

RÉSUMÉ

I hold a degree in history (Università di Torino, Italy) and a Ph.D. in geography (University of Cambridge, UK). Currently I am Digital Humanities Research Specialist at the Rachel Carson Center in Munich, Germany, Scholar-in-Residence at the Deutsches Museum, Munich, and Associate Researcher at the Laboratorio di Storia delle Alpi of the Università della Svizzera Italiana in Mendrisio, Switzerland. This coming fall I will start a DAAD Visiting Professorship in Environmental History at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, USA. Previously I have been a Carson Fellow at the Rachel Carson Center, a postdoctoral researcher, funded by the Autonomous Province of Trento, at the Università di Trento, Italy, and a postgraduate fellow at the Scuola Normale Superiore in Pisa, Italy. I'm also an experienced lecturer, having held several adjunct positions at various Italian universities and institutions.

My research activities deal with such diverse topics as the history of the concept of *mean sea-level* and of its development as a baseline in climate change research, Alpine environmental history, environmental policies and social conflicts in fascist regimes, the history of nature conservation, the environmental impact of post-WWII reconstruction in Italy, and the Italian Communist Party's position in respect to environmental issues.

As regards my service expertise I am book review editor for modern Italian history for the mailing list H-Italy, co-founder of the international scholarly network Nature & Nation (www.natureandnation.eu), chair of the ESEH Website Committee and appointed webmaster (www.eseh.org), member of the Advisory Board of the Rachel Carson Center/ESEH joint project *Arcadia: Explorations in European Environmental History* (www.environmentandsociety.org/arcadia), and member of the editorial board of the blog *Ant, Spider, Bee: Exploring the Digital Environmental Humanities* (www.antspiderbee.net). I have also been environmental history correspondent for the Italian journal *Passato e Presente* and worked in an administrative capacity at the Università di Verona, Italy, and an IT research centre in Turin.

A complete curriculum vitae and a comprehensive list of publications and talks are available on my website (www.wilkohardenberg.net), respectively under the headings "Vita" and "Writing, Talking, Showing".

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATURE

I've been a member of the ESEH for almost ten years, actively participating in all conferences since 2005.

Since 2011 I am the chair of the Web Committee and the society's webmaster. In this capacity I have changed the platform on which the society's website runs, redesigned it, and introduced the technical features necessary to implement an online membership form and fees payment and renewal via Paypal. The overall aim of this revamping was to create a modern informational hub for the ESEH and its members, that could act as a first stop to obtain news about events and opportunities, answers to membership related questions, and easy access to the society's resources.

As the webmaster I've been in constant contact with the current secretary, treasurer and president, as well as with a number of regional representatives, learning a lot about how the society's day-to-day administration works. What I've also learnt is that, to ease and streamline communication flows, the role of secretary and that of webmaster, at the very least in its component of online content editor, should again be merged.

If elected secretary I plan to further improve the website, focusing on interactive resources as the main tools for communications between the Board and the members and, possibly, among members. Moreover, I will act as a single contact point, in charge of redistributing queries from third parties to the relevant Board members. I will, obviously, take care of keeping administration in good order, putting to good use my previous work experiences in this field.