



Reshaping Memory and Nature. Commons in the Face of Climate Change

15-19 July 2026 - Centro Social Cultural e Deportivo das Pedriñas,
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CALL

What are the Commons today? And how do they relate to heritage? Can they help us confront contemporary struggles like climate change, labor struggles, and the civilizational crisis? As we ask these questions, the world is burning: our societies are buried under their failures to guarantee the re-production of life.

Heritage is being lost – historic buildings decay, cultures go extinct, traditions are forgotten. One might argue this is the natural flow of life, that something must die to make way for the new; yet it feels like this transition is being shaped, in large part, by unjust social and climate crises produced by the capitalist system.

Still, some societies and socio-ecological experiences around the globe remain alive and struggle to be seen. We believe there is a need today for a space to discuss alternative systems—systems deeply rooted in global heritage yet shaped by contextual dynamics. For us, among these systems, there are the Commons.

Commons are a realistic response that communities around the world have developed, autonomously and spontaneously, over time. It is an eco-political proposal capable of ensuring the re-production of the web of life in which more-than-human life flourish. The Commons are systems of collective governance that support multispecies relationships that are not wasting relationships.

This school proposes the Commons as an answer to the socioecological crisis, drawing on the direct experience of those who are already practicing it: **Galicia constitutes a context rich in practical experiences** whose historical depth and contemporary relevance contribute meaningfully to advancing this direction.

Organized by

WRENCH - Whispers of Time - Heritage as Narratives of Climate Change - Institut d'Història de la Ciència - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

OCC! - Occupy Climate Change! - Universidade de Santiago de Compostela

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This summer school presents teachings, experiences, exhibitions, and practices imagined, produced, and prefigured at the heart of this proposal. Galician montes – montes veciñais or montes en man común – are commons that have survived, despite many difficulties and obstacles, the totalizing forces of capitalist socio-economic systems. They are a unique case: likely the most legally recognized and practically living Commons experience in Western Europe.

The [Comunidade de Montes Veciñais en Man Común de Tameiga](#) will host us for three days, sharing reflections and proposals on Commons struggles grounded in their own experiences and fights. At the same time, professors and scholars will connect these memories with the more-than-human spaces we will be enlivening during the event.

Through the joint venture of [Wrench](#) - Whispers of Time as Narrative of Climate Change, and [OCC!](#) - Occupy Climate Change!, this summer school wants to offer an interdisciplinary school which will include perspectives from the broadly defined fields of environmental and climate justice, environmental humanities and political ecology. The training school will include lecture format, practical workshops and immersive appreciations.

A key aspect of the school is the creation of a [People's Plan](#) for Galician Montes. The People's Plans are documents co-written with and for local communities. They serve to explore how people perceive the nexus between heritage and climate change, collect meaningful stories, situate them within local spatial dynamics, and formulate a shared vision supported by concrete actions to be undertaken in the short, medium, and long term. In the case of Galicia, the Summer School will engage with the memories, practices, and projected futures of the Commons, with the aim of contributing to the processes that are already unfolding in this context.



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The final assignment of the school will be to contribute to our online open-access databases: The Atlas of the Other Worlds and the Living Heritage Platform. In these databases three types of materials are gathered; entries on municipal/regional/local initiatives to tackle climate change; Heritage sites that are suffering from climate change and are (or not) responding to it through heritage practices; short creative stories imagining a city/town/tradition 200 years from now. Each student is requested to contribute with one entry that can fit both atlas or two entries, one each, as their final assignment. Before working on the final assignment, each student must discuss the selected entry with the coordinators of the school.

The entries can be:

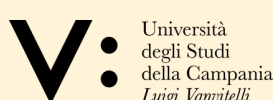
- Entries on municipal/regional/local heritage sites that suffer climate change (for instance: the site of xxx is losing any kind of heritage due to climate change consequences)
- Entries on a grassroots initiative to tackle climate change through heritage practices (for instance: an urban gardening project in a working-class neighborhood in xxx)
- Short creative stories imagining a city or a tradition 200 years from now (this is a creative writing exercise, imagine your city in the year 2200). If you select this entry, your contribution will be included exclusively in the OCC! Atlas.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information about the kind of entries we wish to gather.

