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1. Editorial

Some Environmental History News in the closing days of the Summer of 2018. The Summer was ‘exceptional’ once again, with drought and heat in many parts of Europe (and Asia and North America). At the same time, even the oldest parts of the arctic ice north of Greenland are fragmenting and disintegrating. The Arctic might be basically gone in a few decades, and Earth System Scientists have been issuing serious warnings that a series of interconnected processes might rapidly push the Earth towards an unprecedented and dangerous ‘hothouse’ state.

See the PNAS-article by Will Steffen and his colleagues published this month (<http://www.pnas.org/content/115/33/8252>) and the comment in The Guardian: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/aug/06/domino-effect-of-climate-events-could-push-earth-into-a-hothouse-state>

As environmental historians, these are interesting but also frightening times. Based on our understanding of the climate/society nexus in the past, we should more than ever engage in the Climate Change debate today...



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Nevertheless, I wish you a pleasant Autumn, and see you next year at the ESEH-conference in beautiful Talinn (Estonia)?

The newsletter is free and very informal. All information should be sent to tim.soens@uantwerpen.be

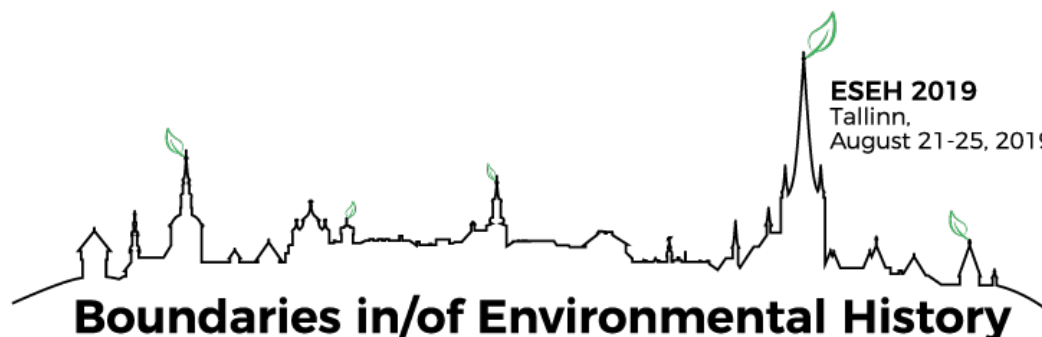
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2. ESEH Talinn 2019 Call for Papers

From 21 till 25 August 2019 the 10th ESEH-conference will take place in Talinn (Estonia). The theme is: *Boundaries in/of Environmental History*.

The call for papers is currently open: <http://eseh.org/2019-conference-call-for-papers/> (deadline is Oktober 31st).

The Benelux is usually well represented on the ESEH conference (with no less than 20 papers in Zagreb in 2017), so do not hesitate to submit session proposals!



3. World Congress of Environmental History 2019 Florianopolis (Brazil)

Talinn is not the only major Environmental History Conference in the summer of 2019: from 22 to 26 July, the 3rd World Congress of Environmental History will take place in the rather exotic Florianopolis in Brazil.



The theme of the conference is *Convergences: The Global South and the Global North in the Era of Great Acceleration*

The call for papers is currently open (dead-line September 10th 2018), see <https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/iceho/iceho19/>

4. EURHO Rural History Conference Paris 2019: Call for Papers

And to finish the Call for Papers-section: the bi-annual European Rural History Conference, which also features many sessions on environmental history/landscape history/climate history, takes place from 10 to 13 September 2019 at the EHESS in Paris (France)

The call for papers is open until Oktober 15th 2018: <https://eurhoparis2019.sciencesconf.org/user/submit>

5. Journal for the History of Environment and Society (JHES)

The third issue of the fully open-access JHES will appear in December 2018. This year, guest editors Arne Kaijser (KTH Stockholm) and Jan-Hendrik Meyer (Copenhagen/Potsdam) have prepared a special issue on: *Nuclear Installations at the Border. Transnational connections and international implications. An Introduction.*

Also check the second issue of the JHES: *Recycling: The Industrial City and Its Surrounding Countryside, 1750 -1940* (Guest Editors: Laurent Herment and Thomas Le Roux)



http://www.brepols.net/Pages/ShowProduct.aspx?prod_id=IS-9782503571850-1

JHES – which is subject to blind peer review - welcomes all contributions on environmental history as long as they develop a “social” (economic, political, cultural) approach on environmental issues in the past. Contributions in three languages (English, French and German) are welcome.

