

Call for Papers



Second Baltic Conference on the Environmental Humanities and Social Sciences (BALTEHUMS II)

November 1-2, 2021 Held **online** from Tallinn University, Estonia

The interest in interdisciplinary cooperation between humanities, arts and social sciences in the study of environment has been constantly rising all over Europe, and the same holds also true for the Baltic region. First Baltic Conference on the Environmental Humanities and Social Sciences (BALTEHUMS I) brought together close to 100 scholars in Riga, Latvia, in 2018, resulting in a vivid exchange of ideas, new contacts and collaborations. It left many of us wishing for more, but the conference planned for 2020 for Kaunas had to be unfortunately cancelled due to the pandemic.

On the last day of October this year, KAJAK, the Estonian Centre for Environmental History celebrates its 10th birthday. Now, to celebrate its 10 rich and exciting years, KAJAK invites everybody interested in the environmental humanities and social sciences of the Baltic region to join them for their anniversary conference. The conference will be held online, on November 1-2, 2021, organised by KAJAK at Tallinn University.

To remain true to the field's principles of inclusivity and intellectual curiosity, we invite environment-inspired scholars from different disciplines (anthropology, archaeology, arts, ecology, folkloristics, geography, history, literature, semiotics, psychology etc) to join our celebration. BALTEHUMS II does not put limits to the topics or disciplines of the proposals. We welcome presentations on food, climate, health-environment nexus, resources, landscape, pollution, water, recycling, power plants, representations of nature, human-animal interaction, religion, environmental ethics and other environmental themes in the Baltic region. Particularly welcome are contributions that investigate the history and present of environmentalism, environmental protection and social movements in the region. We also welcome those scholars who reside in the Baltics and are interested in the field but whose work focusses on some other geographic location.

We will stick to a classical conference format with 15 minutes presentations and the following Q&A. To submit a paper or a session abstract, send your **300-word abstract to baltehums@gmail.com by May 31, 2021.** Please indicate full names, affiliations and E-mails of all authors. You are even welcome to submit sessions in alternative formats or ideas for online networking but you need to keep in mind that the format must be compatible with the online medium. In this case, send your 300-word description together with full contact and affiliation data and a 200-word description of the technical solutions proposed for the event.

Please spread the word about the conference to all your colleagues and friends!

With kind regards, The organising committee Kati Lindström Kadri Tüür Ulrike Plath Elle-Mari Talivee Joonas Plaan Priit Raudkivi

Photo: Estonian Greens at a protest rally against Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant in 1988. Estonian National Archive