

Statement of candidacy. Stéphane Frioux, Université Lyon 2

Dear ESEH members,

It is a great pleasure to have been nominated for the 2019 board elections, for one of the two positions as vice-president. I would be honoured to write a new chapter in the quite long history of my relations with environmental historians.

The first ESEH conference I attended was in 2003, in Prague, when I received the first publication prize for an article published in French, which was based on my Master's thesis on public hygiene in a middle-size French city, Limoges. This early (and quite positive!) encounter led to present my candidacy, while still a doctoral student, to the position of Regional Representative for France (2007). I succeeded to Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud, one of the first ESEH members, who became president two years later, and served two terms as French RR. I have attended each conference as a session organizer and/or paper giver since 2007 and found each time reasons to look forward to attending the next meeting.

In 2008, I was part of the handful of French researchers, some of them who met thanks to the ESEH conferences in 2005 or 2007, who created the RUCHE, the Francophone network of environmental historians. With its help and the support of ESEH, I organized an international summer school in Lyon and in the Alps just before the Versailles 2015 ESEH Conference. I am currently president of the RUCHE (since December 2017), and in 2018 I organized an international conference on "Writing Environmental History in the 21st century" to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the organization. I was recently awarded a five-year fellowship at the Institut Universitaire de France (2018-2023), during which I will develop new research in the history of the urban environment, and in particular on pollution and environmental health problems in the second half of the 20th century.

From 2015 to 2019, I had the honour to serve in the Financial Control Committee. After this experience, I believe that I know the inner-workings of the organization well enough and I feel ready to run for the vice-presidency. I am genuinely impressed by the rapid growth of our society in the second decade of its existence. Prizes have multiplied, Summer schools have been organized in varied locales, our digital presence is growing, for instance through educational tools such as Arcadia, etc. If you feel that I could be useful in the 2019-2021 Board, my priority would be to foster the development of networks and initiatives coming from young researchers, which are rising, as shown by ESEH's Next Generation Action Team (NEXTGATe). I would get involved to help them – as much as possible – in building their projects and careers. In addition to the travel grants and summer schools, and to the opportunities existing in centers like the RCC in Munich, there could be a place for digital meetings and forums to share tips and compare experiences. International exchanges of practical and academic knowledge are crucial to increase the visibility of environmental history in our era of social and political ecological concerns.

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Researcher at the Laboratoire de Recherche Historique Rhône-Alpes (UMR CNRS 5190)

Junior Fellow of the Institut universitaire de France (2018-2023).

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Summary

My research deals with urban environmental history in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, with a focus on the management of pollution (water, air and soil). I recently edited or co-edited special issues for two journals: « Mobiliser pour l'environnement après 1968 » ["Environmental Activism in the post-1968 era"], *Le Mouvement social*, n°262, janvier-mars 2018, and « Sur les traces de la santé environnementale » ["Looking for environmental health"], *Écologie & Politique*, n°58, 2019/1.

My latest publications include « Air Pollution as Urban Problem in France, From the Mid-Nineteenth Century to the 1970s », in Tim Soens, Dieter Schott, Michael Toyka-Seid and Bert de Munck (eds.), *Urbanizing Nature. Actors and Agency (Dis)Connecting Cities and Nature Since 1500*, New York, Routledge, 2019, p. 217-237, and « The diffusion of innovations to improve the French urban environment (1890s-1940) », *Modernen Stadtgeschichte*, 2018/2, p. 102-116.

Education

2009: PhD in history, Université Lyon 2 (passed with highest honours), dissertation entitled *Les réseaux de la modernité. Amélioration de l'environnement et diffusion de l'innovation dans la France urbaine, fin XIXe siècle-années 1950*. [The « networks of modernity ». Improving the environment and spreading innovation in urban France, late 19th century-1950s)

2004: Exchange student at Dartmouth College, United States (New Hampshire)

2003: Prepared and successfully passed the French *agrégation d'histoire* (national admission rank: 1st/134)

2002: M.A. in history, Université Lyon 3. *La conquête de l'hygiène, Limoges 1849-1914*.

