



Disciplines and the Environment

Friday, 21st September, 2012
The Open University, Milton Keynes

Annual meeting of the European Association for Environmental History UK ,
with the European Society for Environmental History.

*This is a **call for papers** and an invitation to attend this annual gathering of historians who are interested in environmental subjects and themes. Contributors are invited to explore the environment as it is and has been seen in different disciplines.*

Although the World, our environment, pre-existed humanity “the environment” is a human construct. The way that different disciplines and professions view and interpret this environment may vary between them and change over time, and may have profound impacts on the way that the environment is managed.

The aim of this meeting is to look at the way in which such groups, whether drawn from physical, life and social sciences, engineering and technology, the environmental industry or environmental campaigners, or of course the humanities including arts and literature, have differed in their approach to viewing the environment and how these views have changed. Papers are welcomed that examine any aspect of this act of construction of “the environment” including for example cases where the orthodoxies of particular disciplines have influenced policies and practices. For some scholars this approach may prove valuable in placing their research in a different perspective. Although proposals that draw out some of the evolution of this construction, or are comparative in some way, would be particularly welcome, this approach is not a necessity.

Those active in environmental history include members drawn from a variety of other disciplines, and speakers may choose to reflect on the way in which these backgrounds have influenced their approach both to the environment and to environmental history. Proposals for papers in other related areas of environmental history are also welcome.

Please send us a title and preferably a short abstract by Friday 17th August 2012 if you wish to propose a paper. Proposals should be sent to Raymond Smith, RJSmith@envirohistory.co.uk or 7 Felday, Holmbury St. Mary, Dorking, RH5 6NJ. There is no conference fee, and lunch can be bought in the refectory. www.eaeh.org.uk

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