interdisciplinary BSc and MSc programmes such as “Climate Studies” and “Sustainable Development”. Furthermore, also neighbouring disciplines such as geography, social anthropology, archaeology, philosophy and many more have integrated environmental studies in their research agenda. With the establishment of the interdisciplinary Oeschger Centre of Climate Change Research and the Centre of Development an Environment, the University of Bern has built up a unique institutional infrastructure for environmental and climate studies.

The paramount topic of the conference, “Mountains and Plains. Past, Present and Future Environmental and Climatic Entanglements” refers in manifold ways to the host city. Bern is situated in the foothills of the Alps, the so-called Swiss Plateau, inside and outside a characteristic loop of the Aare River, which connects the Bernese Alps with the Rhine River catchment. From the Grosse Schanze terrace, the venue of the closing reception in front of the main building of the University of Bern, you may enjoy a spectacular view of the Bernese Alps with the Rhine River catchment. From the Grosse Schanze terrace, the venue of the closing reception in front of the main building of the University of Bern, you may enjoy a spectacular view of the Bernese Alps with several peaks higher than 4000 metres, at least on days with clear weather. The entanglements between mountains and plains become evident through the daily weather and water level, the traffic routes, the long tradition of Alpine tourism, the social and economic networks and many more aspects.

A large conference – we expect around 550 participants on-site and 80 more online – also produces an ecological footprint. We are aware of this problem, but we try to keep it as small as possible. Sustainability is a core issue at the University of Bern on its way to a “green university”. The Unitobler venue is currently to be equipped with photovoltaic panels. The food we serve during our lunch breaks is only vegetarian or vegan. For receptions like the one after the film evening on Wednesday, we collaborate with an organic farm only some kilometres out of Bern. We avoid any single-use cups and plates; for instance, we added a reusable cup made of sugar cane to the conference bag. Finally, we presume that many of you were able to travel to Bern by ecologically friendly train or long-distance coach services.

In this way, we hope that you will be able to enjoy a terrific conference with a top-level scientific programme, with stimulating discussions and an atmosphere to build up new, inspiring networks. We would like to make your stay as pleasant as possible. Please let the conference staff know, if you have any special requirements and questions. Thank you for joining us.

Christian Rohr, on behalf of the whole Local Organising Committee
According to climate scientists, July 2023 was the hottest month on record, perhaps the warmest in the last 120,000 years. The hot wave has levied its death toll among the most vulnerable people. Already in 2019, the UN Special Rapporteur Philip Alston spoke about the risk of a ‘climate apartheid’ with the wealthy buying out their escape from the effects of climate change and the rest trapped within the raising waves of heat and floods.

The present crisis is generally defined as an ecological crisis. As environmental historians, we must repeat that this is a socioecological crisis. We need to research humans’ histories, cultures, and values to understand the roots, implications, and effects of the crisis and contribute to finding effective and just solutions.

Here in Bern, scholars from all over the world will reflect on the intricacies of human-environment relationships through time and space. One of the most appealing things about an ESEH conference is its rich disciplinary diversity. Indeed, the ESEH is not a fortress with high walls where patrols will check your disciplinary ID to enter. It is more like a tent where everyone should feel at home because nurturing inclusion and a passion for exchanging knowledge and ideas are not only our ways of functioning as an academic society but also the very message we wish to deliver.

For these reasons, I am deeply grateful to our colleagues who have made this conference possible: the members of the Local Organising Committee, the Programme Committee, and the staff and volunteers. A special thanks to the chairs of the organising and programme committees, Christian Rohr and Wilko Graf von Hardenberg. Our gratitude to the sponsors and partners of this conference, in particular to the University of Bern and the Swiss National Science Foundation.

Finally, my gratitude goes to all of you who are here to make this conference a fertile terrain for knowledge exchange, engaging debates, and friendly encounters. May this conference and ESEH be our welcoming tent, our home where all are welcome.

Marco Armiero

President of the European Society for Environmental History
Icrea Research Professor, Institut d’Història de la Ciència (IHC), Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain
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Mountaineer on Piz Bernina, ca. 1900. Source: ETHZ e-pics archive, licenced under public domain.
Venue

The conference will take place at the UniS and the Unitobler building.

**UniS**
Schanzeneckstrasse 1, 3012 Bern  
Bus No 20, Bus stop «Universität»

**Unitobler**
Lerchenweg 36, 3012 Bern  
Bus No 20, Bus stop «Unitobler»

Information Desk

If you have any questions, please contact the staff at the info desk at the UniS and the Unitobler buildings. Check-in and the sale of coffee mugs will only take place at the info desk at the UniS building.

**UniS**
Mon: 14:00 – 17:00  |  Tue - Fri: 8:45 – 18:00

**Unitobler**
Tue: 9:45 – 18:15  |  Wed - Fri: 8:45 – 18:00

Opening hours may vary depending on demand.

WiFi

**Guest access**
Guests of the University of Bern may use the wireless access point «public-unibe» for access to the internet. To use it you will need a valid voucher code and activate your connection via text message. The voucher code will be handed to participants at the UniS info desk during registration. It is also possible to connect via the Eduroam network.

**Validity**
The registration and Login with the access code the connection will stay active for 30 days. After that a new registration with mobile number and voucher code is necessary.

**Quick user guide**
Connect your device to the access point «public-unibe». Select the menu item «Guest Login» and register with your mobile number and the voucher code. You will receive your access code by text message (SMS).
Conference Information
Childcare, Special Needs & Sustainability

Childcare
The ESEH 2023 Conference in Bern tries to be as parent-inclusive as possible. For participants travelling with children, we will offer a kindergarten room with professional supervision, as well as rooms for nursing and changing diapers on both conference venues (UniS and Unitobler).

The kindergarten is situated at the UniS building in room S 101.

Special Needs
If you have any other dietary requirements or special needs, please let us know. You will have the possibility to announce the need for childcare, dietary requirements and other special needs during the registration process. At the conference itself, the staff at the registration desk will help you with any further questions.

Dietary requirements
We have tried to cover all allergies and intolerances. People with intolerances can contact the catering staff or members of the LOC. In addition, the allergens are always mentioned on the menu cards.

Sustainability
The University of Bern has declared itself becoming a «Green University». Sustainability, climate and environmental studies are not only important strategic research focuses, but the university has also started an agenda to become CO2 neutral by 2025. University facilities have a high standard in terms of sustainability, and we follow those guidelines for our conference organisation.

We avoid large amounts of paper (writing paper and ballpoints only on request at the conference desk, printed programme only if explicitly ordered). Our conference bag will be made of recycled cotton and contains a re-usable coffee mug made of sugar cane. Please use this personal present for your coffee and tea consumption, because we will not serve coffee cups or one-way mugs during the coffee and lunch breaks. Furthermore, we ask you to bring your own drinking bottle with you. Cold soft drinks will be served, but also tap water in Bern has excellent quality. The food served for the lunch buffet will be organic and mostly regional, with daily vegetarian and vegan options only (including special dietetic or allergic requirements).

If the cup is lost or forgotten in the hotel, it can be obtained at the info desk at the UniS building at a cost of CHF 5.
Bernese Oberland, ca. 1938. Source: ETHZ e-pics archive, licenced under public domain.
Directions
(Remember to wear your badge also during the off-site events.)

**Opening reception**
*Rathaushalle*

22 August 2023/ 19:30-22:30pm

Take bus 12 from Hirschengraben or central station to Rathaus (direction Zentrum Paul Klee) or take a scenic walk of about 15 minutes from the UniS building.

**Mini workshop**
*Swiss Alpine Museum*

23 August 2023/ 14:15-18:00pm

Take tram 7 or 8 from Hirschengraben or central station to Helvetiaplatz (4 stops in direction Ostring/Saali) or take a scenic walk of about 15 minutes from the UniS building.
Ground floor

To breastfeeding room D 411 (4th floor)
### Programme overview

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### Saturday, 26 August 2023

Various full- and half-day excursions
Tourists visiting the Grindelwald glacier, Switzerland, photograph by Arthur Gabler, ca. 1905.
Jon Mathieu  
*University of Lucerne*

22 August 2023 / 11:15am-12:45pm  
*UniS S 003*

**Sacred Mountains. Environmental History and Religion**

Jon Mathieu is Editor-in-chief of the journal «Histories», and Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Lucerne. He was the founding director of the Institute of Alpine History at the University of Ticino and has published widely about the history of mountain regions, e.g. *The Third Dimension. A Comparative History of Mountains in the Modern Era* (2011); *The Alps. An Environmental History* (2019); *Mount Sacred. A Brief Global History of Holy Mountains Since 1500* (2023).

**Abstract**

Mount Kailash in Asia, the Black Hills in North America, Uluru in Australia: around the globe, numerous mountains have been and continue to be attributed sacredness. This lecture looks at the cultural diversity of sacred mountains and situates their exploration both in recent research and in ecological policy and practice. How should we deal with religion as environmental historians?

**Mount Sacred**  
*A Brief Global History of Holy Mountains Since 1500*

Claudia M Leal  
*Universidad de los Andes, Colombia*

25 August 2023 / 11:15am-12:45pm  
*UniS S 003*

**Tenacious: An alternative history of dogs from across the ocean**

Claudia Leal was born and raised at 2,600 meters in Bogotá, Colombia, where she is full professor at the Department of History and Geography at Universidad de los Andes; currently, she is also global faculty at the University of Cologne in Germany. She doubles as geographer and historian, and uses an environmental lens to explore old historical questions, such as state formation and the building of freedom in the aftermath of slavery. She researches national parks, forests, water management, and animals mostly in her home country, while also contributing to build a general environmental history of Latin America.

**Abstract**

Spaniards who arrived in the Americas used the word gozque to scorn native dogs, who reminded them of similar ones from home whose insignificance made them unfit to be designated with the real name. These and other creatures who have been called so—and tolerated, cherished, and persecuted—have been part of human lives and environments across centuries. The tenacity of these underdogs has made them historical actors who can shed light on the conundrums of sharing a planet in peril.
With the climate and biodiversity crisis, and the ongoing pandemic, there has been increasing interest on the part of public policy actors across the globe to draw on environmental science in responding to the emerging threats and in implementing the green transformation. This growing interest, and the current global crisis, is also a call to arms for environmental historians. However, like most of the humanities, our community’s engagement with public policy making has been very limited and we lack both the experience and visibility needed to become partners in the process of policy development. The aim of the plenary discussion and of the workshop series that will follow it in the course of the ESEH 2023 is to provide a strong impetus for the environmental history community to engage with public policy in Europe and beyond.

