

## **Charles-François MATHIS, candidate as Regional Representative for France**

As a member of the ESEH since 2005, and a regular attendant to its conferences, I have witnessed the growing involvement of the French researchers among the European networks of environmental history. But more needs to be done to increase their visibility, and I think I can help in that matter, in the continuation of what I have done so far as RR for France since 2015.

I'm indeed strongly involved in France in the development of environmental history: I was vice-president (2011-2015) and then president (2015-2017) of the RUCHE ([leruche.hypotheses.org](http://leruche.hypotheses.org)), the main network of French environmental historians, and I still belong to its board; I am also treasurer of another association for the history of nature preservation (AHPNE: [ahpne.fr](http://ahpne.fr)). I'm therefore quite used to working on the board of associations, and I also know well the French community of environmental historians: I could easily, as I have done in the past years, be a mediator between the ESEH and its French counterparts.

I hope these assets will help me to strengthen the links between the ESEH and the French/francophone community of environmental historians. I would like to continue the efforts at promoting the ESEH's actions among the French academic community, so that more historians and researchers would join it. The number of French members in the ESEH has grown, but could still be increased. I also think it is important to convince French researchers to publish more in international reviews and journals, among which, of course, *Environment and History*. I was told that only a few French articles were received to compete for the best article prize awarded at the next ESEH conference: this is a problem I would like to address.

I indeed think French historians should get more involved in the international community of environmental history, for their work on that subject is growing in strength, but, with a few exceptions, lacking international visibility. I therefore hope to make the ESEH better known in France, but also to represent the French community at the ESEH board, in the diversity of its fields of research and expectations.

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### Academic and professional career

- **Senior Lecturer in Modern History**  
Bordeaux-Montaigne University Since 2013
- **Temporary Lecturer and Research Assistant (ATER)**  
Paris-Sorbonne University 2006-2013  
Paris X – Nanterre University 2005-2006  
Bordeaux-Montaigne University 2001-2005
- **PhD thesis**, with distinction and *summa cum laude* 2001-2006  
*The Emergence of Environmental Thought in 19th Century England*  
Under the supervision of Mr Jean-Pierre Poussou, Rector of the Academy of Bordeaux  
Published by Presses Universitaires Paris-Sorbonne  
The thesis was defended at Paris-Sorbonne University on 21 October 2006  
Rapporteurs: Professor Sylvie Guillaume, Professor Philippe Chassaingne  
Examining committee members: Professor Dominique Barjot (chairman of the committee), Doctor Jane Garnett (Senior Tutor at Wadham College, Oxford University) and Professor Jean-Robert Pitte

### Educational responsibilities

- **Member of the examining panel of the *Agrégation Interne***  
for the written and oral examinations in history Since 2016
- **Member of the examining panel of the *Agrégation Externe***  
for the written examinations in history 2009-2013
- **Member of the examining panel at the entrance examination to the *Ecole des Chartes***  
(French national school of archival studies and palaeography) 2010-2011
- **Member of the examining panel at the entrance examination to the *Ecole Normale Supérieure Ulm, Ecole Normale Supérieure Lyon and the Ecole des Chartes***  
(for the written examination in history) 2010-2011
- **Online courses and marking of coursework for “Tremplin” students**  
preparing entrance examinations to IEP political science schools 2008-2009

### Academic activities and responsibilities

#### Academic Responsibilities

- **Member of the Conseil National des Universités**  
A national council representing all the French historians  
<http://www.cpcnu.fr/web/section-22> Since 2016
- **Regional Representative for France at the ESEH**  
(European Society for Environmental History) Since 2015
- **Director of the collection “L’Environnement a une histoire”**  
Champ Vallon (<http://www.champ-vallon.com/histoire-environnementale>) Since 2015
- **Member of the editorial committee of Bordeaux University Press** Since 2015

- **Member of the examining committee for the *Mnémosyne* prize**  
Historical society for the development of women and gender studies Since 2015
- **Editorial secretary for the review *Histoire, Economie et Société*** Since 2012
- **Book Review Editor** for H-Environment <http://www.h-net.org/~environ> 2008-2010

Participation in research laboratories, groups, and programmes

- **Member of the steering committee of axe 2 of the Labex EHNE** Since 2013  
(working on the writing of a new history of Europe: <http://labex-ehne.fr/en/>)
- **Member of the Centre d'Etudes des Mondes Moderne et Contemporain** Since 2013  
(Modern and Contemporary Worlds Study Centre)
- **Member of the Nature and Nation Network**  
<http://www.natureandnation.eu> Since 2010
- **Member of the « British Worlds » Research group**  
<http://www.mondesbritanniques.fr> Since 2010
- **Visiting Researcher at the Roland Mousnier Centre**  
(Paris-Sorbonne University) Since 2007

Organisation of academic events

- **International conference *Protecting Nature and the Environment French style (19th-20<sup>th</sup> centuries)?***

