

2023 ESEH Summer School: Climate in History

Date: 17–20 August 2023

Location: Aeschi bei Spiez (Canton of Bern, Switzerland)

The anthropogenic climate change and related environmental changes will affect, and have already affected, human societies. Examples from the past can offer detailed insights on the complexity of these climate-society interactions. However, accessing relevant climate data and carrying related statistical analyses can hinder scholars from the humanities to include climatic aspects in their studies.

The ESEH 2023 Summer School 'Climate' invites young researchers from all fields of historical/archaeological research who have **no or modest prior knowledge** on climate sciences or working with climate data.

The Summer School consists of lectures, presentations, and hands on-exercises. The participants will learn about climate variability of the historical past and the basics of climate reconstruction, model, and early instrumental observation materials. All Summer School participants are expected to give a short presentation of their research, which is followed by in-depth discussion with other participants and lecturers. The presentation instructions will be provided to the accepted Summer School participants in early 2023. In addition, we will conduct together a small climate history research project over the course, which will be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal later in 2023. The students will be awarded 5 ECTS for their participation.

Confirmed lecturers:

Stefan Brönnimann (University of Bern, CH); Elaine Lin (National Taiwan Normal University, TW); Christian Rohr (University of Bern, CH); Andrea Seim (University of Freiburg, DE); Michael Sigl (University of Bern, CH); Sam White (University of Helsinki, FI); Elena Xoplaki (Uni. Giessen, DE).

The Summer School is open to young researchers (PhD students and early Post-Docs) worldwide. **The deadline for applications is 31 October 2022.**

To apply, submit a short CV (max. two pages), a letter of motivation (max. 400 words), and a short abstract (max. 250 words) of your PhD/Post-Doc research project in a **single PDF file** at https://www.eseh2023.unibe.ch/summer_schools/ and fill in the application details. We are working on a grant application to cover full board accommodation over the Summer School as well as the reimbursement of the international travel costs to the venue and back for all Summer School participants (note that the ESEH 2023 conference fee or accommodation in Bern during the following conference is not included in the grant). For further information, please contact the ESEH Climate Summer School convenor Heli Huhtamaa (heli.huhtamaa@unibe.ch).

The successful Summer School applicants will be informed in November 2022.

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