Submissions can be sent to tim.soens@uantwerpen.be

See the journal website: <https://ojs.ugent.be/jhes>

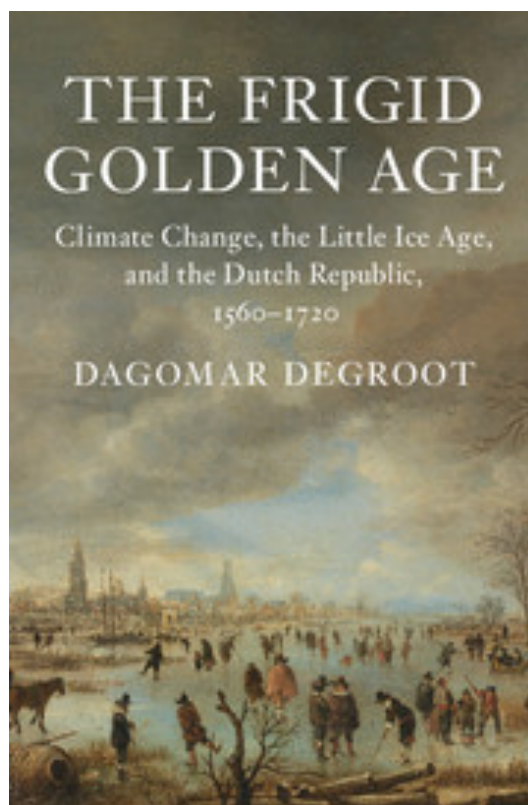
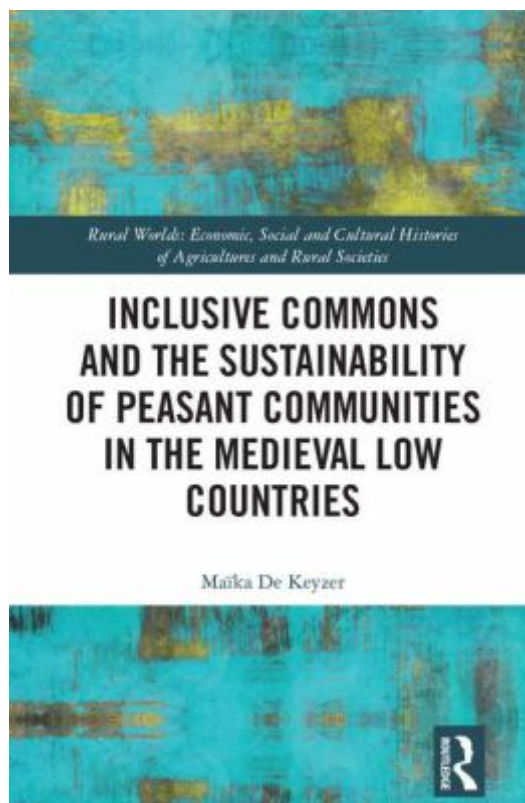
6. Completed PhDs in Environmental History of the Low Countries

Universiteit van Amsterdam, 8 June 2018: **Janna Coomans** : *In Pursuit of a Healthy City. Sanitation and the Common Good in the Late Medieval Low Countries* (supervisor: Guy Geltner).

