

ESEH Representative Office in Ukraine

Main goals and directions of work

In Ukraine, the field of environmental history is a hardly developed field of research. Existing studies are scattered and fragmented, and the number of scientists who consistently work in the field of environmental history in Ukraine, is painfully few. Most environmental historians in Ukraine focus on the modern history of Ukraine, leaving large loopholes in the environmental history of earlier periods. In addition, Ukrainian researchers integrated into European and global science very weakly, which further disadvantage the development of environmental history in our country. Sadly, as of today, Ukrainian universities do not prepare specialists in environmental history, and lack adequate methodological support for research in environmental history.

Therefore, the main goal of ESEH' Representative Office in Ukraine is to increase the interest of the scientific community and students to environmental history, engage them in the research in this field, contribute to the development of a new and rapidly growing discipline in Ukraine and exchanging of information with European researchers.

The development of environmental history research under the umbrella of ESEH will help to integrate the Ukrainian researchers into the European scientific space. European historians will receive the opportunity for the establishment of wide-scale relations with the Ukrainian researcher, exchange with them different ideas and promote academic research on Ukraine from an environmental point of view.

Taking in account this peculiarity of Ukrainian situation we plan to develop environmental history in two parallel directions: in the academic environment and among the students of Ukrainian universities. We propose following activities:

- prepare and distribute monthly digest of environmental history news and ESEH news,
- create a list of researchers, who work in the field of environmental history and send them via e-mail the digest as well as news and activities of ESEH,
- organize network of researchers, who work in the field of environmental history,
- give a series of lectures on environmental history for students in the Ukrainian universities (Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University),

- promote the including of environmental history as one of the directions of student's conferences in Ukrainian universities; participation as the moderator of such panels,
- organize a number of scientific workshops for academics on the environmental history on the basis of Ukrainian universities or institutions of Academy of Science of Ukraine,
- personally participate in various Ukrainian scientific events devoted to the research in humanitarian field (as well as in events devoted to the improvement of research and teaching in high education) and promote environmental history as field of research and new perspective discipline.

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For 25 years, she has been working in the National Academy of Science of Ukraine: in 1993-2013 – in the Institute of World Economy and International Relations, from 2014 till now – in the Institute of World History (position - senior researcher).

List of publications

Monograph

Perga T. Global environmental policy and Ukraine (2014), Nizhyn: PP Melanik. 285 p.

Part of books

co-author of 6 books, particularly:

Perga T. The Fallout of Chornobyl (2019). The emergence of the Environment Movement in Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic in “*Nature and the Iron Curtain. Environmental Policy and Social movements in Communist and Capitalist Countries*”. University of Pittsburg Press, pp.55-73.

Articles

an author of 140 articles, including:

- Perga T. (2018) Confronting Nuclear Tyranny: Role of Eco-nationalism in Development of Environmental movement in Ukraine. Cultural and Religious Studies. Vol 6, №9, pp.539-547.
- Perga T. (2016). Problem of environmental refugees in the international relations. Foreign Affairs, №6, pp.42-45.
- Perga T. (2014). Regional specific of environmental convergence. Bulletin of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. History, №5 (123), pp.42-43.
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- Perga T. (2010). Realities and perspectives of transboundary cooperation in environmental field in the Black Sea Region. Journal of the European Economy. Vol.9, №6, pp.174-183.
- Perga T. (2008). Terra incognita: the participation of the civil society in shaping environmental policy in Ukraine. Foreign Affairs. №7, pp.48-51.
- Perga T. (2006). Lisbon and Gothenburg routes. EU Sustainable Development Strategy has been reviewed? Policies and Time, №3, pp.26-32.
- Perga T. (2004). Global climate change and Ukraine: who wins? Reporter of Ecology, pp. P.2-3.
- Perga T. (2001). Problems with, and perspectives on, International Ecological cooperation in Ukraine. Environmental Practice. Journal of the national Association of Environmental Professionals. Oxford University Press-The Evergreen State College. - 2001.- P.18-19.

Speaker in international conferences

- International conference «Chernobyl – Turning Point or Catalyst? Changing Practices, Structures and Perceptions in Environmental Policy and Politics (1970s-1990s)», Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin, November 2-3, 2016, report «The impact of the Chernobyl disaster on forming the protest movement in Ukraine».
- International workshop «Commanding the Environment or Green Dictatorships? Nature-Culture – Nature-Society Relationships in Authoritarian Regimes», University of Helsinki Alexanderi Institute, April, 27-28, 2017, report «Environmental opposition in Ukraine: forming, developing, transforming».
- International workshop «Free and Equal - Equal and Free? Human Rights and Communism in the 20th Century», Center of East European and International Studies, Berlin, November 25-27, 2017, report «Influence of Americans for Human Rights in Ukraine on the Situation in Ukrainian SSR (1980-1990)».
- International conference «Regimes and Societies in Conflict: Eastern Europe and Russia since 1956», Uppsala University the Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies, September 13-14, 2018, report «Confronting nuclear tyranny: role of eco-nationalism in development of environmental movement in Ukraine».
- International workshop «Cultural landscapes in Central and Eastern Europe After World War II and the Collapse of Communism», Academia Europea Wroclaw Knowledge Hub, Wroclaw, September 19-21, report «Impact of nuclear cities on the landscape and communities in Ukraine».

Perga T. is a 2-month DAAD fellow in the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (June-July 2018, scientific partner Dr. Melanie Arndt).

Research interests

Different aspects of the world, American and European environmental history, peculiarities of national, regional and global environmental policy, challenges and threats to environment in the era of globalization, monitoring and assessment of environmental exhausting, environmental governance, partnerships in the environmental protection, sustainable development, Chernobyl disaster.