



The Department of Environmental Studies, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Brno in cooperation with the Institute of Contemporary History (USD) of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and the Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies at LMU Munich and with support of the European Society for Environmental History

invites you to the workshop

## Why Is There So Little Green in Czech and Slovak History? A Workshop and Poster Session on the Horizons of Multi- and Interdisciplinary Cooperation in Environmental History

Date: 28.3.2014

Venue: Brno – Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Joštova 10, room number U32

*What do think Czech and Slovak historians think nowadays about environmental history? Why is environmental history in Czechia and Slovakia still regarded as the study of physical changes of nature rather than in the context of the historical development of the Czech and Slovak Republics and their respective social, political and cultural histories? We consider these and other questions when we look at the current state of environmental history in Czechia and Slovakia.*

*The aim of the workshop is to present different perspectives on environmental history and propose a definition of this field, as the subject is considered elsewhere: as a discipline engaged with the interactions between humans and their environment in the context of political, social and cultural changes of societies.*

*Our goal is to establish a common platform for discussions between representatives from the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, who are involved in environmental history. What is the future of environmental history going to be like in Czechia and Slovakia?*



Program:

13-13.45

**Christof Mauch (Director of the Rachel Carson Center, Munich, former president of European Society for Environmental History)**

"Down to Earth. On the Challenges and Advantages of Doing Environmental History"

*Discussion*

Poster session

14.15-15.30

**Leoš Jeleček (PřF UK, Prague)**

Environmental history in Czechia: Beginnings, current state and its conditions (In Czech)

**Ondřej Hudeček (FHS UK, Prague)**

"Theory decides on the way one can observe". On the necessity of a qualitative theoretical foundation of Czech environmental history (In Czech)

15.30-16.30

*Discussion*

As organizers of the workshop you are cordially invited by Doubravka Olšáková (ÚSD AV ČR, Praha) - Nicholas Orsillo (Katedra environmentálních studií, FSS MU, Brno) - Arnošt Štanzel (Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies – LMU, Mnichov)

*Thanks to the generous financial support of the European Society of Environmental History, the Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies LMU, we can refund participants' travel costs coming outside of Brno up to 400Kč/20€ per person*

*With the exception of Christof Mauch's paper, most of the workshop will take place in Czech or Slovak. Although interpretation will not be provided, English-language posters are welcomed.*

*We ask interested participants to send an email **Nicholas Orsillo:***

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*One further goal of the workshop is to support the development of historical research connected with the environment, especially with young researchers, i.e. students, PhD students and PostDocs. These will have the possibility to present their research in the field of environmental history at a poster session. Interested persons should please contact Nicholas Orsillo [norsillo@mail.muni.cz](mailto:norsillo@mail.muni.cz)*

