

Climate Histories: Communicating Cultural Knowledge of Environmental Change

Friday, 21 January 2011 to Saturday, 22 January 2011

CRASSH, 17 Mill Lane, Cambridge

Programme

Friday, 21 January

9.00 Registration and coffee

9.15 Welcome: David Sneath (principal investigator)

PANEL 1. EAST ANGLIAN FENS CASE STUDY:

CLIMATE HISTORIES IN THE CONTEXT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

9.30 – 11.00 **Tim Ingold** (University of Aberdeen): (social anthropology)

Christopher Evans (Archaeology, University of Cambridge):
*Sentimental Prehistories: Modelling and Projecting Palaeo-
Wetland Change*

Richard Irvine (Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge):
*Future Fenland: thinking about environmental scenarios in a
contested landscape*

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee

11.30 – 13.00 **Mina Gorjii** (University of Cambridge) (english)

Laura Cameron (V) (Geography, Queen's University):
Resources of Hope: Wicken Fen Stories of Anthropogenic Nature

Discussants: Paul Warde (history), John Flowerdew (zoology)

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

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PANEL 2. THE ENVIRONMENT AS A TYPE OF MEMORY

- 14.00 - - 15.30 **Kirsten Hastrup** (Social Anthropology, University of Copenhagen):
The Ice as Argument: Topographical Mementos in the High Arctic
- Kathryn Yusoff** (Geography, College of Life and Environmental Sciences Exeter):
Navigating the Northwest Passage: ice floes, relational ontologies and the work of the humanities
- Charles French** (Archaeology, University of Cambridge):
Soils, climate and people in the Holocene development of the Cambridgeshire fens
- 15.30 – 16.00 Coffee
- 16.00 – 17.40 **Gustavo Ramirez Santiago** (ecology)
- Citt Williams:**
A media presentation about the United Nations University's Traditional Knowledge Initiative and the collaborative Indigenous Voices on Climate Change film festival project
- Discussant: Ben Orlove (V) (social anthropology)
- Barbara Bodenhorn (co-investigator): summing up
- 18.30 Reception (Pembroke Cellars)
- 19.00 Dinner at Pembroke College

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PANEL 3. COMMUNICATING CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE: THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CHALLENGES

9.30 – 11.00 **Simon Schaffer** (History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge):
Public trials and climate shows

Hans-F Graf (Centre for Atmospheric Sciences, University of Cambridge) and **Hildegard Diemberger** (Mongolia and Inner Asia Studies Unit, University of Cambridge):

Stories of mountains, clouds and dew in the Land of Snow: meteorology and anthropology in conversation on the Tibetan Plateau

Xuefeng Cui (V) (Beijing University):

LUCC and Climate: from the Tibetan Plateau to the globe

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee

11.30 – 13.00 **Jacqueline Hobbs** (Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge):
Social anthropology meets biology on the Qinghai plateau, PRC: the Milkbird, reliability and the uptake of local knowledge of environmental change

Maria Luisa Nodari (MIASU) and **Giorgio Vassena** (University of Brescia, I):

Weather data, glaciers retreat and mountaineering from the Rwenzori Mountains to the Land of Snow: a cross disciplinary perspective

Discussants: Mark Aldenderfer (archaeology), Marilyn Strathern (social anthropology)

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PANEL 4. IN THE NAME OF CLIMATE CHANGE: PUBLIC, MEDIA & POLICY NARRATIVES

14.00 - - 16.00 **Joe Smith** (Geography, The Open University):
Climate change – media change: from ‘the plot’ to multiple narratives

Tom Roberts (CSEC/ Sociology, Lancaster University):
The Narrative of climate change

Nayanika Mathur (Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge):
“It’s Climate Change”: *Attributing changing human-animal relations to climate change in Himalayan India*

Liana Chua (University of Cambridge):
Giving the orangutan a break: narrative, temporality and praxis in wildlife conservation online

16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee*

16.30 – 18.15 **Mike Hulme** (Climate Change, University of East Anglia):
Climate change and four narratives of growth

Georg Kaser (Meterology and Geophysics, University of Innsbruck):
We are 6.7 billion glaciologists

Discussant: Michael Bravo (geography)

David Sneath (principal investigator): summing up

End of conference