

Global environmental history ht-12

Online seminar 1 – Replacement assignment for missed attendance at the online seminar on Friday September 28th

Personal Environmental History

Part 1.

Start with writing the assignment “*Personal Environmental History*” if you have not already done so. The assignment can be found on the course website, under “*Assignments*”. If you have trouble finding the assignment, please contact the course coordinators.

Part 2.

Read the following articles from the online course material (the articles are required reading for everyone): ***Society, agency and environment: what we can learn from history*** by Anneli Ekblom and ***The eclipse of the sensuous*** by David Abram. You can find the article from Anneli Ekblom under week 42 in the online course material and the article by David Abram under week 41.

Part 3.

Reflect on the articles. During the course, we try to highlight how our own preunderstanding (that is, our previous explicit and implicit knowledge) may affect the way we interpret history. These articles demonstrate some different ways to experience, see and interpret our surroundings - as well as different ways to interpret and understand history. Make use of the articles and relate them to your own personal environmental history. Can you see similarities or differences in the texts? Is there anything in the articles that you can recognize when you are analyzing your own view of history and your own history telling?

Think about how you look at your own environmental history. Do you have preconceived ideas and goals in your life that affect the way you tell your own personal history? Can history be impartial, and is it even desirable?

Remember to make a clear distinction between information you are referring to and your own opinions.

Your text should be between 2 - 3 pages long, excluding Part 1 of the assignment. Use line spacing 1.5 and font size 12. Enter your name and date in the header. Please write the course details and your name as the document name, for example: Karinmodig_article_geh.doc. Submit the assignment through Studentportalen.uu.se no later than **Friday December 21st**.