Call for Papers

CRIAS 2nd workshop: Integrating documentary evidence into climate reconstruction and impact studies

Leipzig, Germany
Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe
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Deadline for abstracts: 15 June 2019
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The Past Global Changes (PAGES) Climate Reconstruction and Impacts from Archives of Societies (CRIAS) working group invites paper proposals for its upcoming workshop “Integrating Documentary Evidence into Climate Reconstruction and Impact Studies.” We welcome papers that advance the methods or expand the geographical and chronological scope of historical climatology. Topics of interest include:

- combining information from both natural archives and documentary records in climate reconstructions;
- expanding the use of documentary evidence in climate reconstruction to regions and periods beyond those covered by current temperature and precipitation indices;
- identifying early instrumental records and other means to calibrate historical series of narrative and phenological observations for use in historical weather and climate reconstructions;
- statistical methods to assess the reliability and usefulness of historical series of narrative and phenological observations for use in historical weather and climate reconstruction;
- interregional comparisons of methods in historical climatology, particularly for regions outside Europe and the Americas;
- qualitative and quantitative methods for attributing historical societal impacts to past climatic variability or change.

To apply, please submit an abstract (300 words) by 15 June 2019 to heli.huhtamaa@hist.unibe.ch
Indicate whether you would prefer to present a poster or a 15-minute oral presentation.

We strongly encourage papers that present ongoing research advancing toward publication, including potential contributions for a planned journal special issue on interregional comparisons in historical climatology methods. We particularly welcome participants from outside Europe, and PAGES may support travel for early career researchers and researchers from under-represented countries. The second workshop builds on the first CRIAS meeting in fall 2018, which focused on climate indices and on comparing historical climatology methods in Europe and China. We will discuss intermediate results from those and other initiatives as well as plans for future meetings and products.