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## 3rd World Congress of Environmental History - 2019



The 3RD WORLD CONGRESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY invites scholars from different fields of knowledge to include environmental history from a planetary perspective. The "South and North Global" categories were created in the twentieth century and are historically known. They point to the diversity and inequality of past and present human societies, and how they transformed their landscapes, explored their natural resources, and connected with each other. The challenges posed by these connections and the dynamics of human and non-human communities have gained urgency in what has been called the "Age of Great Acceleration." From pioneering studies on the history of rivers, cities, mountains, forests, and agriculture, to the world narratives on the transmigration of plants, animals, diseases, people and commodities, historians and other researchers in the field of environmental humanities, have contributed to the increasingly recurrent debate on how to tackle the environmental challenges of the 21st century. The organizing committee WCEH2019 aims to promote a space for debate that favors interdisciplinary

dialogue. In this way, we invite the researchers to present work proposals that privilege the dialogue between the different participants and that involves topics related to generational, geographic and gender differences.

WCEH2019 announces Bert Bilott and Brigitte Baptiste as lecturers

The 3rd World Congress of Environmental History will feature two important plenary lectures, featuring two prominent exponents of international environmental activism. They will be with us in Florianópolis, Brazil; the lawyer and environmental activist North American Robert Bilott and the Colombian biologist and activist Brigitte Baptiste. According to Lisa Mighetto and Stefania Gallini, members of the WCEH2019 Committee, the organization of the event is thrilled with the inclusion of these two professionals, recognized globally for their leading role in socio-environmental issues.

Robert Bilott, is an environmental advocate and advocate for Taft Stettinius & Hollister. In 2017, he was awarded the Right Livelihood Award for his important work in combating chemical pollution and social mobilization against hazardous substances in the United States. Bilott's most well-known case was the lawsuit involving DuPont Chemical in a lawsuit involving West Virginia cattle poisoning and the contamination of watercourses by highly polluting landfill. Bilott's investigation not only exposed DuPont's contamination but also alerted public opinion to the dangers posed by unregulated chemicals.

Brigitte Baptiste is a Colombian ecologist working on the United Nations Intergovernmental Platform for Scientific Policy on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES, created in 2012). According to Lisa Mighetto and Stefania Gallini, the Colombian activist defines herself as a cultural landscape ecologist who has been dedicated to analyzing the role of biodiversity in land use change as well as current management practices within institutional contexts. Since 2011 she has been Director General of the Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute - the scientific arm and policy adviser at the Ministry of the Environment of Colombia. In addition to her role with environmental activist she has also been a prominent voice in the struggle for peace in Colombia and a privileged agent in the integration of what she defines as "forest biodiversity." In 2017, she was honored with The Prince Claus Award for her remarkable accomplishments as a scientist and activist.

Certainly the participation of these two important activists at the WCEH 2019 will be a memorable experience. We invite all members of the Sociedad Latinoamericana Y Caribeña of Environmental History to include in their agendas and join us in the event in Florianópolis (July 22-26, 2019).