

Places or Systems

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Two contrasting approaches are often taken with regard to environmental history. A “place” approach can be seen as a process of locating events within their landscape, or tracing the events in the history of that landscape. On the other hand environmental history can be seen as a process in which the interconnectedness of the events in the human past is emphasised as they form part of an evolving “system” highly dependent on its physical constraints. Whilst these two approaches are not mutually exclusive they are potentially different. Papers would be welcomed that consider this contrast, but also that adopt/exemplify either of the approaches.