

## **Application for the Position of ESEH Regional Representative for the Nordic Region**

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Regional Representative for the Nordic Region within the European Society for Environmental History (ESEH). My main motivation is to foster stronger collaboration among Nordic environmental historians, promote inclusive and interdisciplinary historical research, and support early career scholars across the region.

Having completed my PhD at the University of Stavanger in June 2024, and currently holding a postdoctoral position at the University of Copenhagen—with an upcoming research stay at KTH in Sweden in fall 2025—I am well positioned to engage across Nordic academic contexts. My academic trajectory has enabled me to navigate diverse institutional landscapes and establish cross-border networks, which I am eager to activate and expand through this role.

I am the founder of the *Netværket for Moderne Miljø- og Klimahistorie* (NMM), a Danish network for environmental historians that has successfully hosted annual meetings, thematic workshops, and informal gatherings. In addition, I serve on the steering committee of the Green Researchers Network in Denmark, a cross-disciplinary platform of over 350 members.

Within ESEH, I have been part of the NEXTGATe initiative since 2024, organizing events such as “The Elusive Part of PhD’ing” and co-organizing a teaching-focused workshop, both tailored to the needs of early career researchers. These experiences have deepened my commitment to fostering supportive academic communities, especially for those entering the field.

Moreover, I engage actively in broader discussions about the future of academia, particularly through the “Sustainable Academia” initiative led by Elizabeth Hameeteman. Together, we explore the world of academia, with an intentional foregrounding of marginalized voices.

If elected, I would work to build community among Nordic environmental historians—whether through informal online meetups, regional workshops, or collaborative events. I know from personal experience the sense of disorientation that can come from entering unfamiliar academic spaces. Networks such as “Historians for Future,” which I joined ahead of the ESEH conference in Bristol, have shown me the value of community in easing those transitions and building confidence.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honoured to serve the Nordic environmental history community through the ESEH and contribute to a more connected and inclusive scholarly landscape.

Sincerely,  
Sebastian Lundsteen Nielsen

## Academic Employment

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- 2024-2026 Postdoctoral Researcher, UCPH, Promethean Promises: Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Danish Climate Politics
- 2026-2028 Postdoctoral Researcher, UCPH, RestoMine: Responsible mine restoration - Integrating local engagement, ecology, and engineered solutions in Arctic environment

## Education

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- 2021- 2024 PhD, Dep. of Language and Culture, University of Stavanger.
- 2018-2020 MA, History, UCPH (minor in Anthropology)
- 2015-2018 BA, History, UCPH (minor in Anthropology).

## Publication List

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### Published:

Sebastian Lundsteen. [In Praise of Ambivalence: Reflections on Experiences of Pollution and Remediation](#) *Ecological Ambivalence, Complexity, and Change: Perspectives from the Environmental Humanities*. Müller, S. M., Schmidt, M. & Twelbeck, K. (red.). (2024). [Taylor & Francis](#), s. 87-105

Sebastian Lundsteen, “Shadow Places, Environmental Justice, and the Submergence of Pollution,” *Environmental History* (Spring 2024) <https://doi.org/10.1086/729382>.

Sebastian Lundsteen. Review of Cirino, Erica, *Thicker Than Water: The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis*. H-Environment, H-Net Reviews. December, 2022. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=58121>

Sebastian Lundsteen, “Of Ghost Nets and the Haunting at Nissum Bredning.” *Environment & Society Portal, Arcadia* (Spring 2022), no. 3. Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society. [doi:10.5282/rcc/9392](https://doi.org/10.5282/rcc/9392).

Sebastian Lundsteen Nielsen, “Mellem Klima Og Udvikling: En Postkolonial Undersøgelse af et Klimapolitisk Grønland.” *Culture & History KU: Student Research Papers* 0, no. 5 (October 19, 2020). <https://tidsskrift.dk/culturehistoryku/article/view/122511>.

## Responsibilities

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- 2022-2024 PhD-representative at the Research Ethical Committee, UiS.
- 2022-2024 PhD-representative at the Advisory Board for The Greenhouse – An Environmental Humanities Centre at the UiS

## Other

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- 2024- Steering group of “Det Grønne Forskningsnetværk” (The Green Research Network)
- 2024- ESEH NEXTGATe Cohort.
- 2023- Co-founder of the “Danish Network for Modern Environmental History”
- 2023- Co-founder and co-host on the podcast “Challenging Nordic Innocence”
- 2023- Social and Spatial Justice Network at the University of Stavanger
- 2022 - 2023 Co-founder of TRen, Toxicity Research Network (Now on hiatus)
- 2021- Member of Historians for Future
- 2021- Member of Norwegian Researcher School in the Environmental Humanities