

Timo Myllyntaus

Educated in economic history at Helsinki University and London School of Economics, I am now history professor at the University of Turku, Finland. My specialities in environmental history include energy history, forest history and natural disasters in the past. I have participated in all ESEH conferences since the St. Andrews meeting of 2001 except the one in Florence. I am been a member of various ESEH committees, served as the Regional Representative of the Nordic Countries for four years and organised two environmental history conferences in Turku in 2005 (Nordic meeting) and 2011 (ESEH conference). I have published a number of articles and edited some anthologies on environmental history; the most recent one is "*Thinking through the Environment: Green Approaches to Global History*" (2011). The volume is a collection offering global perspectives on the intersections of mind and environment across a variety of discourses.

ESEH has been a vivid and dynamic society and the atmosphere of its conferences has been pleasant and multidisciplinary. We should work for preserving ESEH as an energetic society open to new people and fresh ideas. ESEH has launched various kinds of activities, such as biennial conferences, summer schools, publications on paper and online etc. As a vice-president I would like to activate new people with different backgrounds to research and teach environmental history and put special efforts to extend contacts with the countries where environmental history has not yet gained a footing. Interactions with environmental historians of other continents and their organisations comprise another vital sector of ESEH's activities as well as studying and researching non-European themes – besides European ones. Working together we can gain more visibility for ESEH, while its members could become ever more active participants in global discourses. It would be a great honour to participate as a vice-president in continuing the promising development path of ESEH for next two years.

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA

Name: **Timo MYLLYNTAUS**
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CURRENT POSITIONS

January 2003 – , Professor of Finnish History with the focus on economic and social history of the post-1789 period, University of Turku
1990/90/91/98 – , *Docent*, (Adjunct professor), Four universities (in Helsinki, Jyväskylä, Tampere, Espoo)
August 2005 – July 2013, Secretary General, International Committee for the History of Technology (ICOHTEC)

EDUCATION

Doctor's degree Ph.D. (econ.), University of London, London School of Economics, 15.2.1989
Licentiate's degree Licentiate of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki, grade: magna cl, 19.11.1980
Master of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki; grade: laudatur, 20.12.1978

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS

Jan-Jun 2012, Carson Fellow, Rachel Carson Center, LMU, Munich, Germany
Sep. – Dec. 2009, Senior Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics
Aug. 2008–July 09, Senior Scientist (*varttunut tutkija*), The Academy of Finland
Jan. 2009–March 09, Visiting Researcher (*vieraileva tutkija*), Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA
May 2008 – July 11, The Chair of the Local Organising Committee of the 6th ESEH Conference, European Society for Environmental History (ESEH)

RESEARCH FUNDING DURING THE PAST 5 YEARS

2012 – 2016 The Academy of Finland, Project: *Finnish Harvest Failures and Famines in the International Context: Long-term Comparison of Economic and Environmental Margins*
2006 – 2010 The Academy of Finland, Project: *Gendered Technology of Everyday Life in the Past*.

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Timo Myllyntaus, "Preface, Methods in Environmental History," In: *Thinking through the Environment. Green Approaches to Global History*, (Ed.) Timo Myllyntaus, Cambridge, White Horse Press, 2011, pp. 1-14.

[Timo Myllyntaus, "Farewell to Self-sufficiency: Finland and the Globalization of Fossil Fuels," *Energy, Policy, and the Environment: Modeling Sustainable Development for the North*, \(Eds.\) Marja Järvelä and Sirku Juhola, Studies in Human Ecology and Adaptation vol. 6, New York, Springer Science + Business Media 2011, pp. 31-44.](#)

Jan Kunnas and Timo Myllyntaus, "Anxiety and Technological Change - Explaining the Inverted U-curve of Sulphur Dioxide Emissions in Late 20th Century Finland," *Ecological Economics* vol. 69 (2010) no 7, pp. 1587-1593.

Timo Myllyntaus, "Summer Frost, A Natural Hazard with Fatal Consequences in Pre-industrial Finland," *Natural Disasters and Cultural Responses: Case Studies toward a Global Environmental History*, eds. Christof Mauch and Christian Pfister, New York: Lexington Books 2009, pp. 77-102.

Timo Myllyntaus, Minna Hares & Jan Kunnas, "Sustainability in Danger? Slash-and-Burn Cultivation in Nineteenth-Century Finland and Twentieth-Century Southeast Asia," *Environmental History* (Durham, USA) vol. 7 (April 2002) no 2, pp. 267-302.

COMMUNICATION

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