The plenary is sponsored by EnvHist4P.

Throughout the conference, the plenary speakers will offer workshop sessions on how to engage with policy in different institutional and thematic contexts.

**Speakers**

- **Raphael Bucher**
  Head of Climate Policy Section, Federal Office for the Environment FOEN, Swiss Confederation

- **Frances Colon**
  Centre for American Progress and the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (USA)

- **Pedro Conceição**
  Director of the Human Development Report Office, United Nations Development Programme

- **Chloe Hill**
  Policy Manager, European Geosciences Union

- **Karin Ingold**
  Chair of Policy Analysis and Environmental Governance (PEGO) and Vice-President of the Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research (OCCR), University of Bern

**Plenary Structure**

The plenary session is conceived as a meeting platform for environmental historians and policy stakeholders. It will be the forum for environmental historians to showcase their work and engage with the feedback from politicians and policy-makers, and to foster new, more practically oriented debate within our community. The plenary will last 90 minutes and will consist of three parts:

1) Lightning talks by selected environmental historians

2) Feedback discussion with the plenary speakers

3) Open debate between the public and the speakers
Speakers of the lightning talk

Davide Orsini
Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany

Energy and climate crises: the eternal return of nuclear power and the question of containment

Simone Müller
University of Augsburg, Germany

Toxic Commons. Why the Chemical IPCC needs the Humanities

Karla Garcia
University of Bielefeld, Germany

Rights of Nature

Amanda Power
University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Why historians are essential to public policy-making for climate adaptation

Joschka Meier
University of Bern, Switzerland

Skiing, Switzerland and Sustainability: Learning from the past to adapt to the future

Introduction to Science for Policy: European perspectives

23 August 2023 / 14:15-15:45

Unitobler F-123

During the workshop, ESEH members will have further opportunity to meet and discuss with the plenary panelists Chloe Hill and Raphael Bucher. Each of them will present a short presentation on engaging with policy and political institutions in the European context - at the EU and governmental level - followed by Q&As

Chairs
Adam Izdebski
Max Planck Institute of Geanthropology, Jena, Germany

Cecilia Flocco
Leibniz Institute DSMZ- German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Germany

Presenters
Raphael Bucher
Head of Climate Policy Section, Federal Office for the Environment FOEN, Swiss Confederation

Chloe Hill
Policy Manager, European Geosciences Union

Introduction to Science for Policy: the US perspective

24 August 2023 / 11:15-12:45

Unitobler F-123

During the workshop, ESEH members will have further opportunity to meet and discuss with the plenary panelists Frances Colon and Pedro Conceição. Each of them will present a short presentation on engaging with policy and political institutions - in the US and UN context - followed by Q&As.

Chair
Adam Izdebski
Max Planck Institute of Geanthropology, Jena, Germany

Presenter
Frances Colon
Centre for American Progress and the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (USA)
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Tuesday 22.08.2023 / 10:30-11:15  
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Conference Opening  

Organiser  
Christian Rohr  
ESEH Conference 2023, University of Bern, Switzerland  

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Christian Rohr  
ESEH Conference 2023, University of Bern, Switzerland  

Marco Armiero  
ESEH president, Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain  

Heike Mayer  
Vice-Rector, University of Bern, Switzerland  

Thomas Stocker  
Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research, University of Bern  

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Keynote Lecture: Sacred Mountains. Environmental History and Religion  

Keynote Speaker  
Jon Mathieu  
University of Lucerne, Switzerland  

Introduction  
Christian Rohr  
ESEH Conference 2023, University of Bern, Switzerland  

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Neither Rural nor Urban: Pondering Land Usage in «Peri-Rural» Tropical Communities (H)  

Organiser  
Greg Bankoff  
Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines  

Chair  
Patrick Roberts  
Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology, Jena, Germany (V)  

Paper 1  
Greg Bankoff  
Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines  

«Peri-Rural» Life in Late Nineteenth Century Lowland Luzon, Philippines  

Paper 2  
Max Findley  
Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology, Jena, Germany  

Patrick Roberts  
Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology, Jena, Germany (V)  

Reducción in the Spanish Philippines 1565-1700: Modelling the shift from Semi-Mobile to Permanently Settled  

Paper 3  
Grace Barretto-Tesoro  
Archaeological Studies Program, University of the Philippines Diliman, Philippines  

Exploring land use in Southern Luzon, Philippines from the late 16th century to the late 19th century
Life beneath the waves – imagined, encountered, and exploited (1/2)

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Imagining Improvement – Policies and Practices over Fish Farming in Finland, 1870–1970

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From Brazilian plains to Norwegian seas: the history of Salmon and the seafood landscapes

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Mountain markets: Tracing ecological networks at the Karkara trade fair

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Governing a region through natural resources: European North of Russia and its forests

Hunting High and Low. European Venatic Culture(s) and Societies in Transition (16th–20th Century)

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Venatic regimes. Governing society and territory through forest regulations in early modern France

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Negotiating venatic societies. Debates on hunting in parliamentary sources of Austria and Germany (19th/20th Centuries)

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Reforestation of the karst Region of Lika from 1886 until 1941

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Afforestation with non-native black pine (Pinus nigra) in the karstic areas of Slovenia in the 20th century: environmental implications

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Empire, Extraction, and Externalization. Wood Impregnation in Early 20th Century Bosnia and Herzegovina and its Precarious Legacy

Paper 4
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Poisons, an ecological movie (1964). An example of usage of shocking imagery to address environmental deterioration (in Slovenia)

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Shielings in Eyjafjörður, N-Iceland: Some landscape pointers

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The booms and busts of shieling operations in Eyjafjörður 900-1900

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Transhumance in Iceland: Complexities Evaluated from Palaeoecological Signals
**Caring for the Commons: Secured common property, economic transformations and commoners’ vulnerable identity landscapes in European mountains and plains**

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Claming Value: On the Role of Unprofitability and the Struggle for Socio-Cultural Appreciation for the Future of Pastoral Commons in the Austrian Alps

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Balancing the Commons in Switzerland. Between identity value, financial drudgery and the ecological imperative

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Commons as the «great absent» in the EU agri-food and agri-environmental policy making: the case of Italy

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Commons against fires. Developing new models of management in Galician communal lands

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**Urban conflagration, «a remorseless saga of Europe»? Preventing urban fires in medieval and early modern times, environmental and socio-political perspectives from Europe and beyond**

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Fire Risk and Urban Environmental Adaptations in the Low Countries, 1300-1600

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Drought, water provisioning, and the prevention of urban fires in early modern Deventer and Zutphen, 1500-1900

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Rising from ashes: Rebuilding and resiliency in the aftermath of the Great Meireki Fire of 1657
**Views and conceptions of nature**

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The vertical in low landscapes: Visualising East Anglia and the Low Countries in the long nineteenth century

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Not true, but also not not true: Reflections on Rumors About Pollution in Denmark 1950-2020

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Sara Pinto  
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Through mountains and plains portraying women’s stories: the female condition in Portugal, in the mid-20th century

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**Climate history in close-up: Nordic perspectives in the early modern period**

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Historical malaria in the Nordic countries and its associations with weather conditions

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Navigating environmental threats – local risk adaptation in early modern southern Sweden

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On the margins of agriculture – regional responses to the early 1770s crisis in Norway

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What happen when the crop failed? Exploring subsistence strategies in central Scandinavia
Reporting African environmental history: past, present and future
Different World Session: Flipping the Panels

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Technology, mobility and their challenges (H)

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Across State Borders. Non-Human Species Mobility and State-Building in South-East Europe (19th and 20th Centuries) (H)

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Bears at the Borderline – Bulgarian-Greek Interactions for Brown Bear Conservation

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The «House of Locusts»: Pests, Islands and the Troubling Border Relations at the End of the 19th and the Beginning of the 20th Centuries

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William Gervase Clarence-Smith
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Environment and culture in the employment of transport animals in the Balkans, c1300-1914

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Gasing for air. Mountain railway tunnels and the smoke problem (Alps – Massif central, 1850s-1940s)

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Ekaterina Rybkina
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Mounted in the mountains: telegraph lines in the Caucasus, 1860–1930

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Uses of upland waters (H)

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Ekin Kurtic
Northwestern University, USA (V)
Uplands as Landscapes of Infrastructural-Ecological Value and Future Livability

Paper 2
Judit Gil-Farrero
Independent Scholar, Spain
The Role of Pyrenean Glacial Lakes and their Waters in Human Societies: past, present, and future

Paper 3
Axel Cerón González
Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey (V)
An Arcadia in the Pacific: Agribusiness in Sinaloa, Mexico, 1880-2020

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Managing wildlife and biodiversity

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Julia Nordblad
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A History of Biodiversity as a Political Concept: The 1986 Forum on Biodiversity and the Struggle over Liberal Environmentalism

Paper 2
Ariane Cornerier
Université Paris-Saclay & Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, CHCSC, France
Environmental history of the Vercors Massif (French Southern Prealpes) through a case study of a rewilding initiative

Paper 3
Leore Joanne Green
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The People’s Forest and the Entomologists’ Fen: Emotions and Tensions in Entomologists’ Conservation Efforts in England, 1860s-1920s

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Socio-economic Resilience to Historical Floods: a Eurasian Perspective

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Flood resilience, mitigation and adaptation in the medieval Carpathian Basin

Paper 2
Liang Emlyn Yang
Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany
Dynamics and progress of flood resilience at the historical Tea Horse Road area

Paper 3
Nicolas Maughan
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Highlighting recurrent low-amplitude floods: a fresh look at neglected events shaping river–society relationships (Southern France, 1700-1900)
Ecologies, economies and evasion in the landscapes of the Global (H)

