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Convergences: The Global South and the Global North in the Era of Great Acceleration
3rd World Congress of Environmental History - 2019

Welcome to the webpage of the 3rd World Congress of Environmental History - 2019, to be held in Florianópolis, Brazil, at the campus of the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina from 22 to 26 July 2019.

The World Congress of Environmental History is the chief activity of the ICEHO and is called every 5 years. Previous editions in Copenhagen (Denmark, 2009) and Guimarães (Portugal, 2014) consolidated the WCEH as a unique opportunity for scholars from different disciplines to situate environmental history in a planetary perspective.

We warmly welcome colleagues and scholars from every continent for this event. South America waits for you all!

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Call for Papers Environmental History World Congress 2019

The International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations (ICEHO) invites proposals for the 3rd World Congress of Environmental History, to be held in 22-26 July 2019 in Florianópolis, Brazil.

Convergences: The Global South and the Global North in the Era of Great Acceleration
Host: The Federal University of Santa Catarina (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, UFSC)

The 3rd World Congress of Environmental History invites scholars from different disciplines to situate environmental history in a planetary perspective. The categories 'Global South' and 'Global North' are historically-charged, created in the 20th century. They point to the diversity and the inequality of past and present human societies, and how they have transformed their landscapes, exploited natural resources, and connected with each other. The challenges posed by these conceptions and the dynamics of human and non-human communities have gained urgency in what has been called the Era of Great Acceleration. From their historical studies of rivers, cities, mountains, forests and plantations, to world transmigration narratives for plants, animals, diseases, people and commodities, historians and other environmental humanities scholars add to the debate on how to address the environmental challenges of the 21st century. The program committee seeks to further discussions that cross disciplinary or conceptual divides in new ways. We especially invite proposals that span gender, generational, and geographic differences among presenters as well as topics.

Submission Guidelines

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The program committee encourages non-conventional sessions that experiment with creative formats, such as hands-on workshops, tool demonstrations, and open discussion forums. To submit a proposal for an experimental session, please provide a 300-word abstract describing the activity.

To maximize participation, we encourage session proposals with more participants giving shorter presentations (e.g., four presenters at 12 minutes each). Please note that individuals can be a primary presenter in only one panel, roundtable, or other session proposal, but can also serve as chair or commentator in a second session proposal.

A limited number of travel bursaries will be available for students and junior scholars.

To submit a proposal, see:
<https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/iceho/iceho19/>



Deadline for submissions: 10 September 2018
All presenters and other participants are expected to register for the annual meeting. Membership in ICEHO is not required, if you have any questions, please contact: wceh2019@gmail.com
Join us in beautiful Florianópolis!

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Five types of submissions:

- Roundtable (up to 5 presenters and a chair)
- Panel (up to 5 presenters and a chair and a commentator – the latter is optional)
- Experimental session (requires only a 300-word abstract)
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- Poster (a single submission by an individual)

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- Name of organizer
- E-mail of organizer
- Title of session
- Names of presenters (up to five)
- Institutions of presenters (or note "independent scholar")
- E-mail addresses of presenters
- Titles of presentations within sessions (as opposed to title for general, entire session)
- Abstracts (a single description for entire session plus descriptions of each individual presentation; please include the time periods or eras covered by your submission)

World Congress to Feature Brigitte Baptiste Queer Ecologist, Environmental Science Policy Maker and Public Intellectual



The World Congress in Florianópolis, Brazil will feature two plenary talks: one from Brigitte Baptiste (above),

Colombian biologist, and one from Robert Bilott, an activist environmental lawyer (featured in last Bulletin).

As a Multidisciplinary Expert at the United Nations Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES, created in 2012), Brigitte Baptiste describes herself as a **“cultural landscape ecologist, dedicated to the analysis of the role of biodiversity in land use change, its leading forces, its history and meaning, and the current practices of management within institutional contexts. I am also interested in bio-pleology and transgender studies”**.

