**ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY**

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Шановні колеги!

Розпочався новий, 2019-й рік. Маємо надію, що він буде не менш цікавим і плідним, ніж попередні роки, адже наукова дисципліна «екологічна історія» невпинно розвивається. Пропонуємо Вашій увазі новини **Європейського товариства екологічної історії - ESEH** та анонси деяких наукових подій, які можуть Вас зацікавити.

***НАУКОВІ КОНФЕРЕНЦІЇ***

CALL FOR PAPERS

GCfE 13th Annual Conference

**Europe’s Environments: Climates of Change and Sustainability in Cross-disciplinary Perspectives**

Great Britain, Birmingham

9–10 May 2019

Тези до 22.02.2019

The conference wishes to address questions such as: What factors, ideas and values define and disrupt Europe and its entangled internal and external environments? What pressures have been – and continue to be – placed on these environments and how have they been dealt with, both in the past and in contemporary Europe? How can Europeans create and preserve cohesive environments that adapt to change and accommodate diversity?

We invite suggestions for 20-minute papers from disciplines such as Political Sciences, Economics, Law, History, European Studies, Modern Languages, Literature and Film, Translation and Cultural Studies, Environmental Sciences, etc. We welcome contributions relating to one or more of the following overlapping strands:

• Natural environments: e.g. effects of global climate change; transformation of rural landscapes, intensive farming; loss of biodiversity; environmental policies and protests

• Political and legal environments: e.g. local, national and supranational institutions; democracy, populism and extremism; the EU, Brexit and separatist movements; immigration policy (e.g. ‘hostile environments’); security and policing

• Socio-cultural environments: e.g. cultural encounters, minorities and diasporas; integration and identity; architecture, urban and recreational landscapes, housing; social and artistic movements; literary eco-criticism; creative representations

• Technological and scientific environments: e.g. artificial intelligence and transhumanism; social media and privacy/data breaches; digital research and infrastructures; renewable energy/production and ecological transition

• Socio-economic environments: e.g. changing markets and cryptocurrencies; public investments and stagnation; inequality, austerity and welfare; precarious employment/zero-hours contracts; dignity, solidarity and social justice; corporate social responsibility; ecological and social dumping (e.g. through fiscal evasion and law shopping)

As a Centre run by a steering committee of postgraduates, we particularly encourage **postgraduates and early career researchers** to apply. A number of bursaries will be available to assist with travel and accommodation expenses. If you would like to present at the conference, please send an abstract of 200-300 words, along with your contact details and a brief biographical note, to gcfe@contacts.bham.ac.uk by **22 February 2019**.

Contact Email:

gcfe@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Conference Web-Site: <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/gcfe/index.aspx>

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The Great Environmental Switch: Ecology, Technology, and Thinking 2019**

 [Sweden](https://www.science-community.org/en/conferences/Sweden), Stockholm

20-21 May 2019

Тези до 08.02.2019

*The Department of Culture and Aesthetics, Stockholm University, is delighted to welcome you to a 2 day conference with Erich Hörl, Professor of Media Culture at the Leuphana University Lüneburg, and senior researcher at Leuphana’s Digital Cultures Research Lab (DCRL), Germany.*

Ecology has become one of the most important concepts in the humanities as well as in the social and natural sciences. No longer limited to a traditional notion of nature and natural environments, the concept of ecology is now also applied with a wider scope, investigating, for example, technological environments and media ecologies, as well as ecologies of perception and cognition. This conceptual expansion of ecology reflects the profound overlapping of natural and technological elements constituting contemporary environments. The current situation of environmentality demands that we go beyond the specificity of any particular ecology: a general thinking of ecology which may also entail an ecological transformation of thought itself is required.
The conference’s specific and more general concerns include, but are not limited to:

    environmentalization
    cybernetization
    the environmentality of power, knowledge, and subjectivity
    infrastructurality
    digital milieus
    techno ecology
    media ecology
    the ecologization of thinking and materiality
    the ecologization of fictionality and worldmaking.

