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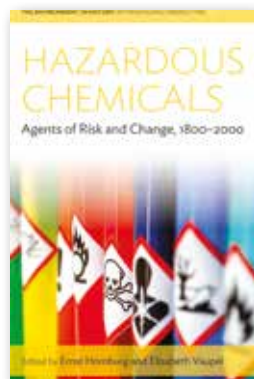
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Simone Schleper

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Eleonora Rohland

"As New Orleans celebrates its tricentennial, this book would be a great read for the history enthusiast, or anyone wanting to better understand the social, political, and technical ways in which the Crescent City has endured for more than 300 years." · **Choice**

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Edited by Julia Herzberg, Christian Kehrt,
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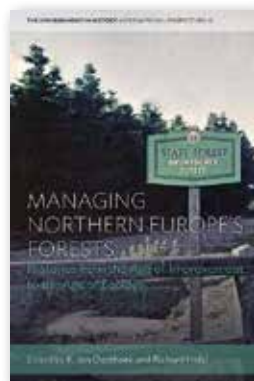
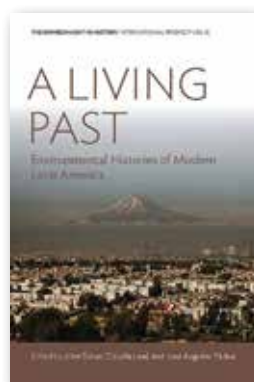
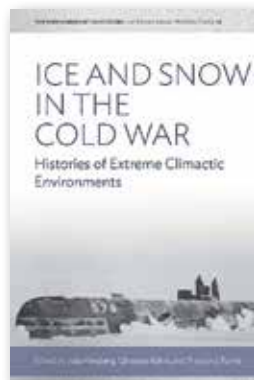
A Living Past Environmental Histories of Modern Latin America

Edited by John Soluri, Claudia Leal,
and José Augusto Pádua

"This collection will prove to be a valuable resource for many. Scholars in environmental humanities and science recognize the challenges in discussing these layered problems in the classroom. This book provides a model going forward in presenting the historical background of current crises. Meanwhile, undergraduate students will benefit from how each chapter situates the question at hand in social, cultural, economic, and political history. Graduate students will appreciate the thorough research outlined in the chapters and in the footnotes. Overall, A Living Past lives up to its name and frames the past as very much alive in the Latin American environment." • **H-Net Reviews**

Though still a relatively young field, the study of Latin American environmental history is no longer in its infancy. Bringing together thirteen leading experts on the region, *A Living Past* gives a transnational and thematically diverse survey of historical developments since the nineteenth century.

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Managing Northern Europe's Forests Histories from the Age of Improvement to the Age of Ecology

Edited by K. Jan Oosthoek and Richard Hölzl

"This comprehensive and truly transnational collection provides fascinating comparative studies of the history of forestry. It will be of wide interest to environmental historians and students of silviculture everywhere."

• **Tom Brooking**, University of Otago

Eleven chapters, organized regionally, explore the origins of state forestry policy in Northern Europe from the early modern period to the present. Topics include fundamental policy aims, the functioning and organisations of forestry, forest management, wood supply, regulations, forest statistics, wood depletion, growing stock, forest conservation, and landscape protection.

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Edited by Wolfram Kaiser and Jan-Henrik Meyer

"This fascinating book is one of those rare collections that have a shared and unified purpose. Collectively, the authors cover a diverse set of topics, draw on myriad original sources (including interviews as well as archival research), tell interesting and new stories, and make a variety of novel arguments." • **Bob H. Reinhardt**, Executive Director, Willamette Heritage Center

"This book is exceptionally helpful for understanding the interplay between emerging environmental concerns and international politics during the last century. It illuminates the crucial role played by international organisations in developing environmental policies, and in particular it traces the political resolve and intellectual effort behind the concept of sustainable development." • **Sara Lorenzini**, University of Trento

Environmental issues transcend national boundaries, and thus they have been a particular focus for international organizations for over a century. This volume is the first to comprehensively explore the environmental activities of regional bodies, professional communities, the United Nations, NGOs, and other international organizations during the twentieth century.

