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HfE: Humanities for the Environment Observatories



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HfE: Humanities for the Environment Observatories (website). <https://hfe-observatories.org/>.

The aim of the Humanities for the Environment Observatories (HfE) is to identify, explore, and demonstrate the contributions that humanistic and artistic disciplines make to solving global social and environmental challenges.

The HfE Observatories are piloting projects and research that seeks to answer questions about the role of the humanities in a time in which human activity is significantly reshaping the geological future of the planet. These questions include, Can the humanities produce new modes of knowledge necessary to guide global and local decision-makers? What motivates human action? Can we learn from how humans have perceived, adapted to, and engaged with challenges such as tobacco use, pesticides, chloro-fluoro-carbon (CFC) gasses, HIV/AIDS?

By answering such questions, HfE seeks not only enrich our understanding of the human past but also help us understand, engage with, and address global environmental challenges.

Rather than defining a single research agenda adequate to these inquiries, HfE has established eight research “observatories” –in Africa, Asia, Australia, Circumpolar North, Europe, Latin America, and North America. (Text from [HfE](#))

HfE has [eight research observatories](#) around the globe which can be visited through their website. Click the tabs on their [homepage](#) to discover their [projects](#) , [publications](#) , [members](#) , [media](#) , and past [events](#) . There is also a section detailing [news](#) and another focused on short-format [stories](#) from the observatories. The website is primarily funded by the [Arizona State University’s Environmental Humanities Initiative](#) .

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