

Cities and Mountains. Environmental and Health Risks : A Socio-Historical perspective.

International Graduate School in Environmental History

Lyon – Yenne – Grenoble, France, June 26-29, 2015

The LARHRA (Rhône-Alpes Historical Research Unit), in cooperation with the CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research), the RUCHE and with the support of the European Society for Environmental History (ESEH), is pleased to announce that a four-day thematic summer school will take place in **Lyon, Yenne and Grenoble**, immediately before the ESEH 8th International Conference (Versailles, **30 June – 3 July 2015**).

This interdisciplinary summer school will provide a great opportunity for advanced graduate students and postdoctoral students to discuss their work with researchers from all over the world, and to benefit from the expertise of leading scholars in environmental history and in other fields of social and natural sciences.

The challenge of this summer school will be to connect historical research on risk in urban and mountain environment. While risks in an urban context are often considered as « technological » or « envirotechnical » risks and may be closely related with environmental health issues, risks in mountain environments tend to be framed as « natural » or « socio-natural ».

The risk subject will be developed in three thematic clusters, around which young researchers are invited to apply :

1/ Environmental and health risks in cities

- Urban « Catastrophes » and industrial accidents
- Chronic risks, pollution
- Emerging problems (urban heat islands ; microbiological risks...)

2/ Environmental risks in mountain

- Uses and benefits of historical works on earthquakes, flooding, avalanches.
- Vulnerability issues ; scientific studies, political management and reassessment of local people knowledge.
- Theoretical and empirical work on the notion of « resilience ».

3/ Mountain cities and towns : specific environments, specific issues ?

- Historical case-studies on catastrophes and the resilience of urban societies located in mountains.
- The « socio-natural site » notion and its application to cities in mountains.
- Mountain towns' sites and the demographic or economic pressure, competing activities (residential/touristic/industrial...) and the conflicts they create.

The summer school aims to gather *around 15 graduate / post-doctoral students* together with *junior and senior scholars*.

Each participant is expected to give an oral presentation of 15-20 minutes which will be discussed in thematic sessions chaired by senior scholars. Posters in addition to the oral presentation are welcomed.

The four-day seminar will also give large space to **lectures from scholars, field trips and informal discussion among scholars and students**.

At the end of the workshop, students will have to produce either :

→ a **scientific poster about their work** – which will be presented at the ESEH International Conference and can be the product of a collective work ;

→ a **draft of an article that could be proposed to the ARCADIA project**

(<http://www.environmentandsociety.org/arcadia>)

→ a **report about the summer school** (6-10 pages)

To apply, students are required to send to Stéphane Frioux (stephane.frioux@univ-lyon2.fr) the following documents (in English) :

- 1) a curriculum vitae
- 2) an abstract and outline of their doctoral thesis or other work that states the main challenges and research questions to be discussed at the summer school (500 words)
- 3) a letter of support from a faculty member

There is no registration fee.

All accepted participants will receive **free accommodation, meals and transportation** DURING the four-day seminar, but they are responsible for their own transportation to and from Lyon, France, where they should arrive on June 25 as the summer school will start on June 26, in the morning.

If they also participate at ESEH Conference in Versailles and need a travel grant, they should apply for a travel grant to Paris, and the local organising committee of the summer school will examine with them how to finance a part of the trip Paris-Lyon.

Working language will be English but some translations may occur during field trips and discussions with French people.

Application deadline : **March 22, 2015** - **Answer will be given before April 11.**

Please send all queries and application to Stéphane Frioux (stephane.frioux@univ-lyon2.fr)

Local Organising Committee : Stéphane Frioux & Anne-Marie Granet-Abisset

ESEH Summer School Committee for 2014-2015 (involved in the call and in the selection of participants) :

Patrick Kupper (chair), University of Innsbruck, Austria

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