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Forts, Fields and Forests: The Political Ecology of Erosion on the Medieval Loess Plateau

Paper 2
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Ecologies of Creative Transformation: The Deep Past of Southeast Asia’s Highlands

Paper 3
Paehwan Seol
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Bandits in mountains and plains: the limits of Mongol imperial power

Paper 4
Julia McClure
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Indigenous agroecology of Mesoamerica and the decolonization of global political economy

The production and distribution of electricity

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Environmental protection narratives in the banking sector: the role of wind power, 1990 – 2019

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Technology, Labor, and the Environment: Building Istanbul’s Electrical Grid from Empire to Nation-State

Thinking Russia’s history environmentally

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Basel’s Many Climates. Mapping and Historicizing the Swiss Climate Movement from Within

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Collective Climate Justice, Basel, Switzerland

Michal Oskedra
Climatestrike Basel, Switzerland

Early-Career Environmental Historians for a Sustainable Academia (H)

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Organized Crime, mafias and political corruption as high-risk factors for alpine natural and agricultural environment (H)

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The migration of mafias from traditional territories. Reasons and reflections on mafia expansion

Paper 2
Thomas Aureliani
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Extractivism, mafias, and communities: the ‘ndrangheta and the Trentino porphyry quarries

Paper 3
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Political Corruption and Organized Crime in the Aosta Valley. Building Speculation and the Environment in the Pila basin (late 1970s, 20th cent.)
Climate and Society in Europe. The last thousand years
Different World Session: Book Lounge

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From Ridges to Riches – Subsea Mountains and Plains as Places of Prospecting. Giving the (Sea) Floor to Environmental History

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ISCAR roundtable «Past, present and future of mountain research networks»

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**Uncertain environmental knowledges: religion, heresy, imagination (H)**

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Of Lightning Gods and Silver – The Andes in the Spanish Colonial Empire

**Paper 2**
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Telluric Disturbances: Imagining an environment of peril in colonial Australia

**Paper 3**
Inês Amorim
University of Porto, Portugal

From the valley to the mountain – religious experiences, climate, and health

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**Temporalities of Nature: Rethinking «Natural» History in the Anthropocene (H)**

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History and Hydrology: The Nile Flood

**Paper 2**
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Time and Trees: Redwood and Sequoia Rings

**Paper 3**
Massimo Bernardi
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A Deep Perspective on the Anthropocene

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**Art and the Anthropocene – the beauty and difficulty of transdisciplinary collaborations (H)**

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Mountain tourism in Czechia and Poland

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Tatra Mountains vs. Polish Jura. Knowledge & affects at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries

Paper 2
Tomas Burda
University of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic

Jiří Martinek
Historický ústav AV ČR, v. v. i., Praha, Czech Republic

From Bohemia towards the peaks of the Alps

Paper 3
Michal Durco
Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovak Republic

Opposition against the tourism infrastructure in the High Tatras 1919-1989

Paper 4
Stanislav Holubec
Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

Incorporation Giant Mountains to Czechoslovakia and to Poland 1945-1950

Managing nature (H)

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Paper 1
Kata Tóth
University of Vienna, Austria

Mountains in Common, Mountains in Conflict. Natural Resource Management in the Southern and Eastern Carpathians in the 15th-17th centuries

Paper 2
Pedro Mota Tavares
Institute of Contemporary History & NOVA School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Portugal (V)

Use and management of natural resources: mountains and plains in Couto de Ervededo, Trás-os-Montes (1758-1853)

Paper 3
Ragnhildur Hemmert Sigurdardottir
Independent Scholar, Iceland

300 Years of Ecosystem Management in the Highland Lake Mývatn Region of North-eastern Iceland

Paper 4
Julia Mariko Jacoby
University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Borders and Compromise: Mountain Disputes in Early Modern Japan

Repurposing Altered Mountainscapes in the Japanese Archipelago

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Human and Avian Colonialities on a Volcanic Island: The Case of Izu-To- rishima

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Repurposing the Valley of the Gods: The Little Ice Age and Religious Mountaineering in a Japanese Mountain Valley, 1800-1850

Paper 3
Jonas Rüegg
University of Zurich, Switzerland

Post-Humanity Crisis on the Isle of Green: Disaster and Recovery After the 1785 explosion of Japan’s Aogashima Island
Mountain critters and creatures – conflicts and coexistence

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Claudia M Leal
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Paper 1
Monica Vasile
Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Marmot decline on Vancouver Island, a history of science and conservation

Paper 2
Regina Horta Duarte
Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil

The wandering wolf: conflict and coexistence in South American mountains and plains

Paper 3
Sandra Swart
Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Apartheid’s Baboons: how the state weaponised animal bodies

Paper 4
Claudia Leal
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A tribute to the mule

Weather and Climates between Adaptation and Modification

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Deirdre Daphne Moore
European University Institute, Florence, Italy

The best Climate in the World for the Management of Insects

Paper 2
Robrecht Declercq
Ghent University, Belgium


Paper 3
Stefan Grab
University of the Witwatersrand, South Africaerica

A 200-year history of southern African snowfall over mountains and plains

Regions and Crises: Environmental History in tumultuous times (H)
Different World Session: The Historian in the Mirror

Organiser
Andrea Gaynor
University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia

Chairs
Ulrike Plath
Tallinn University, Estonia

Andrea Gaynor
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Jewish Environmental History: Research Agendas and Possibilities for an Emerging Field

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Netta Cohen
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University of Hamburg, Germany

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University of Bern, Switzerland
Jonathan Schorsch
University of Potsdam, Germany

Environmental dimensions of ruination. Neglected sites and spaces (H)

Organiser
Malgorzata Praczyk
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Alexandre Elsig
EPFL Lausanne, Switzerland

Paper 1
Malgorzata Praczyk
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Environmental dimension of post-industrial Nazi factory of Politz/Police

Paper 2
Marta Tomczok
University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland

Pawel Tomczok
University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland

(Post)industrial negligence in Upper Silesia and Dąbrowa Basin

Paper 3
Kamilla Biskupska
University of Wrocław, Poland (V)

Greenery as the foundation of the «regained» urban identity. The case of Wrocław, Poland

Creative Research Methods (H)

Organiser
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Keele University, Newcastle-under-Lyme, United Kingdom

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Linda Ross
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0500-499
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**Plenary Roundtable: Environmental History and Public Policy**

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Plenary chairs:
Adam Izdebski
Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology, Jena, Germany

Cecilia Flocco
Leibniz Institute DSMZ – German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Germany

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Raphael Bucher
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Frances Colon
Centre for American Progress, Energy and Environment & The President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, USA

Pedro Conceição
Director of the Human Development Report Office, United Nations Development Programme, USA

Chloe Hill
European Geosciences Union, Germany

Karin Ingold
Chair of Policy Analysis and Environmental Governance (PEGO) and Vice-President of the Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research (OCCR), University of Bern, Switzerland

0600-423
Wednesday 23.08.2023 / 14:15-15:45

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**Time Matters in the Anthropocene 1: Time Conceptualised**

Organiser
Erik Isberg
KTH Royal Institute of Technology Stockholm, Sweden

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Ada Arendt
University of Oslo, Norway

Paper 1
Erik Isberg
KTH Royal Institute of Technology Stockholm, Sweden
Oceanic Times: Temporality and Environmental Knowledge during the International Decade of Ocean Exploration (1971-1980)

Paper 2
Leonoor Zuiderveen Borgesius
University of Oslo, Norway
Environmental History on the Grid, the Temporalities of Colonial Mapping in Suriname, 1896-1910

Paper 3
Ingvar Stene
University of Oslo, Norway
Morals and Temporalities in Early Modern Geology

Paper 4
Emil Flate
University of Oslo, Norway
«Jet Set» Science: Climate Change and Davosian Science-Politics

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**Infrastructural Maintenance as a Tool for Environmental and Socio-economic Sustainability in the relationship between Alpine and Lowland Territories (Medieval Age-18th Century) (H)**

Organiser
Roberto Leggero
Università della Svizzera italiana, Switzerland

Chair
Simona Boscani Leoni
University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Paper 1
Blythe Alice Raviola
University of Cambridge, United Kingdom (V)
Culture of maintenance along the river: mapping the Ticino in 18th century between political borders and environmental perspectives.

Paper 2
Cristian Vinazzani
Università di Milano, Italy
Along the Ticino river road: merchants and goods through the Alps in the 18th century.

Paper 3
Magnus Ressel
Goethe-University of Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Street-building and street maintenance on a transalpine artery: The «Untere Straße» between Lindau and Milano in the 18th century.
0602-C25
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Medieval and Early Modern Disasters

Organiser
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Chair
Heli Huhtamaa
University of Bern, Switzerland

Paper 1
Marcel Keller
University of Bern, Switzerland
A refined genetic history of the second plague pandemic in Europe

Paper 2
Philip Slavin
University of Stirling, United Kingdom
Tracing Spatio-Temporal Contours of Late-Medieval Plague Waves, c.1356-1465940s

Paper 3
David McCallam
University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
Contagion: The Marseille Plague of 1720-1722 and Bacterial Subjectivity

Paper 4
Niklaus Emanuel Bartlome
University of Bern, Switzerland
Wine, vacherin and volcanoes: Impacts of the 17th century large volcanic eruptions

0604-444
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Agriculture and Expansion in the First Era of Globalization: Race, Capital, and Diplomacy in European Empires, 1880-1920

Organiser
Gilberto Mazzoli
European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Chair
Georg Fischer
Aarhus University, Denmark

Paper 1
Alice Louise Gorton
Columbia University, New York, USA
«Infinite» Exploitation: Grain and the Rise of Capitalist Agriculture in Canada and Australia

Paper 2
Sara Müller
Georg August University Göttingen, Germany
Counting Coconut Trees: German Scientific Expeditions at the Sepik River in Papua-New-Guinea

Paper 3
Gilberto Mazzoli
European University Institute, Florence, Italy
Climates of Migration: science, race, and agricultural diplomacies between Italy and the United States. 1880-1912

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Humans and the Environment in the Russian Far East: From Microbial to Planetary