Organizing comittee e-mail: johan.klingborg@littvet.su.se

Organizers: The Department of Culture and Aesthetics, Stockholm University

Conference Web-Site: <https://www.su.se/ike/english/about-us/events/the-great-environmental-switch-ecology-technology-and-thinking-1.416259>

**4th Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies**

[Estonia](https://www.science-community.org/en/conferences/Estonia), Tartu

9-11 June, 2019

Тези до: 20.02.2019

Scholars working in all subfields of area studies, including comparative politics, international relations, economics, history, sociology, anthropology, cultural studies and related disciplines, are invited to submit proposals for panels, roundtables and papers for the Fourth Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies.

The 2019 Tartu Conference is organized by the UT’s Centre for EU–Russia Studies (CEURUS) in cooperation with the Institute of Russian and Eurasian Studies at Uppsala University and the Global Europe Centre at the University of Kent. As in previous years, the organizers expect the number of participants to reach or exceed 200.

The problem of community – moral and political, cultural and civic, national, local, regional and global – is central to many heated debates of our time. These debates often focus on state sovereignty, including such issues as national independence, control over territories and people, interdependence and regional integration, minorities and immigration. However, we live in an increasingly fragmented world, where political polarization and ‘culture wars’ undermine national cohesion. Imperial legacies, technological developments and globalization reshape existing communities and create new ones, both in the ‘real’ world and in cyberspace. Revolutionary forms of art and cosmopolitan lifestyles sometimes clash with conservative mindsets which foreground traditional culture and civilizational uniqueness. Against this background, there is ever more urgent need to reflect on what holds communities together and enables them to operate as sovereign agents shaping their own future.

Eastern Europe and the post-Soviet space is a region where such controversies are as salient as anywhere in today’s world. In the recent decades, the region has been affected by global post-industrial transformations, while also becoming an arena of multiple overlapping struggles between tradition and change. Conference participants are invited to reflect on these challenges as they are faced by local communities and entire nations; comparative research focusing on the region and beyond is particularly encouraged.

The Programme Committee will consider proposals addressing the above and related questions as well as other issuesrelevant to the development of Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and Eurasia from any disciplinary angle. Interdisciplinary perspectives are especially welcome.

The conference will begin with the evening session on Sunday, 9 June, and end in late afternoon on Tuesday, 11 June. The programme will include academic panels, roundtables focused on current issues and plenary sessions. Keynote presentations will be delivered by Nancy Condee, Professor and Co-Chair of Slavic at the University of Pittsburgh and Director of the Center for Russian and East European Studies (REES); and Gerard Toal, Professor of Government and International Affairs and Director of the Government and International Affairs program, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, National Capital Region campus.

Each paper proposal must include an abstract of no more than 300 words. Panel and roundtable proposals should list all speakers (as a general rule, 4-5 per panel/roundtable), along with abstracts and, if available, information about the chair and the discussant (alternatively, these can be assigned by the Programme Committee).  Please use this link to submit your proposal by **20 February 2019.**

All proposals will undergo rigorous selection by the Programme Committee. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by email by 20 March. Accepted participants will be expected to register by 20 April and pay a registration fee of 50 euros (see Rules of Participation and Important Dates for other deadlines).

Organizing comittee e-mail: info@tartuconference.ut.ee

Organizers: University of Tartu

Conference Web-Site: <https://networks.h-net.org/node/73374/announcements/3206812/4th-annual-tartu-conference-russian-and-east-european-studies>

**2019 9th International Conference on Biotechnology and Environmental Management**

**(ICBEM 2019)**

[Spain](https://www.science-community.org/en/conferences/Spain), Madrid

May 10-12, 2019

Тези до: 10.04.2019

ICBEM 2019 Shining Points:
1. Accepted papers can be published in IJBBB(ISSN: 2010-3638) and be included in  the Engineering & Technology Digital Library, and indexed by WorldCat, Google Scholar,Cross ref, ProQuest or IJESD (ISSN:2010-0264), and be included in Engineering & Technology Digital Library, and indexed by CAS, WorldCat, Google Scholar, Cross ref, ProQuest , CABI.
2. Three Outstanding Professors have joined as Speakers. They are Prof.Dr. Gerrit Schüürmann from Technical University Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany, Prof. Maria Liakopoulou-Kyriakides from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece and Prof. Roberto San Jose from Technical University of Madrid (UPM), Madrid, Spain.
3. One day visit will be organized on September 12, 2019.
4. The ICBEM 2018 was successfully held in Berlin, Germany.

