After a long career as an ESEH officer I have now been president for the last two years, and am happy to put in my candidature to continue serving in this position. As always, my primary interest will be to strengthen and consolidate the Society's activities and policies aimed at supporting early career researchers, alternative-academic practitioners, and minority scholars. As possibly the first unemployed president, I'll put particular effort into supporting our members at the periphery of academia. I believe that the ESEH should be the home of all European environmental historians (and beyond, considering the global spread of our members), regardless of their career stage, whether they practice environmental history within academia or not, and their multiple identities. This is why I intend to keep an open ear for members' ideas and plans.

I'll continue to actively support the many initiatives that have allowed us to offer exceptionally productive virtual discussion and mentoring spaces to a wider public, helping overcome the ever-present risk of intellectual isolation, especially across borders that are tightening and closing in troubling ways. Fortunately, most of these initiatives have already become permanent features, and we have found sustainable models to run them. I will make sure that they remain standard practices within the Society. Social media platforms have also fragmented over the last couple of years with the end of Twitter's hegemony. Accordingly, it has been challenging to maintain our communications streams, but I promise to work further on restructuring and improving our presence in this new communication multiverse.

My plans to set up a dedicated online space for Society members to share work and communicate have been significantly disrupted by heavy cuts to institutions and funding agencies caused by the change in administration in the USA, where our intended digital platform provider is located. Creating this space remains an important step in making the Society a hub of intellectual exchange between and beyond its biennial conferences. I will work to clarify feasibility with the planned provider or find a suitable alternative.

I also commit to preserving and strengthening initiatives such as the Next Generation Action Team (NextGATe), our many prizes, and the Teaching Committee, as well as fostering a larger and more diverse membership. Unfortunately, committee work on broad issues such as diversity and sustainability has not been as successful as it could have been. I intend to streamline Board activities by assigning specific responsibilities to individual elected board members who will participate in decision-making committees, such as those dedicated to the conference programme or grants. I expect this approach will improve how effectively we fulfill our missions of inclusivity and sustainability.

I hope this statement will convince you that I deserve your renewed trust and to vote for me. I welcome any questions about my candidacy and am available to discuss my plans in more detail. Thank you for your consideration.

EDUCATION

13 Oct 2007	Ph.D. in geography – **University of Cambridge**, UK. Dissertation: *Fascist Nature. Environmental Policies and Conflicts in Italy, 1922-45*
12 Feb 2002	Laurea in history – **Università degli Studi di Torino**, Italy. Dissertation: *Il rosso e il verde. PCI e questione ambientale, 1972-1991* [The red and the green. The Italian Communist Party and the environmental question, 1972-1991]

CURRENT POSITION

Since Feb 2025 Independent researcher

RECENT FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Feb 2022–Feb 2025	**DFG** grant nr. 468396366, DFG/AHRC research project *The Sound of Nature: Soundscapes and Environmental Awareness, 1750-1950* (€481.250).
Since Jul 2021	Fellow of the **Royal Historical Society**

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

Sea Level. A History. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2024

Mussolini's Nature. An Environmental History of Italian Fascism, with Marco Armiero and Roberta Biasillo, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2022

A Monastery for the Ibex: Conservation, State, and Conflict on the Gran Paradiso, 1919-1949, Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2021

Making a Stable Sea: The Littorals of Eighteenth Century Europe and the Origins of a Spatial Concept, *Isis. A Journal of the History of Science Society*, 112:1(2021): 130-40

Climate, Fascism, and Ibex: Experiments in Using Population Dynamics Modeling as a Historiographical Tool, *Journal of the History of Biology* 52:3(2019): 463–83

An Unguided Boom: Environmental Policies of Cold War Italy. In *Nature Protection and the Iron Curtain. Environmental Policy and Social Movements in Communist and Capitalist Countries 1945-1990*, edited by Astrid Kirchhof and John Mc Neill, Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2019

The Nature State: Rethinking the History of Conservation, co-edited with Matthew Kelly, Claudia Leal, and Emily Wakild, London: Routledge, 2017

SERVICE

European Society of Environmental History (ESEH)
Since Aug 2023 — President
Mar 2022 – Aug 2023 — Chair of the Programme Committee for the 2023 conference
Jul 2017 – Jul 2021 — Vice-President
Aug 2013 – Jul 2017 — Secretary
Jun 2011 – Jul 2017 — Webmaster

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (KSBF)
Feb 2023 – Feb 2025 — Member of the faculty's doctoral committee

International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations (ICEHO)
Jul 2019 – Aug 2024 — Member of the Board of Directors