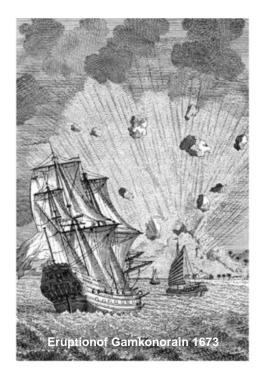


Workshop

Human consequences of past volcanic-induced climatic shocks

10-13.6.2025 St Peter's Island, Switzerland



Largevolcanic eruptions can have a substantial impact on climate across the globe. These climatic disturbances can, in turn, have severe human consequences – often very remote from the original eruption. Tounderstandhow such eruptions have impacted history (and may impact society in the future) we need to understand how eruptions, climate and society interact. Recent research has done much to clarify the climatic effects of volcanic activity, particularly relating to summer temperatures, while winter temperatures and the impact of multiple eruptions are the subject of ongoing research. Less well understood (or perhaps less agreed upon) is how human societies interact with such volcanic climate change. Many studies have identified the coincidence of eruption events and human calamities, but often the extent of causality has been less clear. This has left many questions still to be addressed: To what extent can we attribute social impacts to volcanic eruptions? How do different eruptions impact different societies and is there any consistency between these impacts? And why are some societies more or less affected by certain eruptions?

To address such questions, this workshop will bring together experts from many different disciplines, studying a variety of geographic regions. Theaim is to generate abetter understanding of volcano-climate-society interactions and help develop a more robust methodology for attributing social impacts to volcanic climate changes. Presentations, hands-on workshops and round table discussions will consider the geophysical evidence for past volcanic eruptions (which informs historical and climatological studies), historical cases tudies, and key questions relating to volcano-climate-society interactions. Outcomes will hopefully include a more general understanding of the historic impacts of volcanic eruptions and an improved knowledge of the different factors that mediate the impact climate changeon human societies.

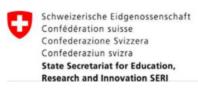
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Volcanic Impacts on Climate, Environment and society (VICES) group (Bern), link

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Pre-conference programme

Monday 9.6.

As many of our international participants will arrive to Switzerland already on Monday, we will have some extra programme on Monday. We will meet approximately 18:30 at hotelAdor, from where we will walk to the Old Town of Bern. During this walk, Niklaus Bartlome will guide us through the exiting history of the town. The tour ends in the restaurant Altes Tramdepot, where we have a dinner (at own cost). You can also skip the tour (or travel parts of it by public transportation) and join us for the dinner.

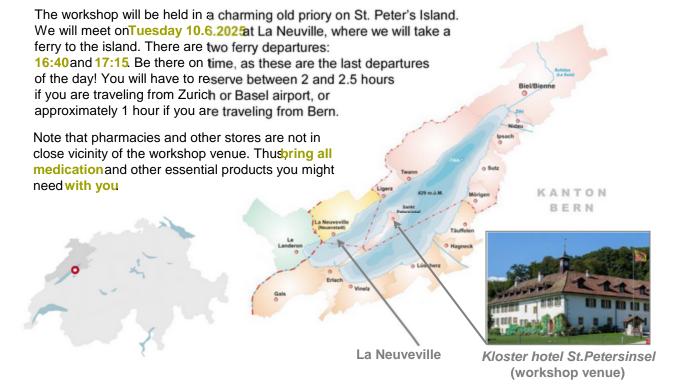
18:30	Meeting athotel Adorlobby	
18:45-20:00	City tour (Niklaus Bartlome).	
c. 20:00	Dinner, Altes Tramdepot	

Tuesday 10.6.

The morning and early afternoon if free for you to explore Bern. Alternatively, we have booked a seminar room in Unitobler for pre-workshop discussions (this considers especially the Norwegian participants).

14:45	Meeting at hotel Ador lobby, walking to the train station
15:12	Train to La Neuveville, platform 49 (subject to change)
16:55	Arrival to St. Peter's Island

Workshop venue





Academic programme

Tuesday 10.6.