Born in 1963 in Colombia, Baptiste’s professional career and personal life speaks to each of these different threads. Biologist-by training with studies in fresh water fish ecology at the Colombian Amazon, she holds an MA from UF Gainesville in Latin American studies (thanks to a Fulbright fellowship), working with forest management by local communities in the high Andes. She undertook doctoral studies in Environmental Science with emphasis in Ecological Economics and Natural Resources Management at the Universidad Autónoma of Barcelona, Spain. After 15 years of teaching and researching at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, in 2009 she joined the *Humboldt Research Institute for Biological Resources* – the scientific arm and science-based policy advisor of the Colombian Minister of the Environment - as Science Director. In 2011 Baptiste became its General Director, giving the Institute greater

visibility. From the Humboldt Institute, Baptiste is representing Colombia at CITES (International Convention on Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora), and the SBSTTA (Subsidiary Body of Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice) of the CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity), besides her commitment at IPBES as representative of the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Transgender studies is not only an intellectual interest for Baptiste, but above all a living experience. As a trans-woman (“married to a wonderful woman and have two daughters whom I adore”, as she declared), she is a widely acknowledged public figure advocating loudly for gender diversity, tolerance and cultural change. Her communicative practices include digital platforms such as TEDtalks, blogs, Twitter, and a long-lasting collaboration with the Colombian newspaper *La República* and the Colombian news platform La Silla Vacía. A gender scholar stated that “care in Baptiste’s public presence is performed through the ways in which she connects biodiversity and sexual diversity, thinking with trans-women’s experiences to transgress the borders of science and connect it to activism and public service” (Pérez Bustos 2016). Being a scientific and biological hybrid (a “queer ecologist” according to her own naming) often means that Baptiste acts as an uncomfortable hacker to conventional beliefs. In the troubling times of the peace-making process in Colombia prior and before the peace

agreement between the national government and the FARC-EP guerrilla signed in 2016, she has been a prominent voice for peace, and a sensitive guide for “integrating forest biodiversity conservation into developing, war-dilapidated economies of post-conflict regions, paving the way for a green economy and climate resilient society” (Nature Ecology & Evolution 2017). In 2017 she was honored with The Prince Claus Award for her outstanding achievements as scientist and activist.

Brigitte has been a close friend and participant to the Latin American Environmental History community, both as a panelist to the second SOLCHA meeting in La Habana 2004, and later as a public advocate of the importance of the historical perspective to environmental science policy and research. Her participation to the next World Congress will surely be a memorable experience for our community.

Stefania Gallini and Lisa Mighetto
Co-Chairs WCEH2019 Committee

Further Reading

Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
<https://www.ipbes.net/brigitte-baptiste>

Pérez Bustos, T., “Embodying a Caring Science: An Ethnographic Analysis of the

Communicative Practices of a Colombian Trans-Woman Scientist in the Media”, *Universitas humanística* no.82 julio-diciembre de 2016: 429-459. doi:10.11144/Javeriana.uh82.ecse

Baptiste, B. et al. “Greening peace in Colombia”, *Nature Ecology & Evolution* 1, Article number: 0102 (2017)
https://www.nature.com/articles/s41559-017-0102?WT.feed_name=subjects_social-sciences

Baptiste, B., El Reto de la Ciencia y la Política, TEDxFulbrightBogotá
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLil6sJGLI8>

2017 Prince Claus Laureate Brigitte Baptiste (Colombia)
<https://princeclausfund.org/laureate/brigitte-baptiste>

On the way to WCEH 2019 ...

