Linking Backward and Forward Looks: how the reflection on the past may serve future actions

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Panel: Human and Earth History as a Complex System (panels 95, 96)
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So far most of the efforts setting up IHOPE--including the various case studies--have been devoted to the historical territories with perspectives and cases back in time for centuries and in some cases for millennia. However the experiences from these studies are from the beginning thought to link to a better understanding of current options and bottlenecks with regard to institutional, psychological, social and economic and cultural factors: in other words, policy relevant information. This opens up for reflections of future worlds in the traditions of foresights/future studies. The proposed contribution to the Conference is considered to cover that part of the future IHOPE issues to be discussed and elaborated upon.