

CALL FOR PAPERS
Global Deserts: Environmental History
in the Arid Lands

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University of Arizona, Tucson

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We seek paper proposals for a conference on deserts in global environmental history. The goal of the conference is to examine and discuss, in a comparative and transnational context, a wide variety of topics including (but not necessarily limited to) the changing understandings of deserts by both their indigenous inhabitants and colonizers; the influences of deserts upon human societies; and the impact of human habitation and resource use upon deserts from the pre-modern period to the present, including processes such as mining, water, military development, tourism, and scientific research.

The conference will take place on 14 and 15 September 2015, and will bring together 12–18 scholars and practitioners at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

The conference will be global in scope; we encourage scholars with expertise in deserts in any region of the world to submit proposals. Papers (4,000–5,000 words, not including footnotes) will be pre-circulated for discussion. Selected papers will be eligible for inclusion in a collection of essays that we aim to publish with a university press.

Applicants should send a one-page abstract of their proposed paper and a curriculum vitae (no longer than two pages) via e-mail to conferences@rcc.lmu.de. **The deadline for applications is 13 March 2015.** Successful applicants will be notified by 1 May. Participants must submit completed papers by 17 August.

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