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FUND-RAISING FOR THE WCEH2019 IN FLORIANOPOLIS:

THE PRESIDENTIAL SOCKS



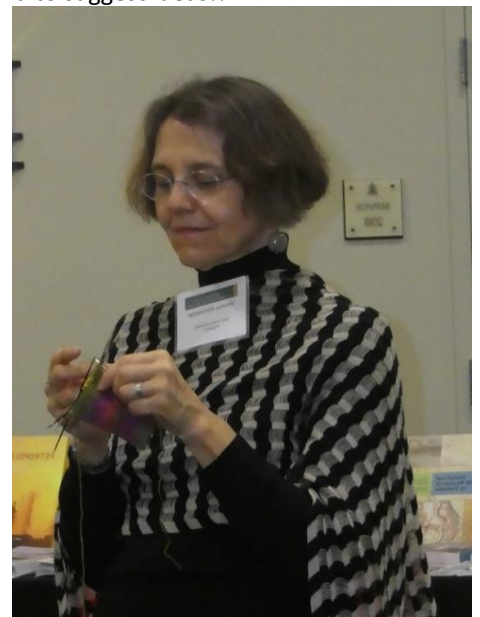
Bo Poulsen, ICEHO Secretary, encouraging visitors to the ICEHO stand at ASEH

During the ESEH conference in Zagreb last year there was a successful ICEHO funding-raising initiative with a table staffed by volunteers selling beautiful socks hand-knitted in natural fibres and donated to ICEHO by President **Verena Winiwarter** and books donated by ICEHO members. The purpose of the sale was to start a fund to assist young academics, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds or the developing parts of the world, to attend the Third World Congress in Florianopolis next year. At the ASEH conference in Riverside, Executive Director Lisa Mighetto also kindly allocated space to ICEHO to set up a similar spot.



Verena's colourful and cheerful socks were again a highlight, attracting great interest, and many pairs are now being worn around the world by environmental historians, their families and friends. Many books were sold too, and we are very grateful to everyone who donated their publications. It was wonderful to see the spread of scholarship on the table.

We welcome more donations for the cause of student support. Further fund-raising opportunities will be announced in this Bulletin. We would also like to encourage ICEHO members and supporters to arrange other fund-raising events at conferences and workshops, and to suggest ideas!!



Verena Winiwarter hard at work on the next pair of socks.



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ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY



Turku Book Award 2019:

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The European Society for Environmental History (ESEH) and the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society (RCC) announced the Turku Book Award at the ESEH conference in Turku, Finland in 2011. The award is presented at the biennial conferences of the ESEH.

The purpose of the Award is to identify and encourage innovative and well-written scholarship in the field of European environmental history and carries a prize of € 3,000. The next prize will be awarded at the Tenth Biennial ESEH Conference to be held in Tallin, Estonia, in August 2019.

To be eligible, books must be:

- single author
- published in 2017 or 2018
- environmental history
- written on a primarily European topic or written by a European author

Closing date: 31 January 2019. Three copies of the work (and a PDF digital copy) must be submitted to the Rachel Carson Center in Munich to turku2019@rcc.lmu.de. If the monograph is written in a language other than English, please include a one-page English summary.

Call for Papers First Baltic Conference on the Environmental Humanities and Social Sciences (BALTEHUMS)

October 8-9, 2018
Academic Center for Natural Sciences, Latvian University, Riga, Latvia

The interest in interdisciplinary cooperation between humanities, arts and social sciences in the study of environment has been constantly rising all over Europe during the last 20 years. This holds also true for the three Baltic countries Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.

First Baltic Conference on the Environmental Humanities and Social Sciences (BALTEHUMS) aims to bring together environment-inspired scholars from different disciplines (anthropology, arts, ecology, folkloristics, geography, history, literature, semiotics, psychology etc), in order to

- advance environmental topics within the humanities, arts and social sciences;
- bring together researchers from different backgrounds and discuss common themes;
- create a Baltic network of interdisciplinary studies on environment;
- discover ways of developing further cooperation in research, teaching, and outreach.

