



Past, present and future environmental and climatic entanglements







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

12th ESEH Conference

Bern, 22-26 August 2023

Organiser: University of Bern

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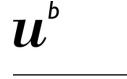
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The paramount conference topic



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

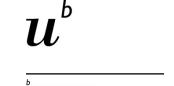
Organisation of the conference



- 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 CO₂ 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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