



CALL FOR PAPERS

***1st Conference: International Society of
Regional History Conference
(Virtual Webinar, 21-22 September 2023)***

The historical profession, and certainly so prior to its formal existence, has for many centuries engaged in the past in diverse ways. The 20th century saw through many political, economic, and socio-cultural developments and changes globally which have also transformed ways in which historians engage with the past. Focussing on trends, phenomena, and topics in a particular field of study became a more manageable way to ensure a deepened form of research, while considering its epistemological and historiographical roots in global and regional contexts. Though several studies on regions were produced all over the world in many countries and continents during this century, the possibility of

formally establishing field of regional history only gained momentum after 2015 when *Time and Space* was published (with Sulevi Riukulehto as editor), and in which the need was expressed to establish regional history as a field “that actually should exist” (Ch 1). The Steering Committee of the ISRH has now formally practicalised this as a field that deserves to have a space to scholarly robustly network in. All scholars having an interest are therefore cordially invited to participate in the first ISRH conference of 21-22 September 2023 topic: *Regions from a Historical Perspective*. This call for papers encourages you to consider participating, and send in your abstract before the due date.

Due date for abstract submissions: 28 February 2023

Webinar Topic: *Regions from a Historical Perspective*

Sub-themes:

- o Transnational regions / Regionalism and History
- o Historical constructions of regions
- o Social History and regions
- o Regional cultures in History
- o Regional history and economic development
- o The regional in local histories
- o Identity and regions
- o Ethnicity
- o Gender in regional history contexts
- o Cross border regions
- o Security and conflicts

Keynote Speakers:



Prof Sulevi Riukulehto
(Vice Chair of the ISRH Steering Committee)

Theme: *Why regional history, why globally and why now?*

Prof Riukulehto works as Research Director in Regional History and Cultural Heritage at the University of Helsinki Ruralia Institute, Finland.



Prof Elize S van Eeden
(Chairperson of the ISRH Steering Committee)

Theme: *Considering the many variations of regional history*

Prof van Eeden is an NRF-rated professor of History and specializes in regional history in multidisciplinary contexts. She is Deputy Director of the School of Social Sciences at the Vanderbijlpark campus, North-West University, South Africa.



Prof Marijn Molema
(Board member of the ISRH Steering Committee)

Theme: *Towards a new Regional Economic and Policy History*

Prof Molema is a professor (by special appointment) of Regional Vitality & Dynamics, University of Groningen, Netherlands, Faculty of Arts, dept. of Economic and Social History.

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- Download Webinar invitation: <https://isrh.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/ISRH-Webinar-Draft-Invitation-Sep-2023.pdf>
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