Supported by **Estonian Center for Environmental History (KAJAK)**



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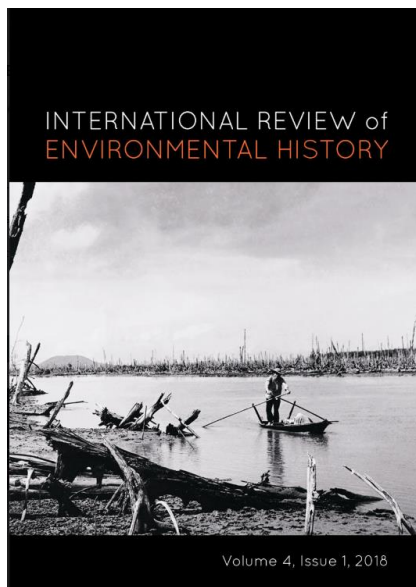
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'Leaping the Fence': A taster of the forthcoming Special Issue of *Environment and History* on Parks and Gardens
Posted on November 8, 2017 by whitehorsepress

The first issue of next year's *Environment and History* will be a Special Issue on Parks and Gardens that emerged from the 2017 ESEH conference in Versailles. What follows is the introduction to the issue by editors Karen Jones and James Beattie.



IN FULL

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Decolonization and the Politics of Wildlife in Africa



Extracts from Felix Schürmann's report

The establishment of European colonial rule on the African continent not only involved the colonization of nature, but essentially meant colonization through nature. But in how far did decolonization across Africa south of the Sahara equally affect the sphere of ecology and relationships between humans and wildlife? Have Africa's wild animals ever been decolonized? Discussing these questions in a historical and trans-disciplinary perspective was the aim of the international conference "Decolonization and the Politics of Wildlife in Africa", which was funded by the German Research Foundation's programme "Point Sud" and hosted by the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (South Africa) from September 26 to 30, 2017, convened by BERNHARD GISSIBL (Mainz) and FELIX SCHÜRSMANN (Kassel) - Many great speakers, including keynote speakers well known to ICEHO: the Opening Keynote, JANE CARRUTHERS (Pretoria) presented the very transnational environmental and colonial history of wildlife in South Africa, from the seventeenth century to the Anthropocene. While the Concluding Keynote SANDRA SWART (Stellenbosch) presented a lecture on "The Lion's Historian: Writing Animal-sensitive Histories in Africa", which made the case for animal-sensitive histories in and out of Africa. Charting the fascinating human history of baboons across Africa, Europe, and North America, she combined the semantic history of the species with its agency in historical situations, pointing out their key role as epistemological objects for the scientific clarification of human evolutionary nature.

FULL REPORT:

<https://networks.h-net.org/node/19397/discussions/1113484/conference-report-decolonization-and-politics-wildlife-africa>

ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND TURKEY



From Onur Inal

The conference *Environmental History of the Ottoman Empire and Turkey* conference, organized by the *TürkeiEuropaZentrum* (TEZ) of the University of Hamburg, took place in Hamburg, Germany on 27-28 October 2017.

The conference in Hamburg was the first academic meeting to showcase the interdisciplinary nature of environmental history, providing a fresh perspective to the study of the Ottoman and Turkish past. Even such a small-scale meeting illustrated that environmental history is a very promising field in Ottoman and Turkish studies. There are three substantive outcomes of the conference. The first one is the **Network for the Study of Environmental History of Turkey (NEHT)**. Hosted by the TEZ of the University of Hamburg, it will provide a platform for further cooperation and exchange of information among environmental historians of the Ottoman Empire and Turkey from all around the world. The second one is the conference proceedings, edited by Onur Inal and Yavuz Köse of the University of Hamburg. It is planned to be published by the *White Horse Press* in late 2018. The third one is that the participants concurred a second conference to be organized in 2019 and regularly thereafter. The venue of the next meeting will be announced in 2018.

Onur Inal,

University of Hamburg

FULL REPORT: <https://networks.h-net.org/node/19397/discussions/1065869/conference-review-environmental-history-ottoman-empire-and-turkey>

ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY IN THE MAKING:

FROM THE 2ND WORLD CONGRESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY, GUIMARÃES, PORTUGAL 2014.



One of the aims of ICEHO's 2nd World Congress of Environmental History was to leave an academic legacy that would endure long after the congress itself, and its beautiful location in Guimarães, was just a happy memory. That academic legacy has taken shape through two substantial volumes, published by Springer in 2017. They are a MUST for any university library, and for people who teach environmental history or who are active in the field.