The entries will be revised and if accepted published in the Atlas. To learn more about the 2 atlas, and what an appropriate entry looks like, please visit:

[WRENCH - Living Heritage Platform](#)

[OCC! Atlas of the other worlds](#)



Lecturers

- Marco Armiero, Radical Environmental Humanities Lab (REH2), Centro de Investigación Interuniversitario das Paisaxes Atlánticas Culturais (CISPAC), Universidade de Santiago de Compostela (USC)
- Giusy Pappalardo, Researcher, Institute for the History of Science, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain, Radical Environmental Humanities Lab (REH2)
- Lourenzo Fernández Prieto, Centro de Investigación Interuniversitario das Paisaxes Atlánticas Culturais (CISPAC), Historia agraria e política do mundo rural. Séculos XIX e XX (HISTAGRA), Universidade de Santiago de Compostela (USC)

Program

	July 15th	July 16th	July 17th	July 18th	July 19th
	Arrival	Full-Day	Full-Day	Full-Day	Last day
9.00		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
10.00-11.30		Research Sharing	Arts&Crafts	Arts&Crafts	Up-to-you time
11.30-12		Break	Break	Break	
12-13.30		Masterclass Montes & Collective Governance	Masterclass People's Plan	Masterclass Political Ecology & Environmental History	
13.30-15.30		Lunchbreak	Lunchbreak	Lunchbreak	Leaving the space
15.30-18.30	Welcoming	Commoning Memory	Critical Mapping	Critical Walking	
20-21	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
21.30-23.00	Critical Conviviality	Artistic workshop: Performing Roots	Artistic workshop: Reclaiming Space	Closure and Evening activity	

Application

DEADLINE: May 27th

To apply for the school, please send by 27th of May 2026 to wrench.coord@gmail.com the following:

- Max. 2-page CV
- Max. 1-page motivation letter
- Short bio, max 50 words. Name, Affiliation (if applicable)

The selected participants will be notified by email. For further information, please contact: wrench.coord@uab.cat

Important Info

The **languages** of the school will be **English, Spanish and Galego**. To ensure everyone can use their preferred language comfortably while maintaining good communication between participants, we have reserved a minimum of 30% of places for people from Galicia who are native Galician speakers. This requirement is intended—beyond political or linguistic reasons—to ensure peer-to-peer support and thereby guarantee good comprehension of the topics addressed during the school.

The school **tuition** will be **20 euros**. The majority of the costs will be covered by the organizing projects, including food and other possible expenses during the duration of it.

Students admitted to the school will:

- **sign a pledge** committing themselves to attend the entire course and deliver the final assignment;
- **receive a certificate** signed by the coordinators of the school stating the amount of work done during the course;
- **publish their final assignments** as part of the Living Heritage Platform and the OCC! Atlas, pending approval by the coordinators of the school.



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Accommodation

The school accommodation will be in a self-organized camping inside the **Centro Cultural das Pedriñas**. The area is equipped with bathrooms and showers. Must have items: Tent, mattress, sleeping bag, headlamp, cup&cutlery, and water bottle.

For those who wish to have a different accommodation, there are various possibilities in hotels and pensions near the place. In that case, the cost of the accommodation will not be covered by the school.

Food

For the welcoming evening on July 15th the school proposes a collective barbecue; please bring something to share. Keep in mind not everyone eats meat or animal products, so consider that when choosing what to bring. A shared document will be circulated to participants before the school begins.

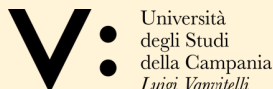
The community will provide the food using the catering service available at their center. Please contact the organizers to inform them of any allergies, intolerances, or other dietary needs.

Travel

Travel expenses will not be covered by the school. There are various trains and buses from the major cities in Spain. For those who reside in Spain, and that are willing to move by train, keep in mind the monthly bono of 60 euros that allows you to take any regional and MD train or bus for free.

The nearest airport is Vigo, but also Oporto airport in Portugal is well deserved and well connected to Vigo.

For any concern about travel, please contact the organization.



For more information about WRENCH: <https://webs.uab.cat/wrench/>

For more information about OCC: <https://occupyclimatechange.net/>

For the Institute for the History of Science, Autonomous University of Barcelona, please visit: <https://www.uab.cat/web/institut-d-historia-de-la-ciencia-1345831710380.html>

For the Radical Environmental Humanities Hub, please visit: <https://reh2.cispac.gal/>

For more information about CISPAC, please visit: <https://cispac.gal/>

For more information about the KTH Environmental Humanities Laboratory, please visit: <https://www.kth.se/ehl>



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