For a comparative history of industrial risks regulation
18th – 19th c.

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Gasometer explosion, Three Elms, London, 1866.

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If comparison between national or regional contexts has been a driving force for the historiography of the « industrial revolution », and if environmental history has been immediately written on a global scale, the evolution of environmental and risk regulation is often studied according to the national, regional or local scales of the institutions producing the regulations.

The aim of this workshop is to invite historians to consider how comparison could advance our understanding of the different ways of regulating risk and environment.

9h30. Welcoming and Introduction

9h40. Thomas Le Roux (CNRS/MFO), *Regulating the environments in Paris and London 18th century*

10h20. Jean-Baptiste Fressoz (Imperial College), *The safety norm: legalising risk and producing responsibility, 1800-1900*

11h. Coffee break

11h20 Cornel Zwierlein (Ruhr-Universität), *British and German fire insurances and proto-industrial companies from the end of the 18th century to the beginning of the 19th century*

Commentators: Liliane Hilaire-Perez (University of Paris Diderot, EHESS) and Marie-Thébaud-Sorger (EHESS)

13h. Lunch

14h30. Jean-Louis Escudier (CNRS/University of Montpellier), *The management of mining accidents in Western Europe 1810-1914*

15h10. Isabelle Lespinet (University of Paris X), *A transnational reading of the ‘Congrès des Accidents du travail’, 1889-1911*

15h50. Julia Moses (University of Sheffield), *The discovery of occupational risk, 1850-1920*

16h30. Discussion.

Commentators: François Jarrige (University of Burgundy) and Philippe Minard (University of Paris 8-IDHE, EHESS).

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