

Environmental history and world history

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Environmental history deals with the interaction of man and the rest of nature over time. From the global perspective, this presentation will address what environmental history is, how it rose all over the world, what the relationship is between environmental history and world history. Based on the “global South”, three “received wisdom” or “acceptable knowledge” on the rise of environmental history and its development will be deconstructed. Observing from new world history, new world-system history, and Big history, some contributions of environmental history to world history writing will be concluded initially. Finally, this presentation will figure out that the future of environmental history depends on the balance of five pairs of relations.