In collaboration with Jean-François Mouhot (Marie Curie Fellowship, Georgetown University)

International and interdisciplinary symposium (50 contributors, a quarter of whom from foreign universities)

Paris-Sorbonne and Paris-Sud (Sceaux) Universities, 23-25 September 2010

- **“Fear of Energy Shortages” Session**

Conference organised by the European Society for Environmental History

Munich, August 2013

- **Interdisciplinary Workshop on “Médiatisation(s) de l’écologie” (Ecology and the media)**

In collaboration with Anne-Claude Ambroise-Rendu (Professor at Limoges University)

Nanterre, Bibliothèque de Documentation Internationale Contemporaine, 16 May 2014

- **« French historiography in environmental history » session**

Conference organised by the European Society for Environmental History

Versailles, June-July 2015

- **Interdisciplinary Workshop on “Forecasting Energy shortages”**

Bordeaux Montaigne University, 25 September 2015

- **International conference *Mobilising and Using Energy, from Antiquity to present times***

International and interdisciplinary symposium (36 contributors, a quarter of whom from foreign universities)

Organised in collaboration with Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud (EHES)

Bordeaux Montaigne University, 8-10 September 2016

- **International conference on “Nature as a norm”**

Organised in collaboration with Pr Nader Hakim and Hervé Ferrière

Bordeaux Montaigne Université, 18-19 October 2018

- **Two-year quarterly seminar on “Nature in towns”**

Organised in collaboration with Emilie-Anne Pépy (Senior Lecturer at Savoie Mont Blanc University)

Bordeaux Montaigne University and Savoie Mont Blanc University, since 2017

## Administrative responsibilities

- **Founding member, Vice-President (2011-2015) and President (2015-2017) of the RUCHE** <http://leruche.hypotheses.org>  
(Network of Environmental History researchers / French branch of the ESEH) Since 2008
- **Administrative Committee Member of the *Revue Historique de Bordeaux*** 2014-2018
- **Founding member and treasurer of the AHPNE** <http://ahpne.fr> Since 2008  
(Association for the history of the protection of nature and the environment)

## Publications

### Books and editions of special issues

#### Author

- *In Nature We Trust : Les paysages anglais à l'ère industrielle*, Paris, Presses de l'Université Paris-Sorbonne, 2010 (688 pages).  
Foreword by François Walter (Genève University)
- *La Ville Végétale. Une histoire de la nature en milieu urbain (France, XVIIe-XXIe siècle)*, Cézérieu, Champ Vallon, 2017.  
Written with Emilie-Anne Pépy

#### Editor

- *Le monde britannique de 1815 à 1931*, Paris, Armand Colin (Cned-Sedes), 2009 (363 pages)  
Coedited with Pr Dominique Barjot  
Textbook for the Agrégation and CAPES.
- *Une protection de la nature et de l'environnement à la française?*, Paris, Champ Vallon, 2013  
Coedited with Jean-François Mouhot
- *Sous le Soleil. Systèmes et transitions énergétiques du Moyen Âge à nos jours*, Paris, Editions de la Sorbonne, 2019  
Coedited with Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud

#### Special issues

- *Penser l'écologie en politique*, special issue of *Ecologie et Politique*, March 2012 (coedited and introduced with JF Mouhot)
- *Médiatisation(s) de l'écologie*, special issue of *Le Temps des Médias*, October 2015 (coedited and introduced with Anne-Claude Ambroise-Rendu).
- *Vulnérabilités environnementales*, special issue of *Vertigo*, December 2016 (coedited and introduced with Michèle Dagenais, Stéphane Frioux and François Walter)
- *Nature du genre, genre de la nature: combats environnementaux en Europe du XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle à nos jours*, special issue of *Genre et Histoire*, forthcoming (October 2018), coedited and introduced with Florence Tamagne