16:00-16:30	Meeting at LaNeuveville,transportation to St.Peter's Island.		
17:30-18:00	Welcome	(Heli Huhtamaa, Niklaus Bartlome).	
18:00-19:00	Icebreaker	(Heli Huhtamaa, Richard Warren).	
19:00	Dinner		

Wednesday 11.6.

8:00-9:00	Breakfast	
9:00-10:30	Session 1:	Kirstin Krüger – Climate Modelling of LIA: focus on the 1690s and Laki. Ingar Mørkestøl Gundersen and Matias Kallevik – More than Laki. Social and climatic impacts from Icelandic volcanism in 1780's Scandinavia Zhen Yang – Volcanic eruptions, crop harvests and grain prices in Shandong Province, c. 1750-1850 CE
10:30-11:00	Break	
11:00-12:00	Flashtalks 1:	Siyo Chen – Comparison of historical extreme events in China and central Europe and the role of volcanic eruption. Gautier Juret-Rafin – Building climate history through volcanic eruptions in Italy. Nicolas Maughan – Climatic and Societal Impacts of Volcanic Eruptions in France and French Overseas Territories for the Past 1,000 years: Current Knowledge and Future Directions
12:00-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:30	Workshop 1:	Jörg Franke – Detection and Attribution of Volcanic Signals in Climate Reconstructions.
14:30-15:00	Break	
15:00-16:00	Session 2:	Will Hutchinson – Volcanic whodunnit: new methods to unravel the source and climate impact of past eruptions Bruce Campbell – Which environmental shocks had the biggest negative impacts on English national income?
16:00-16:30	Break	
16:30-17:30	Flashtalks 2:	Dario Petri – Bad Omens: The Haze in German Newspapers 1780-1900. Richard Warren – From Fire to Famines? Asia and the impact of the 1831 & 1835 eruptions Niklaus Bartlome – 450 Years of Insular Viticulture: Attributing Extreme Harvest Events in a Micro Study.
18:30	Dinner	
20:00	Sunset walk	and talk



Academic programme

Thursday12.6.

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	8:00-9:00	Breakfast	
	9:00-10:30	Session 3:	Celeste Smith – Constraining the sources of the 1601 CE double sulfate peaks in the Greenland ice core record. Elena Xoplaki – TBA Francis Ludlow–Explosive Volcanism Drives Bumper Fish Catch in the North Atlantic, 1600-1900 CE.
	10:30-11:00	Break	
	11:00-12:00	Workshop 2:	Michael Sigl – Unlocking the frozen memories of Earth's volcanic past with ice cores
	12:00-13:00	Lunch	
	13:30-16:00	Excursion to I	Ligerz (Niklaus Bartlome)
	16:30-18:00	Session 4:	Sébastien Guillet – The night the Moon went missing: The Dark Lunar Eclipse of April 1642 and its Volcanic Origins. Eirik Ballo – Norway in the 1690s: Exploring the complex interplay between climate and epidemics. Katrin Kleemann – Human consequences of the Laki eruption
	18:30-20:00	Dinner	
	20:15-20:30	Introduction:	Clive Oppenheimer (remote)–Volcano Voices: from Ashes to Archives & Art
	20:30-	Movie night	(After the movie night, Clive will join us online to answer some questions).

Friday 13.6.

8:00-9:30	Breakfast		
9:30-10:30	Session 5 Justine Chen – Volcanic Impacts on East Asian Climate: An Analysis Based on REACHES and ModE-RA Databases. Juerg Luterbacher–How can we learn from past large tropical volcanic eruptions for current discussions on geoengineering?		
10:30-11:00	Break, help with filling the travel reimbursement forms		
11:00-12:00 Roundtable (chaired by Richard Warren).			
12:00-13:30	Lunch		
13:30-14:30	Final discussion.		
15:05	Boat to La Neuveville (also earlier and later departures possible).		



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