Mountains and Plains: Past, present and future environmental and climatic entanglements

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22 August 2023
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- A tribute to the first ESEH conference in the Alps

Some topics
- Transit across mountainous areas and their socio-economic impact (including culture and knowledge transfer)
- History of environmental knowledge related to mountains
- Environmental histories of tourism in the Alps and other alpine areas
- Mountains and plains interactions, e.g. water metabolisms
- Alpine resource management, biodiversity and the commons
- Influences of alpine areas on weather and climate in the past – present – future

Alpine, European and global approaches

Other topics addressed to environmental history are also welcome as always
Organisation of the conference

- Two preceding summer schools
  - Commons (in Grimentz, Val d’Anniviers, canton of Valais)
  - Climate (in Aeschi bei Spiez, canton of Bern)
- Conference days on 22-25 August 2023
  - Hybrid structure
    - 550 participants on-site
    - 80 virtual participants
  - Various city trips
- Various excursions on 26 August 2023
- Programme booklet including practical information
  - See website for the latest version
  - Two venues: UniS and Unitobler
  - Coffee breaks (45 min.) and lunch buffets (90 min.) on both locations
  - Evening receptions with apéros
Sustainability

- University of Bern on the way to a CO$_2$ neutral green university
- Location in the centre of Europe
  - Reachable by train for a large amount of participants
  - Excellent public transport in Bern and Switzerland
- Catering
  - Mostly organic food and drinks
  - Producers from the region preferred
  - Lunches and nearly all receptions only vegetarian/vegan
  - No one-way plastic bottles
- Conference bag
  - Reusable mug made of sugar cane
  - Badge made of recycled oceanic plastic waste
  - Reduction of paper as much as possible
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