



**ISS9EH: SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY:  
10,000 YEARS IN THE MAKING  
US CREDITS: 3**

With its rich cultural and diverse natural heritage, Scotland presents an ideal opportunity to explore how people and environmental forces have shaped the landscape over the millennia. The history of the interaction between people, their environment and the landscape is key to providing a secure basis for the prediction and management of future changes to ecosystems, habitats and biodiversity. The reliability and robustness of such models of change are vital in the light of predicted climate change scenarios. This module is designed to introduce you to Scottish history from an environmental perspective. The module will focus on how Scotland's landscape and environment have changed over the past 10,000 years and will examine the main drivers for change, especially the role of human activity. Scotland can be considered a cultural landscape and the emphasis of the module will therefore be on the role of changes in land use and farming techniques in shaping the landscape.

**Field Trips/Highlights:**

Included in this module is a one-day field visit to Ben Lawers Historic Landscape Project, an exemplary interdisciplinary project which allows specialists from a range of disciplines to come together to explore landscape developments over the last 1,000 years.

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