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in the Era of the Great Acceleration

**WCEH19 Conference:**

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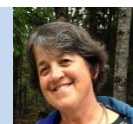
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**1 September 2019**



***Dear members of ICEHO member organisations,  
institutes, departments and networks,***

Environmental historians mourn the deaths of two eminent pioneers, John Opie and Don Hughes. On this sad occasion, I invite you to reflect on how environmental historians today work in a world that differs from that of the first generation. Australia under a heat wave. US environmental legislation under threat. Kandahar city and several districts of southern Afghanistan under water: Flash floods killed more than 20 people as I write.

The European Environment Agency recently published a report on flooding in Europe, *Floodplain management: reducing flood risks and restoring healthy ecosystems*. Researchers predict that by 2050, flood losses will increase fivefold due to climate change but also to increasing value of the land around the floodplains, and urbanization. Historical baseline data allow such analyses, although this fact seldom gets mentioned.

IPCC, IPBES, IUCN and many more organizations report, call for action and show data that should make society active. Two years ago, the “Bregenz Declaration” by the World Future Council was published,

see <https://www.worldfuturecouncil.org/bregenz-declaration-call-collective-consciousness/> ...but have you even heard of it?

Whatever the readings I set, my students ask for “more solution-oriented papers, please”. But some also come up after class and thank me, telling me that they find the lessons from environmental history worthwhile and helpful to orient themselves in an increasingly confusing world. Some ask me what I think of the future ... answers are not easy. Is it time to lose hope? Christof Mauch does not think so. He recently published *Slow Hope: Rethinking Ecologies of Crisis and Fear*, inviting us all to see the many flowers blooming in local and regional initiatives to future-oriented living.

<http://www.environmentandsociety.org/perspectives/2019/1/slow-hope-rethinking-ecologies-crisis-and-fear>

While this is certainly a great resource to offer students, I also direct them to the website of the International Council for Science, an organization that was created in July 2018 as the result of a merger between the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC) as the only international non-governmental organization bringing together the natural and social sciences.

I suggest to my students what I want to suggest to all our members: The value we create, the reason we should be hopeful is the scholarship we produce, the research and the teaching, the dissemination activities and the participation in public processes where our expertise can make a difference. We serve the greater good by delivering one of the most influential, but also one of the most contested public goods: systematically produced, reliable knowledge.

The International Council of Science (ICS) is the largest global science organization of its type. ICEHO shares their vision: to advance scholarship **as a global public good**. As ICS states in its mission, scientific knowledge, data and expertise must be universally accessible and their benefits universally shared. The practice of science must be inclusive and equitable, also in opportunities for scientific education and capacity development.

ICS sees itself as a global voice for science. It speaks for the value of all science and evidence-informed decision-making; stimulates and supports international scientific research and scholarship on

major issues of global concern; articulates scientific knowledge on such issues in the public domain; promotes the continued and equal advancement of scientific rigour, creativity and relevance in all parts of the world and lastly, defends the free and responsible practice of science.

Should ICEHO join ICS's 141 Member Organizations, 39 Member Unions and Associations and 30 Affiliated Members? Should ICEHO organize virtual conferences? Should ICEHO sponsor and promote Environmental History sessions at large scientific gatherings such as the European Geophysical Union meeting, held in Vienna every year in April or at other large conferences? How can ICEHO contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals, the Agenda 2030? ICEHO is an umbrella society dedicated to increase the visibility of environmental history, to foster international communication and networking and serve all members. ICEHO will hold a general assembly at the WCEH in Brazil in July, and before that, there will be a board meeting at ASEH in Columbus, Ohio in April. We ask for your input! Please write to secretary Bo Poulsen at [bpoulsen@cgs.aau.dk](mailto:bpoulsen@cgs.aau.dk) or to me and let us know what YOU would want ICEHO to do. Please send your suggestions at your earliest convenience, but **no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>**

We will try our best to accommodate your suggestions and discuss them at the board meeting in Columbus, Ohio (at the ASEH meeting, 10-14 April) or invite you to present them to the General Assembly in due course. Until we meet again, I offer my best wishes for the spring/autumn season  
Yours

Verena Winiwarter  
President, ICEHO

For more on **John Opie**:  
[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/329512033\\_In\\_Memoriam\\_John\\_Opie\\_1934-2018](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/329512033_In_Memoriam_John_Opie_1934-2018)

For more on **Don Hughes**  
[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/259838867\\_J\\_Donald\\_Hughes](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/259838867_J_Donald_Hughes)

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## Registrations are now open for WCEH19 - including Field Trips!