Organiser
Anna Mazanik
German Historical Institute Moscow, Russian Federation

Chair
David Moon
University of York, United Kingdom

Paper 1
Anna Mazanik
German Historical Institute Moscow, Russian Federation
Bloodsuckers: War, Disease Environments, and Soviet Medicine in the Pacific Borderlands, 1930-1950

Paper 2
Benjamin Beuerle
Centre Marc Bloch, Germany
Pilot Region Sakhalin – The Climate Experiment
Mountains, Forests and the Emergence of European Timber Markets in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Organiser
Martin Bemmann
University of Freiburg, Germany

Chair
Lena Krause
University of Freiburg, Germany

Paper 1
Jawad Daheur
CNRS Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France
Up to the Heights! The Integration of Austria-Hungary’s Mountain Forests into the European Timber Markets (late 19th-beginning of the 20th century)

Paper 2
Giacomo Bonan
University of Turin, Italy
Industrialisation or deindustrialisation? The Alpine timber sector at the turn of the 19th century

Paper 3
Iva Lucic
Uppsala University, Sweden
Plains and Mountains Across Regimes: Glocal Timber Export in Bosnia and Herzegovina During the Transition Between Imperial and Post-Imperial Governance 1910-1930

Melting Glaciers and changing climates: Histories of knowledge production on ice, 1920s-1990s

Organiser
Katja Doose
University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Chair
Christine Bichsel
University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Paper 1
Sverker Sörlin
KTH Royal Institute of Technology Stockholm, Sweden
State changes on the margin: Transferring snow to ice

Paper 2
Mark Carey
University of Oregon, Eugene, USA
From Greenland Mountains to Vertical Ocean «Plains»: How Iceberg Drift Shaped the History of Climate Knowledge

Paper 3
Katja Doose
University of Fribourg, Switzerland
Melting ice and mounting harvests. Knowledge production on glacier retreat in the Soviet Union during the IGY 1958-58

Paper 4
Dania Achermann
University of Wuppertal, Germany
There and back again: Scientific knowledge transfer between the Swiss Alps and the Arctic glaciers

Nations, States, and the Politics of Nature (H)

Organiser
ESEH Programme Committee

Chair
Wilko Graf von Hardenberg
Humboldt University Berlin, Germany

Paper 1
Noémi Ujházy
University of Nottingham, United Kingdom (V)
Michael Heffernan
University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
Mapping Soils in the Early 20th Century: National Projects and International Ideals

Paper 2
Julia Marinaccio
University of Bergen, Norway
Surveying Forests in Mountains and Plains: State Spatialization in the Early Years of the People’s Republic of China

Paper 3
George L. Vlachos
National Hellenic Research Foundation, Greece
Reclaiming National Soil: A macrosopic view into the Interwar land reclamations of southern Macedonia
Limbic capitalism, environments and the modern world, c. 1750 to c. 1925 (H)

Organiser
Jim Mills
University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom

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William Gervase Clarence-Smith
SOAS University of London, United Kingdom (V)

Paper 1
Judith Vitale
University of Zurich, Switzerland

The economy and ecology of poppies in early modern and modern Japan

Paper 2
Chris Duvall
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, USA

Cannabis, trypanosomiasis, and the ecologies of capitalism in nineteenth-century Central Africa

Paper 3
Jaewoong Jeon
New York University, USA

Sweet Returns: Sugar Capitalism and its Ecological Impacts in East Asia, c. 1894 to c. 1975

Paper 4
James Mills
University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom

South Asia’s Lost Cocaine? Coca leaf and colonial environments in India and Ceylon (Sri Lanka), c. 1870 to 1894

Going Digital? Environmental History 2.0 – approaches, tools, and challenges
Different World Session: History Café

Organiser
Ute Hasenöhrl
University of Innsbruck, Austria

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Odinn Melsted
Maastricht University, The Netherlands

The Catch – An Environmental History of Medieval European Fisheries (by Richard Hoffmann)

Organiser
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**Introduction to Science for Policy**

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**Time Matters in the Anthropocene 2: Time Embodied**

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University of Oslo, Norway

**Paper 1**  
**Alice Would**  
University of Bristol, United Kingdom  
The Present of the Past: Craft, Time and the Creation of Animal Specimens

**Paper 2**  
**Ada Arendt**  
University of Oslo, Norway  
Temporality of a fish pond

**Paper 3**  
**Milo Newman**  
University of Bristol, United Kingdom  
Auk eggs and incubation: Creatively marking time amidst the temporalities of extinction

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**How Clean Is White Coal? Historical Perspectives on the Alpine Dam-scape, 1918-1950 (H)**

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**Patrick Kupper**  
University of Innsbruck, Austria

**Paper 1**  
**Marc Landry**  
University of New Orleans, USA (V)  
Exploiting Nature’s Gifts: Rail Electrification and the Damming of Alpine Lakes in the First Austrian Republic

**Paper 2**  
**Sebastian De Pretto**  
University of Bern, Switzerland  
Flooded Peripheries: Dam Induced Resettlements in Switzerland and Italy between the two World Wars

**Paper 3**  
**Anna Koch**  
University College London, United Kingdom  
A Symbol of Modernization, a Remin-der of Loss: Photographic Representa-tions of Graun and the Reschensee
Teaching the History of Climate Change in the Twenty-First Century

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Devin Smart
West Virginia University, Morgantown, USA

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University of Zurich, Switzerland

Paper 1
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Climate Change and the Global Environmental History of Capitalism: Designing a Syllabus on the Anthropocene

Paper 2
Robert Rouphail
University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA
Identity, Empire, and Climate Change in the Classroom

Paper 3
Joseph D. Martin
Durham University, United Kingdom
Teaching the History of Climate Change through Science Fiction

Contradictions of North American Natures

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Paper 1
Brenden W. Rensink
Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University, Provo UT, USA
The Storied Past, Fraught Present, and Uncertain Future of Wilderness Experience in the Mountains and Deserts of the American West

Paper 2
Rebecca Retzlaff
Auburn University, USA
The Impact of Past Park Segregation on Park Space Today: The Case of Alabama

Paper 3
Maude Flamand-Hubert
Université Laval, Canada
Bounding Freedom: Land Surveying in Lower Canada

Paper 4
Vincent Geoffrey Bijman
Maastricht University, The Netherlands
The Sea Lamprey invasion in the Great Lakes, 1940s-1960s: On the science, management, and media representation of an invasive species in a polluted aquatic ecosystem

Urban Histories from Mountain to Sea

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Katharine Anderson
York University, Canada

Paper 1
Kate Stevens
University of Waikato, New Zealand
Underwater life of the city: an oceanic and multispecies history of Suva, Fiji

Paper 2
Alexis Vrignon
University of Orleans, France
Benjamin Furst
Université de Haute-Alsace, CRESAT, France
Between mountains and sea: environmental issues in the agglomeration of Papeete (1960-1990)

Paper 3
Maxime Decaudin
National University of Singapore, Singapore
Topographic anxieties: exploring the role of mountains in the colonization of Hong Kong, 1841-1941

Paper 4
Alessandro Antonello
Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia
Histories of cities and nearshore subtidal environments: a case study from Adelaide, an Australian city between sea and mountains
Contested Territories: Transhistorical findings from the Hardt Forest, the Harz and the Tatra Mountains

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Mirjam Hähnle
German Historical Institute London, United Kingdom

Radical transformations? Conflicts and Socioeconomic Change in and Beyond the Basel Hardt Forest, 17th-20th Century

Paper 2
Anja Breljak
University of Potsdam & Brandenburg Center for Media Studies, Germany

Canary Lives: Bodies, Work and Dislocation in the Harz – A Case Study of Becoming Interspecific

Paper 3
Bianca Hoenig
Regensburg, Germany

Owning the Mountains. Conflicting concepts of property in the Tatra Mountains

Conceptualising Mountain Regions: Problems and Possibilities

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«From Hills to Sea»: The Regional Survey and the Usefulness of Environmental History

Paper 2
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Mountains as Waste, Mountains as Resource: Green Coloniality of Landscape Transformations

Paper 3
Teja Šosterič
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Conserving the Sublime: The Sierra Nevada in Literature

The rise and fall of the top-seven prevailing trees of the Algarve landscape

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Faculty of Science, University of Lisbon, Portugal

The Algarve Environmental Agency: Between Mountains and the Sea

Paper 2
Ana Duarte Rodrigues
Faculdade de Ciências, Portugal

The Top-Seven Trees of the Nineteenth-Century Algarve Landscape

Paper 3
Patricia Trindade Monteiro
Faculty of Science, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Lessons from History: Rescuing traditional practices
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Changes on the farm, changes in the soil. An environmental history of soils in Europe in the 20th century

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AgroParisTech, France

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GWZO Leipzig, Germany

Paper 1
Léandre Mandard
Sciences-Po, France

An environmental history of «consolidated» soils in Brittany, from the 1950s to the present day

Paper 2
Nina Toudal Jessen
University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Building new lands: Soil improvement as state building

Paper 3
Clémence Gadenne-Rosfelder
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France

Agricultural modernisation, material flows, and land use changes: an environmental history of industrial pig farming in Brittany (France, 1960s-1990s)

Paper 4
Céline Pessis
AgroParisTech, France

Disqualified humus. The reconstruction of French soil after the Second World War

Scientists by the Aletsch glacier, 1865. Source: ETHZ e-pic archives, licenced under public domain.
**Will Steffen, History and the Environmental Humanities (H)**

Organiser
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  University of Notre Dame, USA
- **John McNeill**  
  Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA (V)
- **Sverker Sörlin**  
  KTH Royal Institute of Technology  
  Stockholm, Sweden
- **Helmuth Trischler**  
  Deutsches Museum Munich, Germany

**Elephants’ tales: the wild, the tamed, and the pampered (H)**

Organisers
- **Anastasia Fedotova**  
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- **Marianna Szczygielska**  
  Czech Academy of Science, Institute of Ethnology, Germany

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Paper 1
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  Institute for the History of Science and Technology, Russian Federation
- **Marianna Szczygielska**  
  Czech Academy of Science, Institute of Ethnology, Germany

