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ONLINE BRAINSTORMING WORKSHOP

# Environmental History & Public Policy

This will be the first in a series of stakeholder workshops organised by the newly-established Princeton-Max Planck Advisory Panel on Environmental History and Policy (EnvHist4P).

Societies of the 21st century are confronted with the challenges that were long believed to be a matter of history: pandemics and meteorological extreme events induced by environmental change. Predicted by scientists, but some of them a surprise to decision-makers, these challenges require smart adaptation from our societies and a strong focus on resilience from public policy. Environmental historians study exactly these topics for several decades and it is high time they contribute this expertise to building a better future for European societies. Our workshop will explore selected historical case studies that have direct relevance to contemporary policy issues.

## DATE & TIME

9:30 - 13:30, Friday 18 June 2021

## WHERE

Online – a Zoom link will be provided to the invited participants in due course

## ORGANISERS

**Martin Bauch**, Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO), Leipzig

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## PROGRAM

9.30-9.40 INTRODUCTION

9.40-10.40 SESSION 1: RESILIENCE

**John Haldon**: What permits 'resilience' in a pre-modern state system? The Eastern Roman Empire

**Adam Izdebski & Piotr Guzowski**: Resilience to climate and epidemics as a dynamic process: the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth

**Gerrit Schenk**: Building resilience by learning from past disasters – the Arno floods (1333-2016): slow onset disasters and shifting baselines

10.40-11.00 BREAK

11.00-12.20 SESSION 2: CLIMATE

**Martin Bauch**: Central European precipitation extremes in the Middle Ages: Historical and contemporary strategies of memory and visualization

**Katrin Kleemann**: Icelandic Volcanism and Its Impacts on Europe

**Eleonora Rohland**: A Critical Perspective on Climate Change Adaptation through Historical Hurricane Impacts in New Orleans 1718 to the Present

**Franz Mauelshagen**: The Colonial Roots of Manipulating the Climate

12.20-12.30 BREAK

12.30-13.30 DISCUSSION