Among the many interesting events in the Program, don't miss the field trips. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, participants are encouraged to join a **walking tour to Florianópolis downtown** and have a delicious lunch at the over a hundred-year-old New Public Market (Field trip 1).



The old ficus tree (*Ficus organensis*), a seedling from 1871 that was replanted in 1891 to its current location, right in the middle of the main square. The old tree is spread in all directions and sustained by steel posts. For environmental historians, it is a treat.

On July 27, Saturday, the local arrangements committee have organized three different field trips, to answer the different needs of the Congress attendees. Field Trip 2 takes visitors to

the **Rio do Rastro Mountains Range**, one of the most scenic views in Brazil – which is saying a lot. Atlantic forest, waterfalls, and enough switchbacks to turn your head. (Pun intended). The trip includes a visit to winery, lunch and wine degustation. The guides are Samira Moretto and Eunice Nodari, who have worked and studied the region for many years. The trip takes the entire day (7 am to 8 pm), so it is not advised if you are taking off on that day.

For visitors who want to see the island's beautiful Northern beaches, Field trip 3 offers a shorter circuit to **Jurerê, Praia do Forte and Praia da Daniela**. Manoel Pereira R. T. dos Santos and Lucas Mores will show you Sambaqui, a parish that preserves the old Azorean architecture, and the local cultivation of oysters and shellfish, a project that has connected academia and the local community. The tour finishes at 4 pm, and lunch is also included.

For those even more pressed for time, in Field trip 4, congress-goers may visit an Atlantic rainforest conservation unit and be back to the city at 2 pm. The trip combines **urban environmental history and conservation history, as the Serra do Tabuleiro State Park, created in 1975**, had a dual function of protect fauna and flora and also the water supply for Florianópolis Metropolitan Area. João Klug and Esther Rossi have been bringing students to the area for many years and have much to impart about the potential of the area for environmental education and eco-tourism.

All trips are on first-come first-served basis, and the slots are limited. But each of the field trips reveals a bit of the complexity of Brazil's environmental history.

And good food.

Book here:  
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## ***Prizes to be Awarded at the World Congress***

The world congress will offer several opportunities for recognition of scholarly work. First, the Environmental History Cluster Austria will offer a prize for interdisciplinary research. For more information, see:

[https://www.3wceh2019.floripa.br/conteudo/view?ID\\_CONTEUDO=406](https://www.3wceh2019.floripa.br/conteudo/view?ID_CONTEUDO=406)

In addition, La Sociedad Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Historia Ambiental (SOLCHA) will present an award for the most global SOLCHA-related paper, and the American Society for Environmental History will issue a best poster award. All participants of the conference are eligible for these prizes, which will be awarded at the congress. If your organization would like to sponsor an award (it does not necessarily require funds – just someone to evaluate and present a certificate at the ceremony), please contact the program committee co chairs at [sgallini@unal.edu.co](mailto:sgallini@unal.edu.co) and [lisamighetto@gmail.com](mailto:lisamighetto@gmail.com) as soon as possible

## ***EHCA Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Environmental History***

On the occasion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> WCEH, Florianopolis, Brazil

### **Aim and Scope of the Prize:**

The Environmental History Cluster Austria acknowledges conceptual and empirical approaches to environmental history, which are interdisciplinary and contribute significantly to advancing the field as an interdisciplinary endeavour. While environmental history tends to use the data of a large range of disciplines as their sources, and hence often is multi-disciplinary, some approaches are made possible because of a very intense integration of concepts, approaches, methods and data from various disciplines. Such work needs an extra effort and is often bound to teams, a form or organisation of research that the historical profession has taken up less than other disciplines.

### **Who can apply?**

If your presentation (poster, paper, roundtable contribution) has been accepted for the WCEH 2019 and you attend the congress, you can apply.

### **When do I need to apply?**

Applications close **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, midnight (CET).

### **How can you apply?**

Send the following documents:

- The abstract that you submitted
- An extended version of that abstract, no more than 3 manuscript pages, including references. (Figures or tables can be added as Appendices)
- Make it clear how your research contributes to Interdisciplinary Environmental History.
- The session you are speaking/presenting
- A short CV (2 Pages)

You are required to send them IN ONE ZIPPED document in ONE e-mail to [verena.winiwarter@boku.ac.at](mailto:verena.winiwarter@boku.ac.at)

### **Prize committee**

Members of the EHCA present at the conference will decide upon the prize. As far as possible, your poster or oral presentation will be seen/heard by members of EHCA. Decisions, however, are based on the extended abstract.