Beasts of Prestige: Elephants in Saint Petersburg Imperial Menageries in the Long 19th Century (1796–1917)

Paper 2
- **Oliver Hochadel**  
  CSIC, Spain

Global giants. Learning how to keep zoo elephants around 1900

Paper 3
- **Violette Pouillard**  
  CNRS Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France & Ghent University, Belgium

Knowledge, discipline, and power. The making of international conservationism at the Elephant Taming Station (Uele, DR Congo), late 19th century-ca. 1940

Paper 4
- **Jules Skotnes-Brown**  
  University of St Andrews, United Kingdom

Domestication and Degeneration: The Addo Elephants in South Africa, 1910-48

Mürren, Oberberg, Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau, ca. 1925. Source: ETHZ e-pic archives, licenced under public domain.
New Voices in Water History 1: Pre-modern Histories

Organiser
Ellen Fenzel Arnold
University of Stavanger, Norway

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University of Stavanger, Norway

Paper 1
Alexander Hibberts
Durham University, United Kingdom

Culverting Divine Power: Drainage Systems, Water, and the Monastic Imagination, c.1350-1550

Paper 2
Lena Walschap
KU Leuven & University of Antwerp, Belgium

Riches and restraints: Harnessing marine resources on rural coasts in late medieval England

Paper 3
Laura Tack
University of Greifswald, Germany

Memory of Medieval and Early Modern storm surges in the south-western Baltic Sea

Common struggles – Un- and redoing the difference between collective land and resource tenure in mountains and plains

Organiser
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Pisa, Italy

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Nevenka Bogataj
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Marin Cvitanovic
Bournemouth University, United Kingdom

Lana Slavuj Borčić
University of Zagreb, Croatia

Mountains, movement, and migrations (H)

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Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

Paper 1
Anidrita Saikia
Delhi University, India (V)

Peripheral Descents: A History of The Migration of the Misings Through Folktales

Paper 2
Marco Milella
University of Bern, Switzerland

«Celts up & down the Alps». A multidisciplinary study of Late Iron Age contexts from Switzerland and Northern Italy (4th-1st c. BCE)

Paper 3
Xue Wang
University of Leipzig, Germany

Mountain, Plain and Coast: The Environmental Factors behind the Transfers of the Capital during the Later Jin (1616-1636)
Environmental Histories of Hydrocarbons

Organiser
Odinn Melsted
Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Chair
Ute Hasenöhrl
University of Innsbruck, Austria

Paper 1
Nicolas Chachereau
University of Basel & EPFL Lausanne, Switzerland

Refineries in Plains and Valleys. Debating the Environmental Problems of Oil Infrastructure in Switzerland (1958-1966)

Paper 2
Tanja Riekkinen
University of Oulu, Finland

Oil Company Neste’s Arguments During the Finnish Oil Spill Debates at the Turn of the 1960s and 1970s

Paper 3
Robert Groß
BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria

Energy Dependence Beyond Geopolitics: Regional Natural Gas Providers and the Construction of «Green» Energy Systems in Austria

Paper 4
Odinn Melsted
Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Cleaning Hydrocarbons, Combatting Acid Rain: Desulfurization in the International Oil and Gas Industries, 1970s-1980s

Opportunities and Obstacles in Interdisciplinary Disease Histories: Integrating Archaeogenetics, Ecology and History (H)

Organiser
Tim Newfield
Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA

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Philip Slavin
University of Stirling, United Kingdom

Denise Kühnert
Max-Planck Institute of Ge anthropology, Germany (V)

Landscapes and Labscapes: Technology, Temporality, and Place-Based Knowledge in 20th-Century Ecology

Organiser
Thomas Lekan
University of South Carolina, Columbia SC, USA

Chair
Iva Pesa
University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Paper 1
Simon Schleper
Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Environmental Monitoring and «Women’s Work» in African Model Ecosystems, 1930s-1970s

Paper 2
Thomas Zeller
University of Maryland, College Park MD, USA

Deep Time Along the Highway: The Nazi Glacier Garden and the Making of Tourist Landscapes

Paper 3
Thomas Lekan
University of South Carolina, Columbia SC, USA

The Doddieburn Experiment: Game Ranches as Technopolitics in East African Savannas, 1959-1967
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Triumph over Climate: Global Scientific Networks and the Development of Arid and Semi-Arid Regions

Organiser
Michele Sollai
Swiss National Science Foundation, Switzerland

Chair
Karolin Wetjen
University of Kassel, Germany

Paper 1
Michele Sollai
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Where Europe Ends, Where Africa Begins: Global Dryland Science and the Making of Italy’s Mezzogiorno as an Agro-Ecological Frontier, 1890s–1940s

Paper 2
Mona Bieling
Geneva Graduate Institute / Rachel Carson Center, Germany

Palestine’s place in a declensionist world: British and Zionist science in the making of Middle Eastern and Mediterranean spaces, 1920s–1940s

Paper 3
Faisal Husain
Pennsylvania State University, United States of America

The Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Venture into the Arid Zone: Case Studies from Diyarbakır and Erbil

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Tensions of Global Environmental Governance: negotiating environmental objects and institutions (H)

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Animal turn, Critical Plant Studies and De-colonial archival thinking: challenges to European colonial research

Ukrainian Studies between Decolonization and Methodological Nationalism: What Environmental History Has to Offer?

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Integrating landscape to defend the island. The Vilaflor road and its environmental impact during the Second World War.

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Human-Animal Relations in the Mountains of Northern Europe, 1940-1945

Book lounge: The League of Nations and the Protection of the Environment

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Bureaucratic Burning: Beginning an Environmental History of Prescribed Fire in Norway

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Sacred Ecologies, Pastoral Systems and ‘Waste’ Lands: State and Community Narratives of Environmental Commons in the Thar desert, western India

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Glacier tours in the Northern Playground: Norwegian mountain landscapes in British travel writing, 1850-1914

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From «Siberian Switzerland» to Tian-Shan in Exploration of Glaciers and Rivers at the Turn of the 20th century.

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The Visual Language of Glaciology: Etudes sur les Glaciers and the Technicality of Deep Time

Nature, Culture, the Garden in Early Modern and Modern Europe

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Assembling God’s Global Environment in the Cambridge Botanic Garden

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The insoluble problem of industrial fumes in the Lille region, 1810-1865

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The Decline of Lichens: Using Urban Flora as a Measure of Clean Air in Twentieth Century Europe

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That giant glacier. The discovery of Fedchenko Glacier by Russian Colonial Science in Turkestan

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From Arid Mountains to Irrigated Plains: Cultivating the Desert’s Edge in the Eastern Mediterranean, 1850-1940
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Timelines of tension: trajectories of nature park creation in the Tyrolian Alps

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Anna-Katharina Wöbse  
Justus Liebig University Gießen, Germany

Follow the tracks! Rewilding Europe in the 20th century

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Tamara Estermann  
Swiss National Park, Switzerland

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Swiss National Park, Switzerland

Two Glances at the Landscape: Rephotography in the Swiss National Park
Dynamic environments, human population and economy: History of grasslands and mosaic landscapes in highlands and surrounding lowlands

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Archaeozoologically inferred paleoenvironmental oscillations on the Karst Plateau (SW Slovenia and NE Italy) in Late Pleistocene and Holocene

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Péter Szabó
Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

«We have just launched a completely new and unique venture**: Successes and failures to utilize marginal mountain grasslands in northern Moravia since the Middle Ages

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Žiga Zwitter
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Towards a complex understanding of grassland agroecosystems under dynamic environmental and human conditions in the modern period: selected topic from mountains and plains of the Eastern Alps

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Susanne Riedel
Agroscope, Switzerland

Driving forces of biodiversity change in historical grassland plots

The Ecological Body in a Toxic World. Environment and Health in the late Soviet Union, 1960s–1990s

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The Case of Lidiya Novikova: Cancer Experience and the Art of Suffering in the Soviet Union

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**Writing the mountain**

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Estonian environmentalism expanded: mountains in Estonian travel writing

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Disintegrated Mountains: Colonial Himalaya and Environmental Disjunction in Stephen Alter’s *In the Jungles of the Night*

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Mountains of the Medieval Mind: Redefining Highland Topographies in Works of Middle English Literature

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**Militarised landscapes: mountains and plains on the eastern and south-western fronts of the First World War (H)**

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Mountains at war: Transformations of the Alpine landscape in Trentino from 1866 to 1918

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Tyrol 1861-1914. The impact of mountain fortifications on landscape, economic development and environment.

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Floodings and floodplain marshes in Galicia and Polissie in the strategy of Russian armies in the First World War (1914-1917).

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*Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France*

Morris & Coal: Energy and sobriety

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Fuelling the Big Smoke: Coal Imports to Toronto, Ontario, 1850-1930

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Nuclearized River Basins: Comparing the Rhine, the Danube and the Elbe

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A river’s story: the St Hélène’s radioactive biography

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**Belonging and Non-Belonging in marine environments in the time of the accelerating biodiversity loss**

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The shared history of humans and great cormorants in the Finnish sea area since the late 19th century.

