



International Conference

Convergences and divergences in the relationship between industries and forestry in Europe: conservation, management, uses and environmental impact (14th-19th centuries)

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Venue

Universidad Rey Juan Carlos
Salón de Actos de Pavía, Cuartel de Pavía
Calle San Pascual s/n, 28.300, Aranjuez
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Algunos de los ponentes imparten su conferencia online

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Conference Program

October 22nd 2025

Conference inauguration, 10:00-10:30 hours

Key-note speaker, 10:30-11:15 hours

Péter Szabó (Institute of Botany, Czech Academy of Science): The management, uses and conservation of European woodlands in the 14th to 19th centuries

Coffee-break, 11:15-11:45 hours

11:45-13:00 hours, Session 1

- András Vadas (Eötvös Loránd University): Political Changes and Forest Management in Sixteenth-Century Hungary
- Koldo Trapaga Monchet (Universidad Rey Juan Carlos): Forestry policies, strategic industries and environmental impact: case-studies of sugar in Madeira and shipbuilding in Lisbon (15th-17th centuries)

13:00-14:00 hours, discussion

14:00-16:00, lunch break

16:00-17:45, Session 2

- Keith Pluymers (Illinois State University): “Memory, Chronology, and Causation in the Deforestation of Ireland”
- Abigail Dowling (Mercer University): “Pour le Were”: Conservative Natural Resource Practice during and after the Franco-Flemish Conflict in Artois, 1302-1305
- Sebastian Poublanc (Université de Toulouse II): Social configurations and their impact on forest management in the South of France during the modern era

17:45-18:30, Discussion

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10:00-11:15, Session 3

- Katia Occhi (FBK- Istituto Storico Germanico Italiano): The forest from ecosystem to capital: conflicts over natural resources on the borders of the German Habsburg Empire (15th and 16th centuries).





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- Giacomo Bonan & Claudio Lorenzini (Università degli studi di Torino): Continuity and Change in Woodland Management during the Industrial Transition: A Case Study from the Northeastern Italian Alps

11:15-11:45, Coffee-break

11:45-13:30, Session 4

- Nigel Nayling (Swansea University): Scientific Approaches to Dendroprovenance and Identification of Forest Management - Challenges and Opportunities?
- Aoife Daly (International Dendrochronology Research Laboratory): Timber resource exploitation for shipbuilding – shortage, surplus and regionality
- Rafal Reichert (University of Warsaw): Locating Timber Cutting and Storage Sites in 18th-Century Pomerania: Historical Data Analysis and GIS-Based Mapping

13:30-14:30 hours, Discussion

14:30-16:30 hours, Lunch break

16:30-17:40, Session 5:

- Sebastian Felten & Sebastian Leitner (University of Vienna): Was Mining Once Sustainable? Resource Management as a Case of Applied History
- José Antonio Bettencourt (CHAM-Universidade Nova de Lisboa): Abandoned on the beach, reused and recycled in the port: timber, ships and ship finds in Lisbon waterfront (16th-19th centuries)

17:40-18:30 hours, Discussion





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10:00-11:45 hours, Session 6

- John Wing (The City University of New York): Political Forestry and Spanish Naval Resurgence in the Early Eighteenth Century: Juan Valdés y Castro's Forest Inspections in Context
- Álvaro Aragón Ruano (Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea-Universidad del País Vasco): Ironworks' and shipbuilding's impact on forestry pattern changes in the Basque Country (14th-17th centuries)
- Ana Rita Trindade (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas): Domestic timber and imports in the Maritime Department of Cádiz (1717-1759): alternative or complementary resources for the Spanish Navy?

11:45-12:45 hours, Discussion and conference closing.

12:45-14:30 hours, lunch

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