

Global Environmental History - distance
Online seminar, Friday September 28th at 10:00-12:00 am

Personal Environmental History

Seminar instructions:

The seminar will go on for **two hours**.

Part 1

Part 1 of the seminar should last approximately 1h. Start by briefly **introducing yourself** to the other group members (5 minutes per person). The next thing you need to do is to **present what you have written** in the assignment *personal environmental history* to the others and **listen to the other group member's presentations** of the same assignment. Each personal environmental history presentation should not take more than 10 minutes. When everyone is finished with the presentations, go on to the next part in the assignment.

Part 2:

The group should now **discuss and compare your various personal environmental histories** and try to **identify the most important common events** you can find in the different histories. What do your different histories have **in common** and what important events **separate** the stories? (The common events can include things that affected your family a lot, things that changed their / your life, changes that had to do with natural resources, habitat, etc.)

Part 3:

Next you should **discuss the following questions** within the group. The idea is to widen the discussion into perspectives you may not have covered yet during the first two parts of the seminar.

- What happened in the rest of the world at the same time as the commonalities you found in your stories?
- Can you see the links between world events and everyday occurrences?
- How do we look at nature now compared to the past? How do you look at nature compared to your parents or grandparents?

- Has the way we look at ourselves as humans changed over time?
- How did your past relatives (that you know of) identify themselves, do you think? Compare this with how you identify yourselves today?
- In what way have gender roles changed over time, do you think? Compare gender roles today with gender roles in the lives of your past relatives.
- What do you think has been the relationship between gender and environment in your family, and more generally in different times and places? Has your gender affected your relationship to the environment in the past, and does it do so today?