

## **Short Statement of Candidacy for the role of Vice President for the ESEH Elections 2025**

Dear Members of the ESEH, dear colleagues:

It is an honor to propose my candidacy for the position of the Vice President for ESEH for the upcoming elections in 2025. ESEH has transformed wonderfully over the past years: we are now more diverse, thinking hard about questions of academic precarity and what it means to study environmental history – especially histories climate, the Anthropocene, extractivism, resources in this current geopolitical moment marred by wars of aggression, genocide and weaponization of environmental resources to name just a few. As a Vice President, I seek to assist the President in their day-to-day job of running ESEH as well as realize our goals together. I also want to continue the wonderful work of the former Vice Presidents in coordinating the ESEH Notepad, helping with the newsletter and foster programming for our early-career colleagues, including grant writing workshop and workshop for public writing on environmental and climate issues. Beyond these activities, if elected I want to think with the members what it means to be a society for environmental history and historians at this moment. I also want to think broadly about the sites where we do our histories, keeping focus on Europe, where we are located in the Global North, but looking towards to the many places and sites that our members study, including spaces in the Global South.

Thank you for considering my candidacy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debjani Bhattacharyya', with a stylized, cursive script.

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2022-         | Professor and Chair of the History of the Anthropocene, University of Zurich<br>Director, Digital History Lab.<br>Co-Director, Cultural Analysis Program.  |
| 2019-         | Non-Resident Fellow, Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania, USA.  |
| 2020 - 2021   | Associate Professor, Department of History, Drexel University, USA. Affiliate Center for Science, Technology and Society (2020-21), Department of Global Studies and Modern Languages, (2017-21) and Urban Strategy (2016-21). |
| 2021 (Summer) | Fellow, Freiburg Institute of Advanced Studies, Freiburg University.   |
| 2014 – 2020   | Assistant Professor, Department of History, Drexel University, USA.  |
| 2020 (Summer) | Visiting Professor, Institut für Asien- und Afrikawissenschaften, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (postponed due to COVID-19).  |
| 2019 – 2020   | Visiting Research Scholar, Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, USA.   |
| 2016 – 2017   | Research Fellow, International Institute of Asian Studies, Leiden University, The Netherlands.   |
| 2014 – 2019   | Visiting Associate Faculty, South Asia Center, University of Pennsylvania, USA.  |

### EDUCATION

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| 2008 – 2014 | Ph.D. Department of History, Emory University, USA.<br>“Fictions of Possession: Land, Property and Capital in Colonial Calcutta c. 1830 to c. 1930.”<br>Certificate Program in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Emory University, USA. |
| 2001 – 2003 | Master of Arts, Department of English, Jadavpur University, India.   |
| 1999 – 2001 | Bachelor of Arts, Department of English, Jadavpur University, India.   |