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Rats and birds as urban neighbours: Helsinki as a multispecies coastal city

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Kirsi Sonck-Rautio  
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Co-existing with green-blue-algae – perspectives from history and present day
Mountains of nutrients, plains of soy: Global connections between the hotspots and shadow places of the soy web (2/3)

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Maximilian Martsch
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«Edelsoja»: Commercializing soy flour in the Great Depression and the Second World War

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Gabriel Tober
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From niche to mainstream? Actor-networks around soy since the 1970s

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Claiton Marcio da Silva
Universidade Federal da Fronteira Sul, Brazil

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A Brazilian vegetable chicken for Singapore’s tables and other stories: a multi-layered analysis of soy ubiquity between Asia and Latin America

Paper 4
Floor Haalboom
Erasmus University Medical Center Rotterdam, The Netherlands

What the focus on soy makes invisible: Feeding industrial livestock anything from cassava to fossil fuels in the Netherlands (1954-present)

Aluminium Moving South: Social and Environmental Implications (1/2) (H)

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Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland

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A Comparative Study of Sustainable Development Strategies in the Chinese and International Aluminium Companies Since 1994

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«Moving South», a new chapter: the Case of the Indian Aluminium Industry
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Hildete de Moraes Vodopives
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France (V)
Economic growth and sustainability: Challenges of the setup of the aluminium industry Brazil

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Afterlives of aluminium: The case of Venezuela

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Matthew Holmes
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Avian Architects: Urban Sparrows, Nest-Building, and Animal Minds

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Mustafa Emir Kucuk
Bogazici University, Turkey
Horses: Working Animals for the Constantinople Tramway Company

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Andrea Gaynor
University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia (V)
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Urban floodplains on the way to the «Fluvial Anthroposphere» – concept and case studies

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The «Fluvial Anthroposphere» – a new concept for floodplain dynamics

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Iris Nießen
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Development of Urban Floodplains – Sources of Urban Core Archaeology in Southern Germany

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From fascine works to river walls – material developments in the medieval floodplain colonization of Fribourg (Switzerland)

Politics and environments (H)

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Security through Diversity: Multiple Cropping Research in Upland Southeast Asia, 1964–1982

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War on the Commons. Fluvial Geographies and Development Policies in the Andean Region

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Phia Steyn
University of Stirling, United Kingdom
The environmental impact of war and conflict in post-colonial Africa: a historiographical survey of English language publications

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Kati Lindström
KTH Royal Institute of Technology Stockholm, Sweden
Who saved Antarctica? On the Heroic Era of Environmental NGOs in the Antarctic politics

Meat Matters: Social, Cultural, Economic, and Environmental Motivations for Including and Excluding Meat in 20th-century Diets

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«It is not a deterioration of the nutrition of the masses that we need, but its improvement»: Scientific Knowledge, Life Reform and the «Meat Question» in the Late Russian Empire, 1870s – 1917

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Tatsuya Mitsuda
Keio University, Japan
Questioning Meat: Anxieties about Meat Production and Consumption in Modernizing Japan

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Efrat Gilad
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Meat in the Heat: Climate & Diet in the Zionist Settler Project in British Mandate Palestine (1920s-1940s)

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Poultry consumption in Brazil and Argentina – the integration of chicken meat into the consumption habits of traditionally meat-eating nations

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Poisoning planes and sheep.

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Poisoning plantations and fruit. Pesticide spraying in horticulture and fruit farming.

Mountains as retreat, mountains as bulwarks

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Italian geographies of mountain chains: empowering the nation along the Alpine watershed

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Uplands, Wild Spaces and Safety during the Welsh ‘Age of Conquest’ (c. 1066-1283)

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Hill Stations in the British Empire: A Comparative and Environmental History (1820s-1920s)

Environmental heritage, museums, and education

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Heritage ecologies and contemporary art

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Teaching environmental history at schools: example of the canton de Vaud (Switzerland)

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Rephotography as environmental history method
Mountains/plains interactions in early modern Alps: the systems of floatation

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Agnese Visconti
University of Milan, Italy
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Claudio Lorenzini
Laboratorio di Storia delle Alpi Mendrisio, Switzerland
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Placing and Displacing Nuclear Power: Exploring the Socio-Ecological Entanglements of Nuclear Facilities’ Afterlives

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How to dismantle an atomic plant: The emergence of nuclear decommissioning as an environmental and economic challenge during the 1970s

Aluminium Moving South: Social and Environmental Implications (2/2) (H)

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Local societies, Oligopolies, Development. A History of French resistance movements to industrial pollution from the «Aluminium valleys» of the Alps to the «Aluminium capitals» of the Global South

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Edy-Claude Okalla Bana
Université de Québec à Trois-Rivières, Canada (V)
Alucam and the inauguration of a corporate social responsibility policy towards the local communities of Cameroon (1952-2014)
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Johannes Knierzinger
University of Vienna, Austria

More investors, more domestic control, more value added? Aluminium production on the African continent since the 1970s

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Cross Brad
St. Thomas University, Fredericton, Canada

Invisible Indigenous Peoples and Alcan’s Hinterland Hydro-electric Developments in Canada

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Jacob Ward
Maastricht University, The Netherlands

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Lise Butler
City University London, United Kingdom

Small is ethical: E.F. Schumacher and the moral foundations of 1970s environmentalism

Paper 2
Laurens Frowijn
Delft University of Technology & Utrecht University, The Netherlands

History of the emergence of the hydrogen economy ideal

Paper 3
Jacob Ward
Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Low Energy Futures and the Market Turn: Energy and Environmental Forecasting in British Government
Problems of Place: An Ongoing Conversation on Community, Connection, and Belonging (H)

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Environmental History Now, Germany

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Environmental History Now, Germany

Anastasia Day
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Knar Gavin
University of Pennsylvania, University Park PA, USA (V)

Kuhelika Ghosh
University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA (V)

Ramya Swayamprakas
Grand Valley State University, Allendale MI, USA (V)

Ana Sekulić
University of Pittsburgh, USA (V)

Kate Stevens
University of Waikato, New Zealand

Entire of Itself? Towards an Environmental History of Islands
Different World Session: Book Lounge

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The princess of thaw. Human dimensions of climate change in the Altai Highlands (1993-2021)

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Cécile Bruyet
University of Antwerp, Belgium
Food from somewhere to someone’s plate: urban households’ food networks and climate shocks in late medieval Antwerp

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Petra J.E.M. Van Dam
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Bob Pierik
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands (V)
Who drinks which water? Plurality, Locality and Environmental (In)justice in Dutch Cities, 1500-1850

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Ulrich Koppitz
Medical History Library Düsseldorf, Germany
Mountains and health in medical journals (Germany, 1870s-1918)

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Christine Pappelau
Independent Scholar, Germany
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Dmitrijs Porsnovs
University of Stavanger, Norway
Tire Reefs of USA: Road to Hell Paved with Good Intentions

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Svitlana Valeriivna Pryshchenko
State University of Infrastructure and Technologies Kyiv, Ukraine (V)
Image of mountains in Swiss travel posters of the XX cent.

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Eli Ashkenazi
Oranim College and Beit Berl College & Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Israel
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Paul Kirschstein
University of Greifswald, Germany
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Giulia Beltrametti
University of Primorska, Slovenia
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University of Rochester, USA
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University of Bern, Switzerland
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Axel Cerón González
Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey (V)
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University of Zagreb and University of Applied Sciences Baltazar Zaprešić, Croatia (V)
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University of Bern, Switzerland

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Lerchenweg 35

Café de l’Environnement II
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Daniel Marc Segesser
University of Bern, Switzerland

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ESEH Communication Forum: Postcards and Online Presence
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European University Institute, Florence, Italy

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Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany

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Environment and History Journal: Early Career Researchers’ Forum
Organiser

Sarah Johnson
The White Horse Press, United Kingdom

Presenters

David Moon
University of York, United Kingdom

Leona Skelton
Northumbria University, Newcastle, United Kingdom

0715
Wednesday 23.08.2023 / 19:00-21:00
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Documentary Film Evening: Films as Sources in Environmental and Agricultural History
This event is followed by light apéros

Organisers

Environmental Humanities Switzerland network

Archives of Rural History

Chair

Marcus Hall
University of Zurich, Switzerland

Discussants

Juri Auderset
University of Bern, Switzerland

Stefan Länzlinger
Archive of Social History Zurich, Switzerland

Peter Moser
Archives of Agrarian History Bern, Switzerland

Thomas Schärer
Zurich University of the Arts, Switzerland
Mini workshop in the Swiss Alpine Museum: Exhibiting mountains

The Swiss Alpine Museum presents a wide range of topics: identity, mobility, spatial development, tourism, climate change, the Alps between tradition and innovation. The focus is always on the acting human being. Its historical collection (mountain photography, cartography, alpinism) is part of this task.

The museum works together with experts from various social fields and combines cultural and natural science disciplines to create a holistic view. It understands the Alpine region across borders from Slovenia to France and thinks globally when it comes to the relationship between people and the mountains. It appeals to a broad public with its range of events and educational activities and invites them to participate actively: As everyday experts, visitors’ opinions are sought.

The mini workshop invites the participants to get to know the multifarious topics and approaches of the Swiss Alpine Museum. In the first part, the scientific staff gives an insight in the concept of selected exhibitions in the past. In the second part, a visit of the current exhibitions will look behind the scenes and focus on the making of and the didactic concept.

Organiser
Beat Hächler
Swiss Alpine Museum, Switzerland

Paper 1
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Swiss Alpine Museum, Switzerland


Paper 2
Beat Hächler
Swiss Alpine Museum, Switzerland

Let’s Talk about Mountains. A Filmic Approach to North Korea

Paper 3
Rebecca Etter
Swiss Alpine Museum, Switzerland

Lost and Found Memories Office, no. 1: Skiing – Bring Life to our Collection! (2020-2021)

Guided Tour
Nathalie Lötscher, Barbara Keller and Rebecca Etter
Swiss Alpine Museum, Switzerland

A visit of the current exhibitions «Heimat. Tracing the Story of Mitholz» (a project linking the Swiss Alpine Museum and the people in place) and «Lost and Found Memories Office, no. 2 Women on the Mountain» (a citizen science project)

Organiser
Beat Hächler
Swiss Alpine Museum, Switzerland
Swisstopo workshop: Working with historical geodata. Perspectives from history, engineering and environmental sciences

Geodata can be a powerful source of historical information. Maps, aerial images, and other geodata not only unearth oft-forgotten spatial relations and surroundings relevant to understanding historical actors. Since private and state institutions steadily produced geodata for centuries, historical map series and the like also allow for diachronic analyses in different fields of humanities and science.

This workshop approaches geodata of the Swiss Alps and plains from different angles.

The workshop is addressed to all interested participants; previous knowledge of the topic is not required.

Organiser and Chair
Felix Frey
Federal Office of Topography swisstopo, Switzerland

Presenters
Raphaël Bovier
Federal Office of Topography swisstopo, Switzerland

Holger Heisig
Federal Office of Topography swisstopo, Switzerland

Elias Hodel
ETH Zürich, Switzerland

Unlocking pathways: singing and sensing the sociality of tracks and trails (H)

This interactive workshop will use participatory activities and share multi-media provocations to explore entangled sensory and social engagements with landscape, through two UK Arts and Humanities Research Council funded projects:

«In All Our Footsteps: Tracking, Mapping and Experiencing Rights of Way in Post-War Britain» explores the use and experience of rights of way (footpaths, bridleways and byways), through historical, health and policy perspectives.

