Call for Submissions
2023 Tallinn Dissertation Prize

The ESEH welcomes submissions for the 2023 Tallinn Dissertation Prize in European Environmental History. The Dissertation Prize aims to support early career environmental history scholars based in Europe or those based outside Europe but whose work contributes to European environmental history.

The Tallinn Dissertation Prize was established by the ESEH to reward innovative doctoral dissertations based on original research in European environmental history. The Prize was named after Tallinn, the city where it was awarded for the first time at the 10th ESEH Biennial Conference in 2019.

Through the Prize, ESEH encourages early career scholars to be involved in the community of environmental historians in Europe. The prize enhances the visibility of PhD students and post-docs in environmental history and the environmental humanities and strengthens intergenerational ties within the ESEH.

Doctoral dissertations defended (or otherwise assessed) in 2021 or 2022 are eligible for the prize. Eligible dissertations must either

a. originate at an institution in a country covered by ESEH Regional Representatives (see http://eseh.org/about-eseh/regions/)

b. or if the applicant is based outside Europe, the dissertation must contribute to the literature of European environmental history.
ESEH treats “environmental history” broadly and especially encourages submissions with interdisciplinary, transnational and/or comparative perspectives, including, but not limited to, Europe’s impact on the global environment. Submissions in any language are welcome.

The winner will receive a monetary award of EUR 500 as well as a travel grant (if needed) to attend the 12th ESEH Conference 22-26 August 2023 in Bern, Switzerland. If you need financial travel assistance to come to Bern, please note this in your submission.

HOW TO APPLY

There is a two-stage procedure to submit for the prize.

Please submit (in a single pdf):

- A short abstract of up to 350 words in English, 5 related keywords, names of supervisors, and (if applicable) defence date to be added to the ESEH dissertation database;

- A short CV (up to 1 page).

- A 5-page abstract of your dissertation emphasizing the key question and aims, the literature/scholarship that the thesis engaged with, the methods, and most importantly the key contribution that it made to the field.

Shortlisted candidates will then be asked to submit the PDF of the full dissertation in its original language clearly labelled with the NAME of the applicant. Theses in languages other than English will be required to supply an additional 15 page abstract in English at this stage.

Send both documents by email to dorondel@yahoo.com and nextgate.diss@gmail.com

Put your name in the subject line and mention ESEH Dissertation Prize and Database.

Deadline for submissions is 31 January 2023. The winner of the Prize will be notified by 14 May 2023.

Members of the 2023 Tallinn Dissertation Prize Committee

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