



Call for Writing Support Program 2026

ESEH NEXTGATe is launching the 6th round of the Writing Support Program for emerging scholars in Environmental History and the Environmental Humanities.

We invite early career researchers (ECR-s) to submit a proposal for a draft article or book chapter and join a series of monthly workshops in which they receive hands-on feedback on their ongoing work from **invited established scholars** and **ECR peers**. The purposes of the group discussions are to advance the writing process, to boost productivity and to strengthen the community of environmental historians.

How does it work?

Chaired by **Prof. [Andrea Gaynor](#)**, from The University of Western Australia, the workshop sessions are organized online on a monthly basis from late January to late June (tentative dates: every 4th Thursday of the month, 9:30-11:00am CET). Draft papers are pre-circulated at least a week in advance of each session and all participants are expected to provide feedback. Each session discusses two papers for 45 minutes per paper, 1.5 hours in total.

ESEH NEXTGATe is looking for:

Early Career Researchers (ECRs broadly understood, including graduate, post-graduate, PhD students and non-tenured researchers) in Environmental History, willing to share an article or book chapter in progress, of no more than 10,000 words, and to offer feedback in return, committing to participate in at least four sessions.

Submission guidelines

To submit a proposal, please send an email **by 11th of December** to Mona Bieling at bielingm@hsu-hh.de including the following information:

- name and affiliation; type of publication you'd like to workshop (article or chapter; the intended publication venue);
- working title + abstract of the planned article/chapter (max. 250 words);
- months you would be available to present (mention all possibilities from January to June);
- suggestions for two (or more) scholars you would like to receive feedback from.

Please note that spaces are limited, in order to keep the number of sessions to a maximum of six. Participants from previous rounds are eligible, although we will prioritize first-time applicants. We expect to notify the applicants **by mid-December**.

The Program is coordinated by:
Andrea Gaynor, Mona Bieling.

Feel free to contact **Mona Bieling** (bielingm@hsu-hh.de) for further information.