Paper Publishing：
ICBEM 2019 papers will be published in IJBBB(ISSN: 2010-3638) which will be included in Engineering & Technology Digital Library, and indexed by WorldCat, Google Scholar,Cross ref, ProQuest or IJESD (ISSN:2010-0264) which will be included in Engineering & Technology Digital Library, and indexed by CAS, WorldCat, Google Scholar, Cross ref, ProQuest, CABI.

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Conference Specialist: Ms. Alice Lin

Conference Web-Site: <http://www.icbem.org/>

**Energy transitions:**

**environmental and social stakes**

International colloquium, Grenoble Alpes University

October 10-11 2019

Тези до: 02.05.2019

If the term transition can already be found in the works of 19th century and early 20th century writers such as Auguste Comte and Emile Durkeim, the concept of transition has become a canonical term at the end of the 1990s and in the early 2000s (L’Âge de la transition, Bourg, Kaufman, Méda, 2016). The Transition Town Movement which grew out of the grassroots mobilization of Rob Hopkins is one striking example. The popularity of the term and of the concept of transition had Belgium philosopher Pascal Chabot say recently that it expresses « the zeitgeist of our time ».

The multiple environmental problems that we face in the 21st century have been persuading a growing number of individuals, of cities and States to question and redefine their relationship to the natural world. The advocates of the energy transition strive to put an end to fossil fuels and to ramp up renewable energies. In the US at least 80 cities, five counties and two States have pledged to commit to 100 % renewable energy by 2045. Six cities (Aspen, Burlington, Georgetown, Greensburg, Rock port and Kodiak Island) have already reached this goal. The work of Mark Z. Jacobson and his Stanford University team confirms the feasibility of this transition. Their studies (2015, 2017, 2018), which develop road maps at the local, regional and national level, have shown how 139 countries (2017) and 53 cities (2018) can transition to 100 % renewable energies by 2050.

The energy transition is usually presented in a positive way : renewable energies are clean, sustainable, job-creating and have a positive impact on our health and on the environment. This gives rise to an optimistic and enthusiastic narrative which opens up the field of possibles to individuals, organizations and institutions who are nonetheless conscious of the challenges that lie ahead. Life Cycle Analyses comfort these narratives. A recent study shows that in terms of pollution there is no match between fossil fuels and renewable energies : “Replacing fossil fuel power plants with renewable energy sources, including solar, wind, hydropower and geothermal power, would reduce diverse types of pollution. The magnitude of difference in pollution between fossil and some renewable energy options is stunning.” (Gibon, Hertwich, Arvesen, Singh, Verones, 2017). Because the results of this study do not stand alone, we can safely conclude that the social and environmental benefits of renewables are important.

Yet, this positive discourse tends to leave behind a whole segment of the energy transition. The example of Rare Earth Elements, these materials used notably in the green-tech industry, is telling : “Currently, rare earths elements are mined and processed in ways that generate tremendous harm to surrounding environs and their inhabitants… Cancers, birth defects, and the decomposition of living people’s musculoskeletal systems: these constitute an epidemiological crisis affecting some two million people in northern China…Southern California, Malaysia, and Central Asia.” (Julie M. Klinger, Rare Earth Frontiers, 2017) Furthermore, the work of French environmental historian Jean-Baptiste Frezzoz shows that there has never been such a thing as an energy transition in history (i.e. entirely giving up one source of energy for another), but that societies have rather accumulated various sources. In this respect, Frezzoz is skeptical about a total transition towards renewables and insists on the fact that leaving fossil fuels in the ground represents an unprecedented challenge. The advocates of the energy transition do not take into account the whole socio-environmental narrative and only focus on the successes of the transition. This gap in their analysis forms a breeding ground for adverse forces who have no interest in transitioning and facilitates criticism.

