

**Climate histories: communicating knowledge of environmental change
(Stage 1) Methodology virtual forums schedule: June 17 &18, 2010**

Virtual forum aims

- 1) To provide an informal context in which members of multiple disciplines can discuss the methodological challenges that the respective participants that they encounter in their own fields.
- 2) To promote a discussion of the communicative challenges we all face – not only in speaking across academic disciplines but with audiences at large.
- 3) To provide productive grounds for thinking about inter-disciplinarity in innovative ways.

Format and preparation

Each virtual meeting will last 2.5 hours and be in 2 main sections.

In the first section lasting around 1 hour, 5/6 participants are invited to present their own research in a 10-minute slot, with particular reference to methodological issues and gaps in knowledge our individual disciplines invite. The second section moves on to a focused discussion - with the wider group present on the ground in Cambridge and any interested audience at our remote sites – on communication strategies and the challenges/opportunities posed by true inter-disciplinarity.

We would therefore like each participant to consider their own research and directly address the following points in their initial slot:

- i) the focus of your research
- ii) the challenges of engaging with your materials
- iii) what knowledge gaps exist in your research

Participants

June 17, 2010: 1430 UT

Introduction and Chair – David Sneath

Presenters

- 1) Hans Graf (Geography, Atmospheric Sciences, University of Cambridge, UK)
- 2) Cameron Petrie (Archaeology, University of Cambridge, UK)
- 3) Jason Davis (Biology, Radford University, USA)
- 4) Hildegard Diemberger (Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, UK)

Cambridge participants/remote site audience

David Sneath, Hildegard Diemberger, Nick Long, Holly High, Sabine Deiringer, Liana Chua, Richard Irvine, Jacquie Hobbs, Mireille Mazard, Nayanika Mathur, Maria-Luisa Nodari, Gianluca Lentini

June 18, 2010: 0900–1130 BST

Introduction and Chair – Barbara Bodenhorn

Presenters

- 1) Michael Bravo (Geography, University of Cambridge, UK)
- 2) Mina Gorji (English, University of Cambridge, UK)
- 3) Monica Minnegal (Ecological Systems, University of Melbourne, Australia)
- 4) Gianluca Lentini (Climatology, Ev-K2-CNR Committee)
- 5) Barbara Bodenhorn (Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, UK)

Cambridge participants/remote site audience

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