Volume 11, *Environment in History: International Perspectives*
March 2019, 360 pages, bibliog., index
ISBN 978-1-78533-362-0 **Hb \$150.00/£107.00 (2016)**
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In the Name of the Great Work Stalin's Plan for the Transformation of Nature and its Impact in Eastern Europe

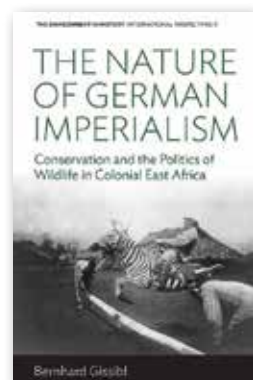
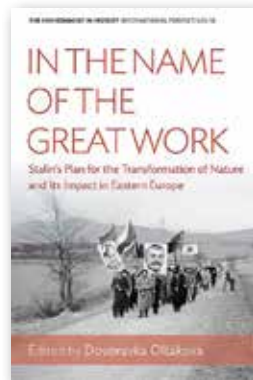
Edited by Doubravka Olšáková

"The book makes a valuable contribution to the understudied environmental history of Central and Eastern Europe." • **H-Soz-Kult**

"This is a necessary book... the first monograph dedicated entirely to how [Stalin's parallel] plans played out in the 'people's democracies' of Eastern Europe during Stalin's lifetime and beyond... Olšakova's work is thus a significant addition to extant literature on environmental history and the twentieth century history of Eastern Europe." • **Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe**

Following Stalin's lead, the newly communist states of Eastern Europe pursued a total "transformation of nature" in the 1940s and 1950s intended to improve agricultural outputs. This richly detailed volume follows the history of such projects in Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia, exploring their varied, but largely disastrous, consequences.

Volume 10, *Environment in History: International Perspectives*
June 2019, 322 pages, bibliog., index
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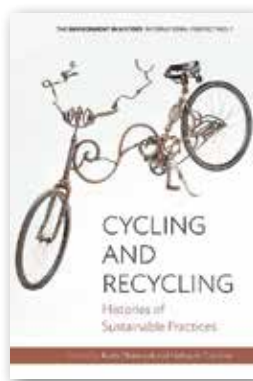
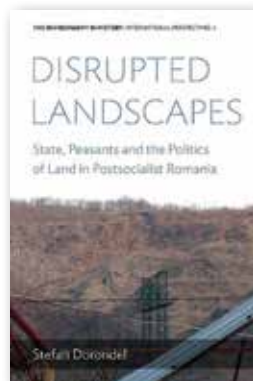
The Nature of German Imperialism Conservation and the Politics of Wildlife in Colonial East Africa

Bernhard Gissibl

"The Nature of German Imperialism is at once an analytic tour de force and an empirically rich and cogent account of wildlife conservation as an ideologically charged political activity rife with contradictions and denials... His grounding of German imperialism in the wider turn-of-the-century European intellectual and social history is a most welcome contribution to East African studies." • **Finalist for the 2017 BETHWELL A. OGOT BOOK PRIZE of the African Studies Association**

This is the first book-length study analyzing the origins of Tanzania's wildlife conservation under German colonial rule. It examines the shift of wildlife policies from exploitation to preservation. By situating East Africa's conservation in a global context, *The Nature of German Imperialism* shows how colonial policy helped to shape international conservationist efforts.

Volume 9, *Environment in History: International Perspectives*
June 2019, 374 pages, 9 illus., 6 tables, bibliog., index
ISBN 978-1-78533-175-6 **Hb \$150.00/£107.00 (2016)**
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Disrupted Landscapes State, Peasants and the Politics of Land in Postsocialist Romania

Stefan Dorondel

"For those concerned with the transformations of land relations since the fall of socialism and of the mechanisms behind them, this book is essential reading." • **Slavic Review**

"This very well-written and thoroughly researched book is an important addition to the collection of not-so-numerous books on the politics of land in Romania, together with valuable comparison analyses of the similar development in other postsocialist countries in Eastern Europe."

• **EuropeNow**

The fall of the Soviet Union led not only to new regimes of ownership and development but to dramatic changes in the landscape itself. This study focuses on the emblematic case of postsocialist Romania, in which the transition from collectivization to privatization profoundly reshaped the nation's forests, farmlands, and rivers.

Volume 8, *Environment in History: International Perspectives*
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Cycling and Recycling Histories of Sustainable Practices

Edited by Ruth Oldenziel and Helmuth Trischler

"...an informative and very readable volume that offers stimulating ideas for further research." • **Technikgeschichte**

"The reviewer freely admits to have learned many interesting and fascinating facts about 'Cycling and Recycling' in very different country contexts. In addition, most of the contributions have been written in such a way as to be so comprehensible and jargon-free as to make them accessible also to readers beyond the narrow circle of specialists, which appears particularly important for an interdisciplinary field such as environmental history. In addition, the collection reveals, beyond the semantic bracket of the title, a thematic stringency that one can only wish for in the cases of many available syntheses bound together." • **H-Soz-Kult**

In recent years, activists and policymakers have increasingly turned to mobilizing older technologies in their pursuit of sustainability, and waste recycling and bicycles both exemplify this development. This series of fascinating case studies traces the twin histories of biking and recycling, providing valuable context for today's policy challenges.