Environmental History in the Making. Volume I: Explaining. (ISBN 978-3-319-41083-8) and *Environmental History in the Making. Volume II: Acting.* (ISBN 978-3-319-41137-8) have three editors, all directly involved in the Congress.

Estelita Vaz, a mathematician, was at the time of our congress, Dean of the School of Science at the **University of Minho** and Chair of the Local Organising Committee; **Cristina Joanaz de Melo** from the **New University of Lisbon**, and **Ligia M. Costa Pinto** from the School of Economics and Management at the **University of Minho**.

Mauro Agnoletti, former member of the ICEHO Board, made the introduction to Springer's Environmental History series and supported their ongoing development.

After an initial selection from the conference papers that demonstrated geographical and topical variety, papers were rewritten, peer reviews were solicited, editing took place, and the final text was accepted by Springer. The result is a perfect compendium for teaching and research, and it includes many illustrations and graphs. Each volume is divided into five sections that group appropriate contributions (between 3 and 5) together into themes, and navigating this extensive collection is therefore logical and easy.

The books intertwine 'reflections on our bonds with landscapes, processes of natural and scientific transfer across the globe, the changing of ecosystems, the way in which scientific knowledge has historically both accelerated destruction and allowed a better distribution of vital resources or

as it, in today's world, can offer alternatives that avoid harming those same vital natural resources: water, soil and air. In addition, it shows the relevance of cultural factors both in the taming of nature in favor of human comfort and in the role of the environment matters in the forging of cultural identities, which cannot be detached from technical intervention in the world.'

We very much hope that similar volumes will emanate from the 3rd World Congress next year. Congratulations to the editors, contributors and everyone involved in producing this interesting and useful resource.



Guimarães, the city that hosted the 2nd World Congress, is overlooked by the medieval castle whose history marks the birth of the nation of Portugal.

Congratulations

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Past and present forest transitions:

A biophysical, applied environmental history for the critical analysis of climate change mitigation potentials through forest regrowth



Simone Gingrich, member of the Center for Environmental History in Vienna, Austria, was awarded a European Research Council Starting Grant for her project "Hidden Emissions of Forest Transitions" (HEFT). Simone is a trained ecologist with a PhD in Social Ecology and has specialized on quantitative analyses of

the changing sustainability challenges in Europe during the past c. 200 years. She has attended both World Congresses of Environmental History and all ESEH conferences since 2007, (except in 2011, when her twins were born). Her aim is to strengthen the material, biophysical branch in environmental history, to broaden both historiography and sustainability sciences.



The 5-year project HEFT, starting in April 2018, will build on Simone's insights from historical analyses of resource use during industrialization in Europe. With her team, she will investigate "forest transitions" (persistent reforestation processes following long-term deforestation) from a socio-metabolic perspective. Her hypothesis is that processes like the substitution of biomass by modern energy carriers, the intensification of agriculture, and increasing foreign trade of biomass were important drivers enabling forest regrowth. However, current research on forest transitions largely overlooks these processes and the greenhouse gas emissions they cause. In the project, these "hidden emissions of forest transitions" will be conceptualized and quantified, at local, national, and regional scales. Case studies will consider forest transitions in Europe (c.1800 century to present), North America (c.1900 to present) and South-East Asia (c.1980 to present). HEFT aims to better understand historical changes in land and resource use, and to inform global climate policy.



JANE CARRUTHERS: 2018 ASEH DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD



Jane Carruthers receiving the Distinguished Scholar Award from ASEH President, Graeme Wynne.

