

Religious Coping with Natural Hazards in the Early Modern Period

Floods, storms, landslides, and avalanches have always endangered people, and the threat posed by such events is more present today than ever before. How did historical societies cope with such threatening events? What role did religious practices play alongside measures such as resettlement or structural adjustments? In my presentation, I am going to introduce you to my postdoctoral project, in which I examine religious strategies for dealing with extreme natural events in the early modern period, with a special focus on the Swiss context.