

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

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# ESEH: 22 years from St. Andrews to Bern

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St. Andrews 2001



Prague 2003



Florence 2005



Amsterdam 2007



Copenhagen 2009



Turku 2011



Munich 2013



Zagreb 2017  
Versailles 2015



Tallinn 2019



Bristol 2022

22 August 2023

# The paramount conference topic

- 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



- University of Bern on the way to a CO<sub>2</sub> 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

# The LOC core team



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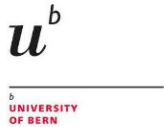
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