

Erik Isberg - Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Division for History of Science, Technology and Environment (2019–2024)

Ph.D. History of Science, Technology and Environment. Advisors: Sverker Sörlin, Sabine Höhler and Adam Wickberg.

Lund University (2017 - 2018)

M.A. History of Ideas and Sciences.

Lund University (2013-2016)

B.A. History of Ideas and Sciences.

Visiting positions:

University of Cambridge (January - April 2022)

Research visitor at the Centre for History and Economics.

University of California, Berkeley (2016-2017)

Visiting student at the Center for Science, Technology, Medicine and Society (CSTMS) and the Department of History.

Publications:

Doctoral thesis

Planetary Timemaking: Paleoclimatology and the Temporalities of Environmental Knowledge, 1945-1990 (defended October 20, 2023).

Peer reviewed articles and chapters:

“Temporality and Environmental History in the Anthropocene: Timing Climates, Modeling Futures” (with Emil Flatø), in Emily O’Gorman, Mark Carey, Sandra Swart and William San Martín (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Environmental History*, Abingdon, Oxon & New York, NY: Routledge, 2023.

“Timing the Ocean Floor: Environing Media and the Swedish Deep-Sea Expedition (1947-1948)”, in Adam Wickberg and Johan Gärdebo (eds.), *Environing Media*, Abingdon, Oxon & New York, NY: Routledge, 2022.

“Frozen archives on the go: Ice cores and the temporalization of Earth System Science”, in Sverker Sörlin and Klaus Dodds (eds.), *Ice Humanities: Living, Thinking and Working in a Melting World*, Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2022.

“On Record: Political Temperature and the Temporalities of Climate Change” (with Eric Paglia) in Staffan Bergwik and Anders Ekström (eds.) *Times of Nature, Times of History: Temporalization and the Limits of Modern Knowledge*, New York: Berghahn Books, 2022.

“Synchronizing Earthly Timescales: Ice, Pollen, and the Making of Proto-Anthropocene Knowledge in the North-Atlantic Region” (with Sverker Sörlin), *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 111:3, 2021, 717-728.

Review essays:

“Multiple Temporalities in a New Geological Age: Revisiting Reinhart Koselleck’s *Zeitschichten*” (review of Reinhart Koselleck, *Sediments of Time: On Possible Histories*, 2018), in *Geschichte und Gesellschaft*, 46:4, 2020, 729-735.

Reviews:

Review of *Tid för enhetlighet: Astronomerna och standardiseringen av tid i Sverige* by Johan Kärnfelt and Gustav Holmberg, in *Lychnos – årsbok för idé- och lärdomshistoria*, 2020, 357-359.

Other writing:

- "Havsarkiv", in *Bildningsboxen 3*, Stockholm: Norstedts (to be published 2024).
- "Har Lena Andersson blivit postmodernist?", *Expressen Kultur*, 15 August, 2023.
- "Allt handlar om vem som äger AI:n", *Expressen Kultur*, 22 May, 2023.
- "Emma Frans varnar för att tro blint på experter", *Expressen Kultur*, 1 May, 2023.
- "Ett tankefel återkommer i nätläkarnas historia" *OBS i Sveriges Radio P1*, 20 February, 2023.
- "Vi lever redan med klimatförändringarna", *Expressen Kultur*, 18 July, 2022.
- "A new Earth rises", *Aeon*, 16 May, 2022.
- "Kommer klimatet att få Jeff Bezos att rösta vänster?", *Expressen Kultur*, 24 January, 2022.
- "Vår bild av savannen avslöjar vilka vi är", *OBS i Sveriges Radio P1*, 4 February, 2021.
- "Att arkivera ett hav: En rapport från Lamont-Doherty Core Repository", *Tydningen*, 37/38, 2020, 12-18.
- "Allt de säger om Facebook är fel", *Expressen Kultur*, 17 September, 2020.
- "Siffrorna ger inte hela bilden", *Svenska Dagbladet*, 20 May, 2020.
- "Att resa till Island under antropocen", *OBS i Sveriges Radio P1*, 25 April, 2019.

Media appearances:

- "Brist på snö och is förhöjer värdet på naturen", *God Morgon Världen*, *Sveriges Radio P1*, interview about the public relationship to snow and ice in a warming climate, 8 January, 2023.
- "Racing towards", *Counterpoint*, *ABC Radio National*, interview with Amanda Vanstone on Australian public radio about the planet as a political object, 6 June, 2022.
- "Scandinavia in the pandemic", *COVIDCalls podcast with Scott Knowles*, guest appearance, 8 December 2020.

