CCHRI 2024 Colloquium

Resilience and sustainability: past trajectories, contemporary directions, policy relevance

Princeton University, June 3rd – 5th, 2024

All sessions in Rm 211 Dickinson Hall (History Department)
Lunches and coffee etc. in Rm 210

Monday June 3rd

9.00 Introductory remarks: John Haldon, George Hambrecht, Steven Hartmann

Session 1 Studying the past and policy challenges

9.20 – 10.50 Session 1a: Chair: John Haldon

9.20 Pedro Conceição (UN/UNESCO) – Human Development Research and the relevance of studying the past

9.40 Alex de Sherbinin (Columbia) – Understanding the past to plan for the future: climate change and migration

10.00 John Murphy (N Illinois U) – Institutional resistance and functional failure: challenges of implementing policy change

10.20 – 10.50 Discussion

10.50 – 11.10 Break

11.10 – 13.00 Session 1b: Chair: George Hambrecht (UMd)

11.10 Marcy Rockman (UMd) - What climate needs from heritage: How to better align policy and practice with the past for climate action

11.30 Jeffrey Reznick (National Library of Medicine, NIH) – Bridges between academia and the public sector

11.50 Daniel London (NYU) - Environmental history and policy: approaches and challenges

12.10 – 13.00 Discussion and general discussion
13.00 – 14.10 Lunch

Session 2 Methods, data and information sharing

14.10 – 15.20 Session 2a: Chair: Tim Newfield (GU & CCHRI)

14.10 Michael Smith (ASU) – Transforming historical and archaeological data into policy-relevant format

14.30 Luke Kemp (Cambridge) – Participatory pasts and fuzzy futures: tools to view history as a system

14.50 – 15.20 Discussion

15.20 – 15.30 Break

15.30 – 17.00 Session 2b: Chair: Benjamin Trump (U Michigan)

15.30 Amit Tubi & Lee Mordechai (Hebrew U) – Challenges in learning from the past through analogies

15.50 Stefani Crabtree (Utah State U) – Problems with archaeologies of climate and resilience

16.10 – 17:00 Discussion and general discussion

19.00 Dinner

Tuesday June 4th

Session 3 What makes for resilience? Size, structure, conjuncture

9.30 – 11.00 Session 3a: Chair: Luci Attala (Cardiff U)

9.30 Kathleen Morrisson (UPenn) – What price success? Environmental and human costs of South Indian agrarian histories

9.50 Andrew Dugmore, Rowan Jackson (Edinburgh) – Legacies of childhood learning and information flow for climate change adaptation

10.10 Gwen Robbins Schugg (UNC) - Bioarchaeology and the bones of premodern resilience to climate change

10.30 – 11.00 Discussion

11.00 – 11.20 Break
11.20 – 12.20  **Session 3b:** Chair: Emmanuel Kreike (Princeton)

11.20  Jo Clarke (UEA/UK) – *Past climate change, present challenges: coastal erosion and African futures*

11.40  Marilyn Masson (Albany) – *The how and why of periodic recovery and long-term resilience in the late pre-Hispanic Maya region from an interdisciplinary perspective*

12.00 – 12.20  Discussion

**12.20 – 13.40**  Lunch

**Session 4**  **The Big Picture:** scale, structure and complexity

13.40 – 14.50  **Session 4a:** Chair: Lee Mordechai (HUJ & CCHRI)

13.40  Edda Fields-Black (Carnegie Mellon U) *Historical landscapes, conservation and community: Lowcountry wetlands and rice cultivation in the Carolinas*

14.00  Gina Charnley (Johns Hopkins) *Cholera, an ancient disease, with present-day climate-change-related epidemic risks*

14.20 – 14.50  Discussion

14.50 – 15.10  **Break**

15.10 – 16.30  **Session 4b:** Chair: Adam Izdebski (MPI/Jena & CCHRI)

15.10  Dagomar Degroot (Georgetown) – *Framing societal responses to climate change: problems and perspectives*

15.30  Arlene Rosen (U Texas) – *Deep-time fire histories in the archaic US Southwest: traditional ecological knowledge and landscape management, and contemporary challenges*

15.50 – 16.30  Discussion and general discussion

**19.00**  Dinner
Wednesday June 5th

Session 5: Comparative case-studies: historical pasts and policy presents

9.00 – 10.00  Session 5a: Chair: Neil Roberts (U Plymouth/Oxford & CCHRI)

9.00  Steven Hartman (ASU) – Integrated environmental humanities: the case of medieval Iceland and Greenland

9.20  Emmanuel Kreike (Princeton) – Deforestation: correcting the picture and assessing past, current and future trends in forest cover

9.40  Discussion

10.00 – 10.20  Break

10.20 – 11.50  Session 5b: Chair: Warren Eastwood (Bham/UK & CCHRI)

10.20  Sarah Klassen (UToronto) – Provisioning a preindustrial city: Communal organization of labor, water management, and the intensification of agriculture in the Greater Angkor region, 9th-15th centuries CE

10.40  Jason Nesbitt (Tulane U) – The rises and falls of pre-Columbian Andean polities: lessons for today?

11.00  Martin Bauch (Berlin) – Long-term human ecodynamics: the creation and disappearance of European badlands

11.20 – 11.50  Discussion

11.50 – 12.10  Break

12.10 – 13.00  General discussion, chair: Pedro Conceição and John Haldon

Publication options & discussion: CCHRI team

13.00  Colloquium ends

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