

PREFACE

IN OCTOBER 2008, Dolly Jørgensen and Finn Arne Jørgensen, then affiliated with the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, proposed the idea for a small conference on the contributions of science and technology studies (STS) to environmental history at the annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology in Lisbon, Portugal. We submitted numerous grant applications on both sides of the Atlantic during 2009 and early 2010. Fortunately, generous sponsors made it possible to move forward with the workshop, which we titled "Bringing STS into Environmental History."

We were overwhelmed by the response to the call for papers. We received over seventy-five abstracts from scholars across all ranks working in various subspecialties, geographies, and time periods. They proposed diverse empirical topics and equally varied analytical tools. Both the remarkable response and the many fascinating proposals suggested that the intellectual *problématique* was indeed timely. We ended up discussing sixteen papers at the workshop held in Trondheim, Norway, in August 2010. The chapters appearing in this collection are drawn from those papers.

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