

**International Conference
Nantes, november 17th-19th 2016**

CALL FOR PAPERS

***Surviving the End of the World as We Know It :
Historical and Geographical Perspectives.***

Great natural disasters which have struck populations (floods, hurricanes, cyclones, typhoons, earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis, massive droughts, etc.) are part of the intricate history of human communities and their relationship with their environment, contributing to social and cultural changes within these communities.

In historical terms, the individual and collective memory of such events has traditionally been transmitted through written and oral narratives belonging to popular and scientific traditions. For the last decades, geomorphological, geoarcheological and paleoclimatic studies have made it possible to track the occurrence of those disasters which date back thousands of years ago.

Moreover, because the control of environmental risk has become one of the major issues of contemporary public policies, the past experience of natural disasters (more or less recent) can be investigated and used as a guide for future action.

Within the framework of issues and questions addressed by part 4 of the Atlantys program, this call for papers focuses on a multidisciplinary approach and suggests that applicants :

- Study and investigate the various responses given to disasters in ancient and modern times. For ancient times, a specific focus on the selection of sources and their critical analysis will be expected.
- Analyze the evolution of public policies dealing with natural risks and their consequences on land planning. Without excluding earlier periods, the contemporary era from World War II will receive more attention.
Study long term factors of adaptation to risk which reveal a territory's resilience. From a long term perspective, the example of volcanic areas will be given special attention. Will also be retained references to more or less brutal environmental changes, partially responsible of the end or the radical transformation of past societies, and nowadays identified as major factors in the destabilization of certain areas severely impacted by Global Change.
- Provide a specific interest in coastal regions : for older periods, as well as more recent times, identify physical marks of disasters (hurricanes, tsunamis, accelerated rise of sea levels) ; for contemporary periods, a critical reading of public policies should make

it possible to illustrate how collective concerns about climatic change and its consequences are taken into consideration.

Papers (20 minutes maximum) to be presented in French or English.

Proposed papers should be sent to Atlantys@univ-nantes.fr before April 30th 2016.
The Scientific Committee will announce the proposals selected by May 15th 2016 at the latest.

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