### Selected Articles and book chapters

- « Chemins de fer et vision des paysages anglais », in *Histoire, Economie et Société*, March 2005, n° 1 (Cultures Politiques, Identités Sociales en Grande-Bretagne).
- « Victorian England as an industrial nation: a sustainable identity ? », *History and Sustainability*, Actes du colloque de l'ESEH, 2005.
- « La nature dans la ville victorienne : des utopies littéraires à la cité-jardin », in P. Chassaing and S. Schoonbaert (ed.), *L'urbanisme, des idées aux pratiques*, Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2008.
- « Le socialisme sentimental victorien : un romantisme ? », *Les Romantismes politiques en Europe*, Paris, Philia, 2009.
- Co-redaction of the contemporary history bibliography for the Agrégation and Capès in the review *Historiens et Géographes*, n° 407, juillet-août 2009.
- « Regulation of water supply in Great-Britain in the nineteenth century », *Network Industries Quarterly*, vol. 11, n° 3, 2009.
- Article « Environnement/Écologie », in C. Delporte, J.-Y. Mollier, J.-F. Sirinelli, *Dictionnaire d'histoire culturelle de la France contemporaine*, Paris, PUF, 2010.
- « De Wordsworth au National Trust : la naissance d'une conception sentimentale de l'environnement », *Histoire, Économie et Société*, janvier 2010.
- « Hugh Lupus Grosvenor, un duc au National Trust », *Les Elites et la Terre*, ed. Corinne Marache and Caroline Le Mao, Paris, Armand Colin, 2010.
- « "One to sit among the dandelions, the other to organise the docks": la question de l'union de l'environnement et du social en Angleterre au XIXe siècle », in Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud and Stephen Mosley, *Common Ground : Integrating the Social and Environmental in History*, Newcastle upon Tyne, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2011.
- « Mobiliser pour l'environnement en Europe et aux Etats-Unis : un état des lieux à l'aube du XXe siècle », *Revue XXe siècle*, n° 113, janvier-mars 2012.
- Articles « Royaume-Uni », « Victoria » and « John Stuart Mill », in Jean-Paul Bled, *Dictionnaire historique et juridique de l'Europe*, Paris, PUF, 2013.
- « Nation and Nature Preservation in France and England in the Nineteenth Century », *Environment and History*, 20, 2014, p. 9-39.
- « La ville, territoire du risque énergétique. Londres, 1873 », in Stéphane Gal and Anne-Marie Granet-Abisset (dir.), *Les territoires du risque*, Grenoble, Presses Universitaires de Grenoble, 2015.
- « L'histoire environnementale est-elle une histoire mondiale ? », in Jean-François Sirinelli, Pascal Cauchy, Claude Gauvard and Bernard Legras *Les Historiens français en mouvement*, Paris, PUF, 2015.
- « La politique environnementale de l'Union Européenne », article for the online encyclopaedia of the Labex EHNE (Ecrire une Histoire Nouvelle de l'Europe), February 2015 (<http://labex-ehne.fr/en/category/encyclopedie-ehne/>).

- With Anne-Claude Ambroise-Rendu, « Médiatisation(s) de l'écologie », *De la nature à l'écologie*, special issue of *Temps des Médias*, October 2015, p. 6-17.
- « *Comme un archet qui jouait sur mon âme. Les nouvelles émotions paysagères* », in Alain Corbin, Jean-François Courtine and Georges Vigarello, *Histoire des émotions*, Paris, Seuil, 2016, vol. II.
- « 'Renverser le roi Charbon'. Imaginer la transition énergétique en Grande-Bretagne, 1865-1914 », in Yves Bouvier and Léonard Laborie, *L'Europe en transitions: Énergie, mobilité, communication, 18e-21e siècles*, Paris, Nouveau Monde, 2016.
- « Ruskin's heirs: art, nature and socialism », *E-rea*, n° 13.2, 2016.
- With Stéphane Frioux, Michèle Dagenais and François Walter, « Vulnérabilités environnementales – perspectives historiques », *Vulnérabilités environnementales*, numéro de la revue *Vertigo*, décembre 2016, p. 1-10.
- « *La Terre vaine. Mutations du sentiment de la nature* », in Alain Corbin, Jean-François Courtine, Georges Vigarello, *Histoire des émotions*, Paris, Seuil, 2017, vol. III.
- « 1864. Création du parc de Yosemite », in Pierre Singaravélou and Sylvain Venayre, *Histoire du Monde au XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle*, Paris, Fayard, 2017.
- With Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud, « A brief introduction to the history of pollution : from local to global », in Cristiana Cravo-Laureau, Christine Cagnon, Béatrice Lauga et Robert Duran, *Microbial Ecotoxicology*, Cham, Springer, 2017.
- « King Coal Rules: Accepting or Refusing Coal Dependency in Victorian Britain », *Revue française de civilisation britannique*, numéro spécial « Environmental questions in Great Britain : Between Visibility and Marginalisation », vol. XXIII, n° 3, décembre 2018.
- « Pour un croisement des histoires environnementales et du genre », *Genre et Histoire*, numéro spécial Nature du genre, genre de la nature : les combats environnementaux en Europe, de la fin du XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle à nos jours, n° 22, décembre 2018.

### Awards and distinctions

**For the book *In Nature We Trust. Les paysages anglais à l'ère industrielle***  
(Paris, PUPS, 2010):

- The 2012 European History Book Award [http://association.histoire.free.fr/laureat\\_2012\\_com.html](http://association.histoire.free.fr/laureat_2012_com.html)
- The Académie des Sciences morales et politiques Grammaticakis-Neumann Award
- The Société de Géographie Award
- Finalist of the Rachel Carson Award (European Society for Environmental History)

**Prime d'encadrement doctoral et de recherche 2016-2020** (a 4-year special bonus granted for academic excellence by the Ministry of higher education and research).