Volume 7, *Environment in History: International Perspectives*
March 2019, 256 pages, 18 illus., bibliog., index
ISBN 978-1-78238-970-5 **Hb \$130.00/£92.00 (2015)**
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eISBN 978-1-78238-971-2

Fault Lines

Earthquakes and Urbanism in Modern Italy

Giacomo Parrinello

Winner of the 2016 American Association of Italian Studies Book Award for 20th & 21st Century Category

Winner of the 2016 Anci-Storia Book Prize. Awarded by Italian Society for the Study of Modern History (SISSCO) and National Association of Italian Municipalities (ANCI)

This book follows the history of two Italian seismic disasters — the 1908 Messina earthquake and the 1968 earthquake in the Belice Valley, Sicily — exploring plans preceding the destruction and the urbanism that emerged from the ruins.

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Rivers, Memory, And Nation-building

A History of the Volga and Mississippi Rivers

Dorothy Zeisler-Vralsted

"The book will serve as a wellspring for more specific comparisons and as a methodological example for future scholarship." • **Choice**

Despite being forced into submission for modern-day hydrological regimes, the Volga and Mississippi Rivers persist in the collective memory and continue to offer solace, recreation, and sustenance. Through their histories we derive a more nuanced view of human interaction with the environment.

Volume 5, *Environment in History: International Perspectives* Available, 204 pages, 20 illus., Bibliog., Index ISBN 978-1-78238-431-1 **Hb \$95.00/£67.00 (2014)** eISBN 978-1-78238-432-8

Creating Wilderness

A Transnational History of the Swiss National Park

Patrick Kupper

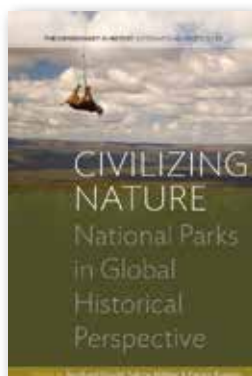
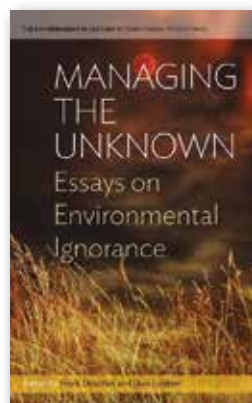
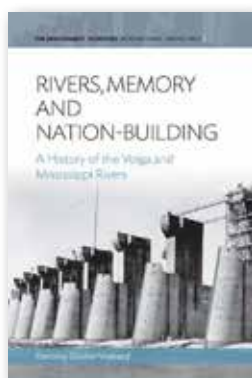
Translated from the German by Giselle Weiss

Winner of the Turku Book Prize of the European Society for Environmental History and the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society.

"Well tied into the literature of national park studies worldwide, this exquisite book... chronicles the unique Swiss experience in creating and managing a national park in which wilderness was nonexistent... Highly recommended." • **Choice**

The history of the Swiss National Park, from its creation in the years before the Great War to the present, is told for the first time in this book.

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Managing the Unknown

Essays on Environmental Ignorance

Edited by Frank Uekötter and Uwe Lübken

"This is an interesting and well written set of essays that provides fresh and illuminating insights on many important topics, which makes it indispensable to practitioners and students of environmental history across the globe." • **Tom Brooking**, University of Otago

With its combination of empirical case studies and theoretical reflection, the essays make a significant contribution to the interdisciplinary debate on the production and resilience of ignorance.

Volume 3, *Environment in History: International Perspectives* Available, 208 pages, 1 illus., bibliog., index ISBN 978-1-78238-252-2 **Hb \$120.00/£85.00 (2014)** ISBN 978-1-78533-207-4 **Pb \$29.95/£21.00** eISBN 978-1-78238-253-9

Powerless Science?

Science and Politics in a Toxic World

Edited by Soraya Boudia and Nathalie Jas

"Each chapter is written by an authority on the topic and contains primary bibliographic sources. Overall, the scientific content is accurate and free of obvious partiality." • **Choice**

Problems surrounding contaminants and their effects on health have never been so important, sometimes to the point of appearing insurmountable. This calls for a reconsideration of the roles of scientific knowledge and expertise in the definition and management of toxic issues, which this book seeks to do.

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Civilizing Nature

National Parks in Global Historical Perspective

Edited by Bernhard Gissibl, Sabine Höhler and Patrick Kupper

"This book makes a unique contribution to the conservation literature by enhancing one's understanding and appreciation of the cultural meaning of nature conservation through the lens of national park development. [...] Highly recommended." • **Choice**

Shifting the focus from the usual emphasis on national parks in the United States, this volume adopts an historical and transnational perspective on the global geography of protected areas and its changes over time.

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