At the March conference of the American Society for Environmental History (ASEH) in Riverside California,

Jane Carruthers, former President of ICEHO, received the 2018 ASEH Distinguished Scholar Award. Jane is the first recipient of this important award to live and work outside the USA. The citation mentions that her pioneering scholarship challenged historians to consider environmental justice and dispossession as well as preservation and recreation in national parks. It was noted that 'Jane's South African stories, rich with the cultural complexities of her home country, have transformed, and at times unsettled, environmental understandings of science, national parks, and wildlife management.' In responding to the award, Jane alluded to her isolation as an environmental historian in apartheid South Africa in the 1980s, thus emphasising how important her inspiration from abroad had been, including not only the ASEH, but also many colleagues in Europe, Latin America, and Australia.



Her latest book, *National Park Science: A Century of Research in South Africa*, was published in 2017. The award was presented to Jane by Graeme Wynne, current President of the ASEH and the Chair of the Programme Committee of the World Conference of Environmental History held at Guimarães, Portugal, in 2014.

HEINEKEN PRIZE 2018 goes to John McNeill

Among the most prestigious international academic awards are the biennial Dr A.H. Heineken Prizes for Arts and Sciences bestowed by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW). This year's history prize has been won by John McNeill. The citation applauds John for 'his important work in integrating two recent branches of the study of history: global history and environmental history' and we environmental historians are proud of the international recognition that this prize brings our discipline.

John, who is an Elected Member of the American Academy of Arts



Importantly, John is also a member of the Social Science Research Council's Climate Change Working Group and of the *Anthropocene Working Group* of the International Union of the Geological Sciences.

John has a prodigious list of publications, including *Mosquito*

and Sciences, is an outstanding academic historian and mentor. He was a founding member of the Board of ICEHO and a great supporter of environmental history. He is President elect of the American Historical Association, past President of the American Society for Environmental History, and a Board member of the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society.

Empires: Ecology and War in the Greater Caribbean, 1640-1914 (2010), and *The Great Acceleration: An Environmental History of the Anthropocene since 1945* (2016 with co-author Peter Engelke).

Congratulations John!

News about the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU)

EDITORIAL

Blurring disciplinary boundaries

The ambitious and integrated framework of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) demonstrates that complex global problems span the natural and social sciences and that solutions to such problems demand a joint approach of the two. Despite decades of efforts toward better integration, much of society still presumes a stark divide between the disciplines,

and most scientists continue to be trained, evaluated, and rewarded in disciplinary silos. The recent merger of the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC)—leading international councils of the natural and social sciences, respectively—sends a powerful message that the future of science depends on collapsing the walls between academic disciplines.

The new International Science Council, freshly minted by an overwhelming vote at a meeting of both ISSC and ICSU in October, will bring together the resources, networks, and intellectual communities of the combined membership of ISSC and ICSU, making it one of the world's largest science organizations. Its membership brings together more than 40 international scientific unions and associations and more than 140 national and regional organizations, including celebrated "learned societies" such as the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and major research agencies such as the National Research Foundation of South Africa.

Despite undeniable successes in establishing international research initiatives in the past, both independently and together, the ISSC and ICSU have not achieved substantial recognition beyond their immediate scientific communities. Future success as the new council will depend on increased credibility, legitimacy, and convening power of its leadership. Under a governing board and a single president, to be elected in July 2018, the council will develop an impact-oriented agenda focusing on science for policy and policy for science, aimed at enabling international research cooperation to contribute more effectively to major issues in the international public domain. Establishing and strengthening partnerships will be a priority, reaching beyond academia into policy, civil society, and business. Strengthened regional strategies will contribute to cultivating its authority, and focused priority agendas at annual international science summits will aim to engage membership and increase the council's impact.



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the long-called-for convergence to become a reality, a turning point for all who have struggled to move beyond the historic divide between the study of the natural world and of human societies and behaviors. It will provide global science with a voice of authority and influence on issues of major concern to science and societies, to speak alongside those of governments (via UN agencies) and funders (including the Global Research Council). This merger should help foster meaningful interdisciplinarity that begins with the joint framing of problems; ensure that all disciplines are exploiting opportunities of the digital revolution, including for data integration; and unify scientific communities. It will be guided in its actions by the shared vision of advancing all sciences as a global public good and by the need to defend freedom and responsibility in the conduct of science.

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