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As historians we tend to agree that historical change occurs in a complex interaction of broad, gradual processes on the one hand, and, on the other, local circumstances that play out across shorter time scales, with chance involved. In retrospect, though, even the chance events seem to form a pattern. In my view at least, such was the official arrival of environmental history in Sweden, when I was appointed the first professor of the subject in 1993 at Umeå University, also to my knowledge the first designated chair in Scandinavia. (From the article)

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