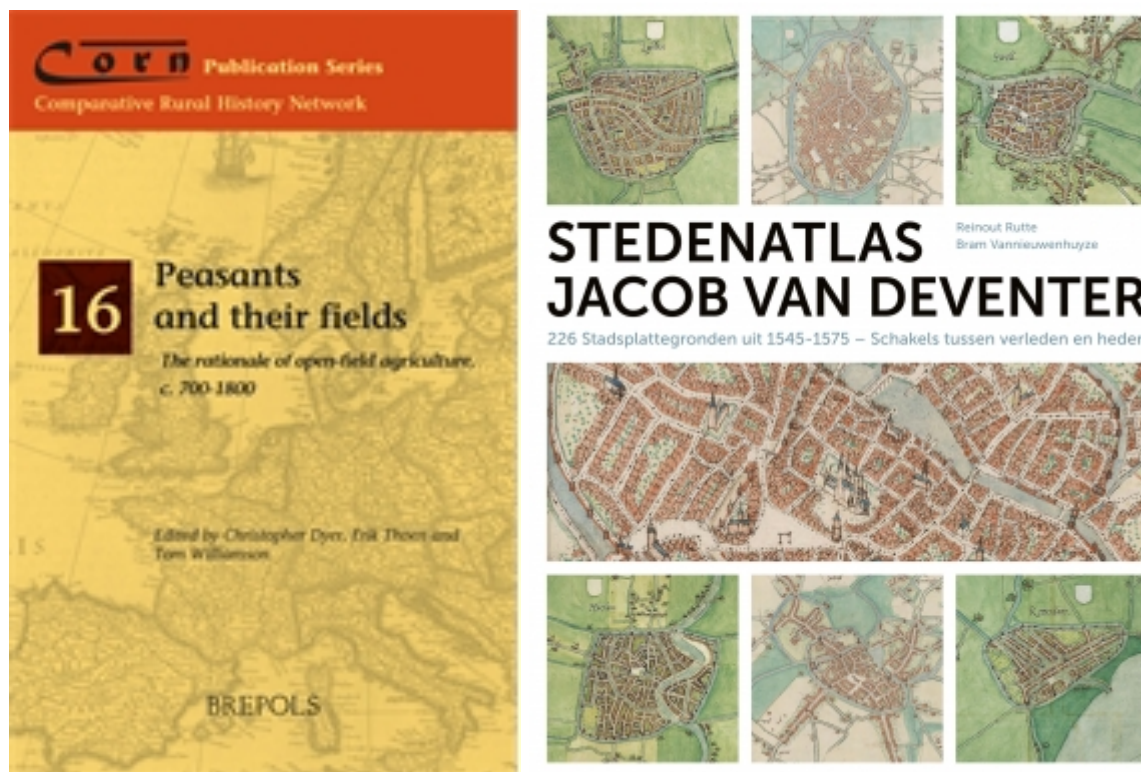
U. Namur, 2 February 2018 : **Kevin Troch**: *"Ne pas grever l'avenir au bénéfice du présent". Une histoire environnementale de l'extraction du charbon de la fin du 18^e siècle à l'Entre-deux-guerres: un développement non soutenable. L'exemple du Couchant de Mons et du Valenciennois* (supervisor : Isabelle Parmentier)

7. Recent Publications

A small selection of a rich harvest of publications on the Environmental History of the Low Countries:



- Maïka De Keyzer, *Inclusive Commons and the Sustainability of Peasant Communities in the Medieval Low Countries*, Routledge, 2018 (<https://www.routledge.com/Inclusive-Commons-and-the-Sustainability-of-Peasant-Communities-in-the/Keyzer/p/book/9781138054042>)
- Dagomar De Groot, *The Frigid Golden Age. Climate Change, the Little Ice Age and The Dutch Republic, 1560-1720*, Cambridge, 2018 (<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/frigid-golden-age/FD88D1B4AFA571C02A33D34B65484928>)



- **Christopher Dyer, Erik Thoen and Tom Williamson** (eds.), : *Peasants and their fields. The rationale of open-field agriculture, c. 700-1800*. Brepols, Turnhout, 2018 (http://www.brepols.net/Pages/ShowProduct.aspx?prod_id=IS-9782503576008-1)
- **Reinout Rutte & Bram Vannieuwenhuijze**. *Stedenatlas Jacob van Deventer. 226 stadsplattegronden uit 1545-1575*. Tielt, Lannoo 2018 (<https://www.lannoo.be/nl/stedenatlas-jacob-van-deventer>)
- **Lia Van Zalinge-Spooren**. *Gemeint en gemeenschap. Jaargeboden in Peelland, circa 1300-1795*. Hilversum, Verloren, 2017.

8. Landschapscontactdag Picturale Landschappen 12 oktober 2018

Op vrijdag 12 oktober 2018 vindt te Sint-Martens-Latem de jaarlijkse Landschapscontactdag plaats met als thema: 'Picturale Landschappen'. Meer info op: <https://www.onroerendergoed.be/nl/actueel/agenda/landschapscontactdag-2018-picturale-landschappen/>



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9. More ESEH Benelux news

See the regional BENELUX pages on the official website of ESEH:
<http://eseh.org/about-eseh/regions/benelux-countries/>