«Unlocking landscapes: History, Culture and Sensory Diversity in Landscape Use and Decision Making» is a network exploring the potential for sensory history scholarship to disrupt and expand the types of stories shared about landscape; moving beyond dominant forms of landscape encounter and enabling a greater diversity of people to ‘be’ and belong in historic landscapes.

Sharing insights from both projects, we will use cross-disciplinary approaches from history, geography and creative methodologies to interrogate and de-centre the dominance of individual and visual perspectives of pathways and landscapes. This in turn will open-up possibilities for more inclusive understandings of people-place relationships. We will invite participants to respond to sensory engagements (haptic, sonic, olfactory, gustatory and visual) shape histories and experiences. In particular, we will explore the role of songs and singing in these experiences. Creative approaches, such as poetry, can be effective means of researching and writing these multi-sensory, social engagements and histories with landscapes. We will share original research poems and invite participants to co-create words for a new, inclusive and sensory-engaged, «tramping» song.

Organiser
Abbi Flint
Newcastle University, United Kingdom

Chairs
Clare Hickman
Newcastle University, United Kingdom

Abbi Flint
Newcastle University, United Kingdom

Presenters
Clare Hickman
Newcastle University, United Kingdom

Abbi Flint
Newcastle University, United Kingdom

Sarah Bell
University of Exeter, United Kingdom (V)
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Receptions and Networking Events

Tuesday, 22 August 2023

19:30–22:30 Opening Reception
*Rathaushalle*

Wednesday, 23 August 2023

07:45–08:45 Breakfast of the RUCHE, French network of environmental historians
*Café Bar Sattler, Mittelstrasse 15a*

c. from 21:30 Light apéro following the documentary film evening

Thursday, 24 August 2023

c. from 19:00 Unofficial networking event following the NextGATE meeting
*Front of room F -121 or Platanenhof (weather permitting)*

Friday, 25 August 2023

13:30–14:00 ESEH Prizes Ceremony
*UniS S 003*

18:00–19:00 History of Climate Science Apéro
*Front of room F -121 or Platanenhof (weather permitting)*

19:30–24:00 Closing reception
*Grosse Schanze*
*including food, drinks and live music*

Opening Reception

We are delighted to invite you for finger food and drinks to the historic Rathaushalle dating from the 15th century. Meet with your colleagues from previous conferences and get to know new ones. Please be aware that the number of participants is limited to 400 persons and that access is only possible if you have registered in advance. Don’t forget your name badge to gain access.

Closing Reception

The Grosse Schanze terrace, in front of the University’s main building, will hopefully provide you a spectacular view of the city and of the Bernese Alps – similar to the conference logo. The closing event will give us the opportunity to celebrate with our friends and colleagues, as well as thank all the people involved in the organisation. Enjoy drinks and a large typical Swiss buffet with Raclette cheese (vegan option also available) and finger food. At the end, starting at 22:00, let’s dance to the music of the last 40 years with our live band Lenimusic.
### Tuesday, 22 August 2023

**Coffee break**  
Coffee, espresso, tea (whole milk & oat milk)  
Mixed mini croissants *(Gluten, eggs, milk, sulfite)*  
Mini rolls *(Gluten, eggs, milk, sulfite)*

**Lunch**  
**Vegetarian** «Älplermagronen» Swiss alpine macaroni with potatoes, roasted onions & grated cheese, served with apple compote *(Gluten, eggs, milk, sulfite)*

**Vegan** Creole jambalaya with soy strips, bell peppers, bunching onions and smoked paprika *(Soy, sulfite)*

**Coffee break**  
Coffee, espresso, tea (whole milk & oat milk)  
Seasonal fruit slice from our house baker - vegan *(Nuts, fruit, gluten)*  
Coconut macaroon - gluten free *(Egg, milk, nuts, sulfite)*  
Fruit

### Opening Reception

**Buffet**  
Mousse made from trouts from Rubigen with herbs, in small brioche buns  
Homemade puff pastry croissants filled with goat cream cheese *(vegetarian)*  
Vegetable empanadas *(vegan/warm)*  
Crostini (toasted bread) with beet root tartare and horse radish *(vegan)*  
Small quiche cubes with cheese, leek, meg nut *(vegetarian/warm)*  
Gazpacho Andaluz (cold vegetable soup) served in a drinking glass *(vegan)*  
Mini bagles with:  
- Gruyere cheese, fruit chutney *(vegetarian)*  
- Hummus, grilled bell peppers *(vegan)*  
- «Buurehamme» (farmer’s ham), mustard, pickled gherkins

**Dessert**  
Dark Toblerone chocolate- mousse with «chocolate earth» *(crumbs made from almonds, flower, cocoa powder)*  
Seasonal fruit salad served in a glass

**White wine**  
Anywhere anytime - Johannisberg, Vin d’oeuvre, Leuk VS

**Red wine**  
Cuvée "C", Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cave Biber, Salgesch VS
### Wednesday, 23 August 2023

| Coffee break | Coffee, espresso, tea (whole milk & oat milk)  
|              | Mixed mini croissants (Gluten, eggs, milk, sulfite)  
|              | Mini rolls (Gluten, eggs, milk, sulfite) |
| Lunch        | **Vegetarian** «Palak paneer» Indian spinach and cheese dish with basmati rice (Milk) |
|              | **Vegan** Paella with peas, bell peppers, mushrooms and zucchini, served with herb-soy-dip and almonds (Soy, nuts, fruit. Nuts are served separately) |
| Coffee break | Coffee, espresso, tea (whole milk & oat milk)  
|              | Danish plunder pastry – vegan (Gluten, nuts)  
|              | «Pfaffenhütli» - pastry with hazelnut filling, gluten free (Egg, milk, nuts, sulfite)  
|              | Fruit |
## Food and Drinks

### Friday, 25 August 2023

| Coffee break | Coffee, espresso, tea (whole milk & oat milk)  
|              | Mixed mini croissants (*Gluten, eggs, milk, sulfite*)  
|              | Mini rolls (*Gluten, eggs, milk, sulfite*) |
| Lunch        | **Vegetarian** Penne pasta with red pesto and antipasti-vegetables served with grated cheese and rocket (*Gluten, eggs, milk, nuts. Nuts are served separately*) |
|              | **Vegan** Red vegetable curry with tofu served with jasmine rice (*Soy, celery, sesame*) |
| Coffee break | Coffee, espresso, tea (whole milk & oat milk)  
|              | Home made brownies - vegetarian (*Nuts, egg, milk, gluten*)  
|              | Exotic fruit salad, Vegan and gluten free  
|              | Fruit |

### Closing Reception

| Starter | Tortilla chips / salsa  
|         | Vegetable sticks / vegan dips  
|         | Tomatoes with mozzarella cheese, balsamico vinegar |
| Main Course | «Swiss Raclette» (melted cheese), self service  
|           | Jacket potatoes  
|           | Mixed pickles  
|           | Bread  
|           | Garnishes |
| Dessert  | Sweet cider cream  
|          | Fruit platter |

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### Meetings

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City Trips

The Swiss Parliament
Get an insight into the Swiss Parliament. You will visit the focal points of the building such as the domed hall, both debating chambers (Council of States and National Council) and the lobby (‘Wandelhalle’). In addition, you will be given some information on the history of the Federal Palace and on the work of the Swiss parliamentary system.

Tuesday, 22 August 2023, 14:00-16:00 (A)
Start: UniS
Price: CHF 10
Guide: Christine Egerszegi-Obrist

The Water Supply and Sewage System of Bern in Pre-modern Times
A guided tour of the famous figurative fountains and the sewage system of the city of Bern in the pre-modern era.

Wednesday, 23 August 2023, 16:00-18:00
Start: UniS
Price: CHF 10
Guide: Armand Baeriswyl

City Tour for Young Researchers
Why do the street shields in Bern have different colours? Why do we have a Dutch Tower in Bern? What is a Ligu Lehm? These and many more questions about the History of Bern will be answered on our young researchers city tour during a walk from the famous Loebegge to the cosy Tram Depot.

Thursday, 24 August 2023, 14:00-16:00
Start: UniS
Price: CHF 10
Guide: Niklaus Bartlome

Bern in the Late Middle Ages
Discover the world-famous Zytglogge (clock tower) and the late Gothic Bern Minster, enjoy a spectacular view from the Minster terrace down to the Matte quarter and the Aare river, and end up at the 15th century town hall.

Friday, 25 August 2023, 14:00-16:00
Start: UniS
Price: CHF 10
Guide: Nicole Nyffenegger-Staub

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The Piora Valley – between «old» and «new» commons

Piora is one of the largest alpine pastures in Canton Ticino, where the renowned Piora AOC cheese is produced. Owned by the ancient „Corporazione dei Boggesi di Piora“, it is also managed by the members of the corporation on a voluntary basis with the help of a professional staff combining traditional uses with modern cheesemaking techniques. The excursion will focus on the evolution of collective uses and the challenges of the new land use forms and ecosystem services, from mountain pastoralism and hydroelectric exploitation to tourism and nature conservation.

We will be travelling from Bern (departure 7:00h, meeting point 6:45h) to Ambri-Stazione, from where we will taking a minibus and drive to Lake Cadagno. There we will meet with local guide Mark Bertogliati, who will visit the Piora alp with us. There will be lunch with typical local products, followed by an excursion on foot back to the Rifugio lago Ritom (1.5 -2 hours). From there we will be taking the minibus back to Ambri-Stazione, from where will return via Lucerne to Bern (arrival time approx. 20:00h).

Duration
26 August 2023, 06:45–20:00

Price
– Standard rate: 50 CHF
– SBB Halbtax holders: 40 CHF
– SBB GA and Swiss Travel Pass holders: 10 CHF
– Add a pre-booked full lunch 30 CHF

Practical information - Required equipment
Hiking shoes; sun and rain protection; enough drinking water; possibly hiking sticks.