Conference presentations:

- "Oceanic Times: Temporality and Environmental Knowledge during the International Decade of Ocean Exploration (1971-1980)", European Society for Environmental History 12th Conference, Bern, Switzerland (August 2023).
- "Oceanic Timemaking: Scientific temporalities and deep sea core drilling during the International Decade of Ocean Exploration (1971-1980)", Lifetimes Conference, University of Oslo, Norway (August 2023)
- "Synchronizing the Paleoclimate: Oceanic Pasts and Modelled Futures in the CLIMAP Project (1971-1982)", Historical Epistemologies of Planetary Modelling Workshop, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, invited speaker, Berlin (June 2023).
- "Planetary Timekeeping: Environmental temporalities and the formation of Earth System Science", Geopolitics and Planetary Boundaries Workshop, organized by Queen Mary University of London and the Swedish Defense University, invited speaker, Sigtuna, Sweden (October 2022).
- "Planetary Timekeeping: Paleoclimatology and the Rise of Proto-Anthropocene Knowledge, 1960-1990", European Society for the History of Science 10th Conference, Brussels, Belgium (September 2022).
- "A Portable Cryosphere: Ice and Earth System Governance", European Society for Environmental History 11th Conference, Bristol, UK (July 2022).
- "Environmental Objects and the History of Time" (with Sverker Sörlin), 4th International Network for the Theory of History Conference, Puebla, Mexico/digital (April 2022).
- "The Politics of Planetary Times: Postwar Paleoclimatology and Global Environmental Governance", American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, Eugene, Oregon, US/digital (April 2022).
- "Environmental Times: Conceptualizations of temporality in paleoclimatology, 1950-1990", 23rd Conference for the History of Concepts, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany (April 2022).

“Planetary Timekeeping: Paleoclimatology and the Temporalities of Environmental Knowledge”, Centre for History and Economics Graduate Workshop, University of Cambridge, UK (March 2022).

“Timing an Anthropocene ocean: Temporality and environmental knowledge in the Deep Sea Drilling Project 1968-1983”, Society for the History of Technology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA/digital (November 2021).

“Frozen archives on the go: Ice core data and planetary-scale environmental knowledge”, Integrated History and Philosophy of Climate Data Workshop, University of Bern, Switzerland (August 2021).

“Oceanic Times: Deep sea core drilling and temporal imaginaries in postwar oceanography”, British Society for the History of Science Graduate Conference, digital (April 2021).

“Planetary Synchronization: Reconciling multiple temporalities in early Earth System Science, 1975-1986”, Temporal Belongings second international conference – The Material Life of Time, digital (March 2021).

“Multiple temporalities of the planetary ocean: Paleoceanography in the toolbox of environmental governance”, Toolbox of Global Environmental Governance workshop, KTH, Stockholm, Sweden/digital (December 2020).

“Timing an Anthropocene ocean: Temporality and environmental knowledge in the Deep Sea Drilling Project 1968-1983” EASST/4S, Prague, Czech Republic/digital (August 2020).

“Assembling planetary time: Paleoclimatology and the temporalization of the global environment 1950-1980” Invited speaker, Lifetimes Seminar, IKOS, University of Oslo, Norway (November 2019).

“Ice Core Drilling as a Practice of Synchronization, 1950-1980”, Society for the History of Technology Annual Meeting, Milan, Italy (October 2019).

Organized panels:

“Time matters in the Anthropocene”, double panel, ESEH 12th Conference, Bern, Switzerland (August 2023). With Alice Would and Leonoor Borgesius.

“Assembling the ocean floor”, British Society for the History of Science Graduate Conference, digital (April 2021). With Beatriz Ruis and Daniel Gammito Marques.

“Timing the History of Technology and Environment”, SHOT Annual Meeting 2020, New Orleans, USA (accepted but cancelled due to Covid-19). With Leonoor Borgesius and Stine Alling Jacobsen.

Other experience:

Project leader at the Swedish Museum of Science and Technology (2023-2024)

Leading a project to develop a new exhibition and educational material about Swedish history of technology. The position involves writing a report, hosting workshops for researchers and coordinating a group of museum personnel as well as academic researchers.

Member of the 2023 Talent Network

Selected as one of thirty “future leaders” in public and private sectors by the Swedish-Norwegian Trade Council and the Swedish-Norwegian Collaboration Fund.

Course coordinator

Klimatkrisen som samhällsproblem (Climate crisis as a societal problem), Fall Semesters 2021 and 2022.

Guest lecturer and member of course advisory board

In the courses *Global Environmental History*, *Climate Change Leadership* and *Global Challenges and Sustainable Futures* at CEMUS, Uppsala University, 2019-2023. Member of the advisory board for course development for *Global Environmental History* in 2022.

Teaching assistant

From 2019 to 2024 in the courses: *Klimatkrisen som samhällsproblem*, *Datorhistoria*, *Teknik & Hållbarhet*, *Swedish Society, Culture and Industry in Historical Perspective* and *Environmental History* at KTH.

PhD Representative

In the steering board at the Division of History of Science, Technology and Environment, in the School Collegium at the ABE School, KTH, academic year 2020-2021 and in the ABE School PhD Student Council.

Festival programmer

Crosscuts Environmental Humanities Festival for Film and Text 2019

Assistant editor

Annals of Crosscuts no. 1 – a peer reviewed publication for film based research. Released in November 2019.