2000-2005: Student at the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon (admission rank: 2nd).

Academic positions

Since September 2011: Associate professor of contemporary history, Université Lumière Lyon 2. Various courses taught from the first year to the graduate programmes. Specialities: urban history, public health history, environmental history.

September 2008-August 2011: Assistant professor at the ENS de Lyon, in charge of the pedagogical follow-up of students. Management of the doctoral contract procedure (Arts and Humanities sections).

2005-2008: Assistant graduate student, Université Lumière Lyon 2 (64 hrs/year).

2003-2004: *Visiting lecturer*, Dept. of French and Italian, Dartmouth College, Hanover (NH), USA.

Management of research projects

- TRANSENVIR ("Approche historique de la transition environnementale"), funded by the French Research National Agency (ANR), 2016-2019.

- REVISOLS ("Renouvellement de la ville et sols pollués ou potentiellement pollués"), funded by Labex IMU, 2015-2018.

Publications (see personal webpage for the full list)

5 books or co-editions

45 articles in peer-reviewed journals or book chapters

Awards

- 2010 Prize of the young researcher of the Lyon's city (category "Economy, Law, Social Sciences").
- "2003 Publication Prize of the European Society for Environmental History" for the article "Assainissement et vie politique à Limoges, 1849-1914", *Cahiers d'histoire*, vol. 47, no. 1/2, 2002, pp. 73-92.

Main scientific activities, conferences and sessions in international conferences

As soon as I began my doctoral studies in 2005, I became involved in scientific activities (seminars, study days, conferences and special issues of journals).

The two main priorities for my involvement have been an international focus (because French-language networks on environmental history were in their early stages) and contact with other fields, ranging from geography, sociology and political science to engineering and eco-toxicology, with the aim of working on common topics and projects.

- Member of the organisation committee of the international conference "In the Shadow of the Petrochemical Smokestack. Chemical Corridors and Environmental Health", Lyon, 28-29 Nov. 2019.
- Chair of the organisation committee of the international conference "Writing Environmental History in the 21st Century. Sources, Methods and Practices", RUCHE network, Lyon, 13-15 June 2018.
- Co-leader for the "Urban Environment" scientific priority area, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Lyon/Saint-Etienne, 2016-2020 (two or three workshops per year).
- Five sessions organised at ESEH Conferences (2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2019)
- Three sessions organised at EAUH Conferences (2008, 2014, 2020)

Selection of expert advisory work

- French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety ("ANSES"), 2018-2019.
- International programme EURIAS (European Institute for Advanced Studies), 2017.
- Belgian Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), 2016.
- Member of the scientific committee for the "Risk, Decision, Territory" programme, French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Energy and Territorial Development (since June 2015).
- Member of the scientific committee of the Historical Committee of the French Ministry of Environment (currently: "de la transition écologique et solidaire"), since 2016.
- Member of the editorial committee for the journals *Géocarrefour* and *Histoire urbaine*.
- Reviewer for foreign journals: *Water History*, *Bulletin canadien d'histoire de la médecine*, *Revue d'histoire de l'Amérique française*, *Il mestiere di Storico*.

Academic societies membership

Since 2014: board member of the Association des historiens contemporanéistes de l'enseignement supérieur (French association of modern history).

Since 2009: member of the Réseau universitaire de chercheurs en histoire environnementale (RUCHE). Presidency (2017-2019), Vice-president (2011-2013, 2015-2017), secretary (2013-2015).

Since 2008: member of the Société française d'histoire urbaine (French society of Urban History). Since 2013, board member, and webmaster.

Since 2007: member of the European Society for Environmental History (ESEH). Regional representative for France of ESEH Board (2007-2015). Chair of the Council of Regional Representatives (2013-2015). Member of the Best Article Prize Committee (2015). Member of the Financial Control Committee (2015-2019).

Linguistic Skills

English (fluent) ; German (reading skills, high school level in oral expression) ; Italian (basic)