

The Maison Française d'Oxford
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Oxford Brookes University
RUCHE (Réseau Universitaire de Chercheurs en Histoire Environnementale)

Environmental History Seminar Programme 2011-2012

All sessions are on Mondays, 16:00-18:30

The aims of this seminar are to help bring together British and French researchers working on the same topics or problematics, and to discuss recent research on environmental history. Therefore, the principle is to invite a French and a British colleague to each seminar, to present their own research and then discuss it.

7th November **Introductory session**

Venue: Maison Française d'Oxford, Norham Road

Thomas Le Roux (CNRS-MFO), "*Environmental History in France and Great Britain: Methodology, New Perspectives, Common Ground*"

23rd January **Resources (12th-17th c.)**

Venue: Maison Française d'Oxford, Norham Road

Grégory Quenet (Université de Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines), "*Building the Palace of Versailles: Environmental Consequences*"

Richard Oram (University of Stirling), "*Castles and Resources, from 12th to 17th centuries*"

13th February **Chemistry and Environment (18th-early 19th c.)**

Venue: Oxford Brookes University, Gipsy Lane, Headington

Jean-Baptiste Fressoz (Imperial College, London), "*Chemistry and the Transformation of the Environment, 1750-1850*"

John Perkins (Oxford Brookes University), "*Chemical Expertise and Industrial Pollution in Rouen, 1770-1810*"

5th March **Landscape (19th-early 20th c.)**

Venue: Faculty of History, George Street

Charles-François Mathis (Université de Paris-Sorbonne), "*Landscape and Preservation in England in the 19th century*"

Jeremy Burchardt (University of Reading), "*Landscape, Preservationism and Local Interests, the Example of Berkshire, early 20th century*"

23rd April **Workplace environment (20th c.)**

Venue: tbc

Judith Rainhorn (Université de Lille-Valenciennes), "*Regulating White Lead Use in Early 20th Century France*"

Peter Bartrip (University of Oxford), "*Regulating Asbestos Hazards in Mid-Twentieth Century Britain*"

21st May **The Climate Question (18th-19th c.)**

Venue: tbc

Fabien Locher (CNRS/EHESS, Paris), "*Climate and 'Government' (France, 18th-19th centuries)*"

Vladimir Jankovic (University of Manchester), "*Climate as Agency*"

11th June **History of biodiversity (20th c.)**

Venue: tbc

Christophe Bonneuil (EHESS, Paris), "*An Environmental History of Genes: Plant Breeding and Crop Biodiversity in France, 20th century*"

William Beinart (University of Oxford), "*Plant Transfers, Bio-invasions, and Biodiversity: An African Historical Perspective*"

Convener: Thomas Le Roux (CNRS-MFO)

- ALL WELCOME -

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