### What is in it for you?

A certificate will be issued for the first, second and third place. The winner will receive Euro 200 as travel subsidy or for books. Extended Abstracts of the first three will be published on the EHCA website, [www.ehca.at](http://www.ehca.at).

### Questions?

Write to [verena.winiwarter@boku.ac.at](mailto:verena.winiwarter@boku.ac.at) with "EHCA Prize" in the subject line. Failing to do so will lead to delays, as Verena Winiwarter uses e-mail filtering rules.



### Irregular Ecologies:

*The Environmental Impact of Unconventional Warfare*  
A Workshop

**Florianópolis, Brazil, 20–21 July 2019**

Conveners: **Christof Mauch**, Rachel Carson Center, LMU Munich and **Javier Puente**, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Warfare seldom affects humans alone. While inflicting devastating effects on societies, armed conflicts also shape economic, cultural, socio-political, and ecological transformations. As violence territorializes, armed conflicts begin to affect the ecologies and livelihoods that once sustained them. Environmental transformation thus emerges as an inextricable correlate of human conflict.

The Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society (RCC) and the Armed Conflict and Environment Research Network (ACERN) host a two-day workshop focused on the interaction between guerilla warfare and social and environmental transformations in the Global South, with a special focus on the last three decades.

Event which will be held on the eve of the Third World Congress of Environmental History (22–26 July 2019).

## What about WCEH 2024? Where will it be?

If your institution can host the next world congress, please be ready to discuss at Florianópolis. Send expressions of interest to [bpoulsen@cgs.aau.dk](mailto:bpoulsen@cgs.aau.dk) by 30 June 2019



## Notes and News from Societies

### ICEHO Table at the ASEH Meeting, 10-14 April, Columbus Ohio

If you are coming to the ASEH meeting, look out for the ICEHO table.

It will be the only table with socks for sale...



President, Verena Winiwarter, has been knitting her famous socks, to help early career scholars get to the World Congress in 2019. Come along and say hello – buy a nice pair of socks – and have a look at the books we have on offer as well – silent auction format. All being sold for a good ICEHO cause!



### Check out ASEH resources on Twitter:



## News from the Trinity Centre for Environmental Humanities, Ireland

Trinity Centre for Environmental History (TCEH) has been awarded Irish Research Council funding for the project “**FoodSmartCity**”. The principal investigator, **Poul Holm**, will establish a multidisciplinary team from ethnology, history, marine ecology, and digital humanities to access the historical knowledge and ecological resources of an island nation in an innovative partnership with a pioneering wholesale/restaurant group. We aim to promote a shift in seafood menus to lower trophic levels (seaweed, bivalves) by re-introducing forgotten recipes into the Irish diet. The project will work with schools in partnership with Eco-UNESCO.

A new post-doctoral position is open at TCEH as part of the Dr. Francis Ludlow’s Irish Research Council-funded project, **Climates of Conflict in Ancient Babylonia** (CLICAB). The project examines if and how climatic changes, including drought, flooding and other extreme weather, are linked to patterns of violence and conflict in the Ancient Near East. The position call: <http://www.tcd.ie/tceh> The project: <http://www.tcd.ie/tceh/projects/CLICAB>

**NorFish** (the Environmental History of the North Atlantic Fisheries project), funded by the European Research Council is developing fast with major results to be published in March on the fish revolution around 1500 AD and changes in consumption in major journals, Quaternary Research and Historical Methods. For more on NorFish, please visit <http://www.tcd.ie/tceh/projects>

TCEH is hosting **CO-SUSTAIN**, a two-year research project funded by the EU H2020 MSCActions. The research, awarded to **Dr Ruth Brennan**, started in October 2018. European fisheries and coastal communities are facing significant challenges that call for innovative, sustainable and inclusive responses. CO-SUSTAIN will work closely with the Irish Islands Marine Resources Organisation (IIMRO) to co-design and test innovative governance approaches that promote good governance, foster marine stewardship and contribute to sustainability goals while meeting the need of fisheries-dependent coastal communities to flourish. This interdisciplinary research will be focused on the four island groups of Donegal,

Mayo, Galway and Cork on the Irish west coast. Follow the project at <http://belongingtothesea.com/>

TCEH researcher Dr Ruth Brennan recently appeared on a Near FM podcast to talk about her work on COSUSTAIN and the Centre: <http://nearfm.ie/podcast/?p=30239>



Irish Environmental History Network

TCEH’s lecture series continues, for updates on free Environmental Humanities events in TCD go to <http://tcd.ie/tceh/iehn>

Visit our blogs page for insights and comments by TCEH researchers, <https://www.tcd.ie/tceh/blogs/>

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## Global Sustainable Development Goals in a Mediatized World

SDGs in a world full of media...

