

International Workshop on Trends in Research and Teaching of Historical Ecology in Central Europe 26–27 October 2007, Budapest

Central European University
Budapest 1051, Nádor utca 5.
Monument Building, Gellner Room

Conveners:

Radim Hédl – Botanický ústav Akademie věd České Republiky
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The study of the historical interactions between nature and humans is a dynamically developing research area. It is strongly interdisciplinary, connecting humanities (history, archaeology) with natural sciences (botany, ecology, geography).

This young research field, however, is institutionally underrepresented, with very few departments or research institutions dedicated solely to this topic. Researchers usually work at various historical, social or natural scientific institutions, while national conferences and regional workshop are very rare.

At this conference we bring together colleagues from the **Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary**. Our intention is to provide the missing link between large congresses (such as the biannual congress of the European Society for Environmental History) and the isolated efforts of individual researchers or smaller national groups.

Programme:

Friday, 26 Oct. 2007

10:00 – 10:15 Opening remarks (Verena Winiwarter, Radim Hédl, József Laszlovszky, Péter Szabó)

10:15 – 11:45 Session I - Teaching

- Verena Winiwarter (A): The challenges of teaching environmental history
- Thomas Pfeffer (A): Virtual spaces for collaboration in teaching historical ecology
- Martin Gojda (CZ): Teaching the archaeology of landscape: A holistic approach

11:45 – 12:15 Coffee break

12:15 – 13:45 Session II – Landscape History and Landscape Archaeology

- József Laszlovszky (H): The memory of past landscapes: Historical and archaeological approaches
- Václav Matoušek (CZ) – Tereza Blažková (CZ): The issue of researches on modern landscape in vedute of battlefields of the Thirty Years' War in the area of the Czech Republic
- Csilla Zatykó (H): Landscape and/or environment in rural settlements

13:45 – 14:45 Lunch

14:45 – 15:30 Discussion on morning lectures and student presentations by Ronald Würflinger (A) and Andrea Stockhammer (A)

15:30 – 17:00 Session III – Historical Ecology and Modern Ecology

- Zsolt Molnár (H): Alkali vegetation in Hungary before the river regulations

- Petr Karlík (CZ): Vegetation and soil ecology of ancient and recent calcareous grasslands on the Franciscan and Swabian Alb
- Radim Hédl (CZ): Past use and present shape of the lowland forests of the Czech Republic

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee break

17:30 – n.s. Discussion, student presentations by Magdolna Szilágyi (H)

Saturday, 27 Oct. 2007

9:00 – 10:30 Session IV – Palaeoecology and Historical Ecology

- Péter Majkút (H) – Pál Sümeji (H): Environmental history of the peatbog at Nagybárkány (Hungary)
- Petr Kuneš (CZ): Early Holocene human impact on vegetation in the Czech Republic
- Péter Szabó (H): The history of Hungarian woodland: Where do we stand

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Session V – Climate History

- Petr Dobrovolný (CZ): Climate reconstruction of the Czech lands since 1500: Data, methods, contemporary results
- Lajos Rácz (H): Climatic and environmental changes in Hungary during the modern epoch
- Andrea Kiss (H): Environmental, landscape and climate history networks and education at the Dept. of Physical Geography, Szeged University

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Discussion on morning lectures and student presentations

14:30 – 16:00 Session VI – Environmental History

- Simone Gingrich (A) – Fridolin Krausmann (A): Historical Sustainability Research: Past processes and present challenges
- Gertrud Haidvogel (A) – Martin Schmid (A): Towards an environmental history of the Danube: Long-term socio-ecological research of an European Watershed
- Karel Stibral (CZ): Beauty of nature: The end of connecting beauty with proportionality and usefulness in modern era aesthetics

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – n.s. Student presentations, final discussion

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Orientation

Accommodation:

Victor Apartment Hotel

Budapest – 1132

Victor Hugo utca (street) 25–27.

Workshop venue:

Central European University

Budapest – 1051

Nádor utca 9.

Monument Building, Gellner Room

General orientation

Hotel Victor is within 5 minutes of Lehel tér (square) metro station on the BLUE metro line.

The Central European University (CEU) is situated at the corner of Nádor and Zrínyi streets.

The CEU building is very complicated. There will be signs, but if you are lost, just ask someone how to find the Gellner Room.

How to get to the hotel from the railway station

If you arrive at *Keleti railway station*: Take the RED metro to Deák tér (direction Déli pályaudvar), then change to the BLUE line (direction Újpest-központ) and get off at Lehel tér. You can walk from there (see attached map).

If you arrive at *Nyugati railway station*: You can take the BLUE metro (direction Újpest-központ) and get off at the first stop – Lehel tér. Or you can simply walk (see attached map).

If you arrive at *Déli railway station*: Take the RED metro to Deák tér (direction Örs vezér tere), then change to the BLUE line (direction Újpest-központ) and get off at Lehel tér. You can walk from there (see attached map).

How to get to the CEU from the railway station

If you arrive at *Keleti railway station*: Take the RED metro to Deák tér (direction Déli pályaudvar), then change to the BLUE line (direction Újpest-központ) and get off at Arany János utca. Walk towards the Danube (see attached map). Alternatively, you can walk from Deák tér.

If you arrive at *Nyugati railway station*: You can take the BLUE metro (direction Kőbánya-Kispest) and get off at Arany János utca. Walk towards the Danube (see attached map).

If you arrive at *Déli railway station*: Take the RED metro to Deák tér (direction Örs vezér tere), then change to the BLUE line (direction Újpest-központ) and get off at Arany János utca. Walk towards the Danube (see attached map). Alternatively, you can walk from Deák tér.

How to get to the CEU from the hotel

You can take the BLUE metro line from Lehel tér to Arany János utca (two stops) and then walk towards the Danube. Alternatively, you can take the No. 15 bus (direction Boráros tér) and get off at Zrínyi utca (it takes about 8 minutes if there is no traffic jam, but there will be one). Walking from the hotel to the CEU will take about half an hour.

Public transportation tickets

The basic rule is: one journey on one means of transportation requires one ticket. When you change, you need a new ticket. Consequently, travelling one minute by tram costs the same amount as travelling forty minutes on the metro. A single ticket costs 230 HUF. If you think you will need at least ten tickets, it is better to get a “10 darabos gyűjtőjegy” (10 tickets in a kind of bundle), which costs 2050 HUF. Regular public transport stops at around 11 PM, after that there are only night buses.