In case of bad weather we will visit the Leventina Museum in Giornico.

Organisers
Tobias Haller
Ariane Zangger

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Rural life in the Swiss mountains and plains: The rural open-air exhibition at Ballenberg in the Bernese Alps

This prize-winning site offers a superb insight into traditional living and working conditions in historical Switzerland covering all Alpine and non-Alpine regions of Switzerland. Rural farmhouses, Alpine granaries, etc. have been transferred and re-erected. You may also try to bake traditional bread, to make soft cheese etc.

Welcome and introduction by Barbara Karl, Scientific Director Ballenberg

In rotation in groups of 10

House tour 1: Stefan Kunz  
SNSF project Human and House, Adelboden BE

House tour 2: Linda Imhof  
SNSF project Human and House, Cuggnasco TI

House tour 3: Martin Stuber  
New permanent exhibition  
Forestry Museum, Sachseln OW

Duration
26 August 2023, 08:00-18:30

Price
– Excursion, standard rate: 50 CHF
– Excursion, SBB Halbtax holders: 40 CHF
– Excursion, SBB GA and Swiss Travel Pass holders: 10 CHF
– Add a pre-booked full lunch (including soft drinks, coffee/tea): 30 CHF

Organiser
Martin Stuber

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Hot spots of Alpine tourism in the Belle Époque: Schynige Platte and Grandhotel Giessbach

The excursion based on public transport will firstly lead to the Schynige Platte. A historical cog railway starting at Wilderswil near Interlaken in the Bernese Alps brings us up to an altitude of 1967 metres a.s.l. to provide the maybe most spectacular view of the Bernese Alps (Eiger, Mönch, Jungfrau). It is a wonderful study site to examine Belle Époque tourism infrastructure. The historic Botanical Alpine Garden on top is a unique attraction displaying over 700 species of plants native to the Swiss Alps and growing in their natural environment. A one hour scenic walk will lead the more active participants to various spectacular viewpoints. The others may enjoy the view from the terrace of the restaurant on top of the Schynige Platte.

After a ship trip across Lake Brienz (presumably with a paddle steamer of 1914) and a short ride with the oldest still working funicular railway of Europe (1879) we will arrive at the Grandhotel Giessbach built in the 1870s close to the famous Giessbach waterfalls. This Grandhotel suffered difficult times until it has been rescued by a national initiative led by Swiss naturalist Franz Weber. It is today one of the most beautiful historic hotels in Switzerland with a protected landscape park around. The guided visit of the natural resort (one hour walking tour) and the historic hotel will be followed by a light Apéro included in the price. On the way back, we will take the ship across Lake Brienz again and return to Bern by train.

Please note that in case of very bad weather the trip to the top of the Schynige Platte will be replaced by a visit to Grindelwald, a tourist hot-spot formerly known as «the village beneath the glacier».

Duration
26 August 2023, 08:00–19:30

Price
- Standard rate: 70 CHF
- SBB Halbtax holders: 50 CHF
- SBB GA and Swiss Travel Pass holders: 30 CHF
- Add a vegetarian lunch package: 10 CHF

Mobility
Good shoes required for the walking tours, not suitable for wheelchairs, walkers and prams.

Overnight stay:
Why not experiencing the spirit of the Belle Époque yourself? Feel free to book a two-nights stay at the Grandhotel Giessbach at a special conference rate.

Organiser:
Christian Rohr

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The Jura lakes melioration project

Due to the Aare River and its tributaries, the so-called Grosse Moos marshland northwest of Bern had been flooded year-by-year making the area nearly inhabitable. In the second half of the 19th century, however, the Aare River was diverted into Lake Biel, and besides this lake, also Lake Neuchâtel and Lake Murten had been lowered by more than 2 metres. In this way, the whole ecosystem has changed: the Grosse Moos is one of the most important areas for vegetable cultivation today; the famous Saint-Peter’s Island in Lake Biel (once the place of refuge of Jean-Jacques Rousseau) became a peninsula with a reeds nature reserve.

The excursion by coach will lead us firstly to the Schlossmuseum Nidau situated close to Lake Biel (exhibition on the history of the melioration project). We will then proceed to the mouth of the Hagneck channel diverting the Aare River into Lake Biel. The small delta is today restructured by a renaturation project bringing eagles and other birds back to this region. We will then enjoy a view from Mont Vully over the Grosse Moos plain and the three lakes. After a small walk through the tiny historic city of Murten you will have time for a lunch break. Please note that lunch is not included in the price. You may go to a restaurant, take some food and drink at a supermarket or take-away restaurant or book a lunch package. In the afternoon, we will take the ship course on Lake Biel from Erlach to Saint-Peter’s Island. After a short walk, we will arrive a (former) medieval priory. The ship will finally bring us to Ligerz, a small scenic village of winemakers, where we will join our coach again to bring us home to Bern.

Duration
26 August 2023, 08:00-18:30

Price
- Excursion, standard rate: 40 CHF
- Excursion, SBB Halbtax holders: 35 CHF
- SBB GA and Swiss Travel Pass holders: 30 CHF
- Add a vegetarian lunch package: 10 CHF

Mobility
Good shoes recommended for the short walking tours, not suitable for wheelchairs and walkers, but no problem with prams.

Organiser
Sebastian De Pretto
Christian Rohr

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Defending the country in a marshland: The fortifications of Aarberg and Murten, 1815-1918

Up to the mid-19th century, the so-called Grosses Moos was flooded year-by-year due to a large body of water flowing from the Aare River and its tributaries into this shallow part of the country. For the city-republic of Bern this meant that the main access to its territory from the west could rather easily be defended at the country town of Aarberg, where many roads and lines of communication met.

In the second half of the 19th century, however, due to the Jura lakes melioration project the Aare River was diverted into Lake Biel, and besides this lake, also Lake Neuchâtel and Lake Murten were lowered by more than 2 metres. In this way, not only the whole ecosystem changed, but the defensive positions in Aarberg lost much of their strength. The line from Mont Vully along the Zihl Canal and the Jolimont became a more forward position that was fortified in the context of the defensive operations of the Swiss Army during the First World War.

The excursion by coach will lead us at first to the country town of Aarberg, where we will visit the old city as well as the fortifications built in the early 19th century. We will thus be able to see, how the military of the time used their knowledge of geography and ecology to set up positions to defend their country against an attack from the west. We will also see, how the changes of the second half of the 19th century including the Jura lakes melioration project changed the situation. We will the proceed to Mont Vully, which will give us a perfect view over the whole area and which still contains remnants from Swiss positions built during the First World War. After a lunch break in Murten we will move to the Jolimont and the Zihl Canal to have a look at how the Swiss Army planned to defend itself against a possible attack of French forces through the Jura during the First World War.

In the course of our travel we will also have the possibility to see where and how visions existed for a city of world peace in this region.

Duration
26 August 2023, 08:00–18:00

Price
– Standard rate: 30 CHF
– Add a vegetarian lunch package: 10 CHF

Mobility
Good shoes recommended for the short walking tours, not suitable for wheelchairs, walkers and prams.

Organiser:
Daniel Marc Segesser

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A visit of the exhibition «Nature. And us?» in the Stapferhaus Lenzburg

The Stapferhaus in Lenzburg, a small city between Bern and Zurich, is a well-known and award-winning exhibition site. It focuses on crucial topics of our society and envisages a wider public. The current exhibition «Nature and us» deals with views on «nature» in the past (e.g. by collecting plants and dead animals in museum collections), as well as on our current and future challenges concerning climate change, biodiversity and resources. The concept of presentation is enriched with interactive tools and innovative ways of presenting the different aspects. E.g., why not experiencing the urban environment from the perspective of a rat? The guided tour will also look behind the scenes and will focus on didactic aspects.

Duration
26 August 2023, 09:00-13:30

If you would like to leave just after this visit, you may take the next train from Lenzburg directly to Zurich or Zurich Airport. The visit will end at 17:00 on 25.08.2023, and at 12:00 on 26.08.2023 respectively.

Price
- Excursion, standard rate: 40 CHF
- Excursion, SBB Halbtax holders: 25 CHF
- SBB GA and Swiss Travel Pass holders: 10 CHF
- Excursion, standard rate: (one way train): 25 CHF
- Excursion, SBB Halbtax holders: (one way train): 20 CHF
- SBB GA and Swiss Travel Pass holders: (one way train): 10 CHF

Mobility
Suitable for wheelchairs, walkers and prams. Also recommended for children aged 6+ years.

Organiser
Christian Rohr
Visit some of the leading publishers in environmental history at our book exhibition and get in contact to discuss possible publication projects. Also the traditional silent book auction to raise travel grant funding for the next ESEH Conference will take place here.

UniS room A 019
Marketplace

Our «marketplace» is a small exhibition where institutions, scientific networks, journals and other may present themselves to the on-site participants

UniS room A 017

Desks with printed and audio-visual information material such as flyers, display copies, self-running videos and PowerPoint slides on a screen:

- Archiv für Agrargeschichte
- GAW-GCOS Switzerland
- Mountain Research Initiative
- ProClim
- WCEH 2024 Oulu/ICEHO
- World Glacier Monitoring Service
- Wool-art, Verena Winiwarter (Fundraising for scholarships to the WCEH 2024 in Oulu)

Posters:

- ESEH Summer School 2023 on «Climate»
- ESEH Summer School 2023 on «Commons»
- Euro-Climhist
Useful Information

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Medical Care

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  - Schanzenstrasse 4A
    - +41 31 326 20 00
    - 7:00-22:00

- Insel Spital - adults
  - university hospital for emergency medicine
  - Freiburgstrasse 16 C
    - +41 31 632 24 02
    - 24h

- Insel Spital - children and adolescents
  - emergency centre for children and adolescents
  - Freiburgstrasse 15, entrance 31a
    - +41 31 632 92 77
    - 24h

Pharmacies

- Bahnhof Apotheke
  - Main station
    - 8:00-21:00

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- Zähringer Apotheke Ballinari
  - Gesellschaftsstrasse 36
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