<https://www.oeaw.ac.at/sustainable-development2019/>



On 4-5 April 2019, the Austrian Academy of Sciences will convene the international symposium “Global Sustainable Development Goals in a Mediatized World.” Achieving the goals laid out in the Agenda 2030 in a mediatized world poses new challenges and opportunities for all stakeholders, including the scientific community.

Mediatization shapes public discourses and thus influences the way in which the Agenda 2030 is reflected, criticized, and implemented. Communication plays an important and sometimes decisive role in the awareness and individual acceptance and the political and economic legitimization of the SDGs due to digitalization, convergence, and globalization in a rapidly changing societal environment. The symposium will highlight these aspects, discuss the consequences across disciplines, and elaborate the implications of research related to the implementation of the Agenda 2030.

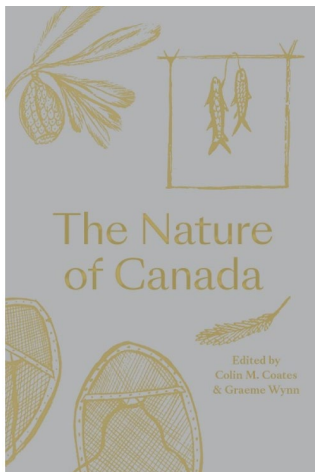
With this symposium, the Austrian Academy of Sciences intends to highlight the contributions that Austrian scientists can make to the SDGs, deepen the interdisciplinary dialogue among scientists and beyond, and better acquaint researchers with the SDGs. We



welcome colleagues with areas of expertise not typically considered when discussing the SDGs.

**New! From Colin M. Coates and Graeme Wynn**

***The Nature of Canada***  
<https://www.ubcpress.ca/the-nature-of-canada>



Tracing a path from the Ice Age to the Anthropocene, some of the foremost stars in the field of environmental history reflect on how Canadians as a nation, have idolized and found inspiration in nature even as fishers, fur traders, farmers, foresters, miners, and city planners have commodified it and tried to tame it.

*The Nature of Canada* available May 2019

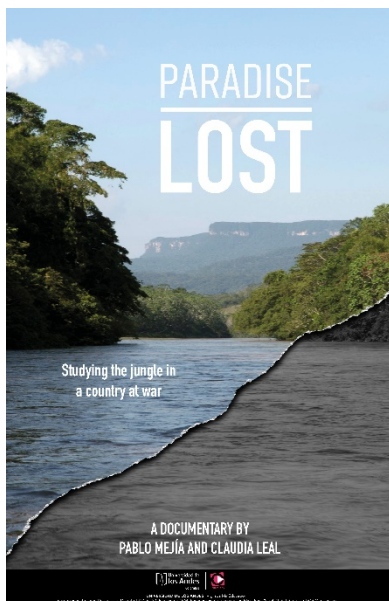
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**Environmental Documentary**

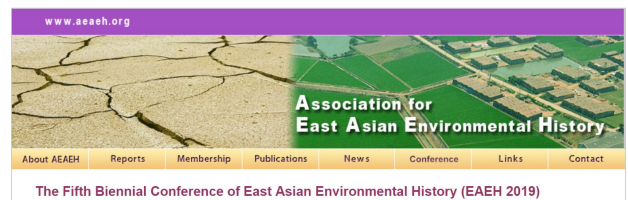
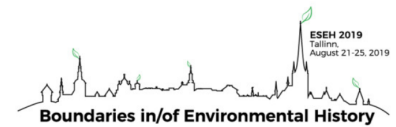
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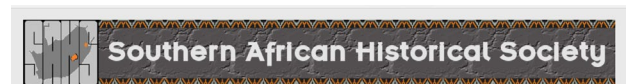
**National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan**

**October 24-27, 2019.**

<http://www.aeah.org/eah2019.htm>

**For further information and updates, please visit EAEH2019 website.**

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**SAHS: Southern African Historical Society**

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**24-26 June 2019**

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