The gap between these two narratives opens up a space of dialogue which this conference proposes to address by investigating the multiple social and environmental stakes behind the energy transition.

If the organizers themselves mostly specialize in history and environmental history, we would like to encourage scholars from different disciplines to send their proposals: history and environmental history, urban planning, geology, sociology, philosophy, geography, economy, etc. The scientific committee will particularly, yet not exclusively, welcome papers addressing some of the following issues:

- Transition towns

- Transition policies

- Energy transition and environmental justice

- Indigenous peoples and the mining industry

- Social movements and their modes of action

- Transition and natural resources

- The concept of transition in history

- The discourses of transition

- Mining industries

- Transition workers

- High-tech and low-tech

- Energy transition and the economy

- Mining environmental disasters

- Energy transition and environmental law

Communication proposals are to be sent as abstracts (300-400 words) to susanne.berthier@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr and christophe.roncato@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr, with a brief bio-biblio note (5-6 lines) before May 2 2019. Please indicate a professional e-mail address and your university of affiliation. Feedback from the scientific committee will be sent by May 20.

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***ГРАНТИ***

**2019 ESEH Conference in Tallinn**

**Travel Grant**

Для тих, хто подавав заявки на конференцію 2019 ESEH (Таллін)

The ESEH will make available a limited number of grants and registration fee waivers for ESEH members who will deliver papers or present posters at the 2019 ESEH Conference in Tallinn, but who would not be able to attend the conference without external support. **These travel grants are intended for graduate students, independent scholars, and those from low-income countries.**

ESEH will not be able to provide the full costs associated with attending the conference: each grant is intended rather as an encouragement than a full subsidy of travel or accommodation. The amount granted will be payable only in person at the conference desk in Tallinn, upon signing a declaration that this money is used solely for the academic purpose to join this conference.

Travel grant applications must use the application form and be sent by email along with supporting documentsas a single PDF file**.** The deadline for applications is 10 March 2019**.** The results will be announced by 20 April 2019.

Conference Web-Site: <http://eseh.org/travel-grants-for-eseh-2019/>

**Culture Bridges**

**Британська Рада**

З 19 лютого року до 11 квітня 2019 профінансована ЄС програма Culture Bridges прийматиме заявки на шостий (і останній) конкурс проектів міжнародної мобільності.

Гранти мобільності фінансують поїздки для фахівців у сфері культури і креативної економіки до країн ЄС.

Почніть готуватись до заявки вже зараз – ознайомитися із деталями конкурсу та правилами подачі можна за посиланням.

Отримайте натхнення від історій успіху проектів міжнародної мобільності, профінансованих програмою Culture Bridges, на сайті Британської Ради:

<http://culturebridges.eu/success_stories>

***НОВИНИ ESEH***

Як Ви знаєте, ESEH надає індивідуальні гранти на дослідження. **Переможцями конкурсу** у 2018 р. стали:

Katrin Kleeman, Ph.D. Student, Ludwig Maximilians University/Rachel Carson Centre, Munich:

“A Mist Connection: The Icelandic Laki Fissure Eruption of 1783”

Anna Varfolomeeva, Ph.D Student, Central European University, Budapest:

“The narratives of hardship and glory: gender dimensions of stoneworking in Northwestern Russia”

**Для бажаючих організувати літню школу з екологічної історії:**

The European Society for Environmental History (ESEH) is pleased to announce the call for committees which would like to organize the ESEH Summer School in 2019, according to the Constitution of the European Society for Environmental History (ESEH) (<http://eseh.org/about-eseh/eseh-constitution/>)

and Organisation of Summer Schools (<http://eseh.org/event/summer-school/summer-schools-benefits-requirements/>).

<http://eseh.org/call-for-organisers-of-the-eseh-summer-school-2019/>

**Для розвитку української мережі науковців, які цікавляться екологічною історією, запрошуємо Вас надсилати інформацію про цікаві наукові події, ініціативи та видання, які будуть включені до наступних бюлетенів.**

З повагою,

к.і.н., член ESEH

Тетяна Перга