

Expertise for the Future

Histories of predicting environmental change

Program

16th November

(unless otherwise indicated, talks are 25-30 minutes to allow for discussion in each slot)

Chair: Sverker Sörlin

1.30 -2.00 *Introduction: expertise for the future*
– short outline of the project by Libby Robin (about 15 mins) with brief discussion

2.00-2.45 Paul Warde
The forests and the future: figuring the welfare of posterity in Europe, 1500-1850

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2.45-3.30 Sverker Sörlin
The quantification of gloom : Numbers, predictions and the language of environmental Apocalypse from Spengler to Global Change

3.30-3.45 Coffee break

3.45-4.30 Edmund Russell
Ghosts of Evolution Yet to Come

Informal discussion can continue over drinks for those who can come...

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9.00-9.45 Alison Bashford
Energy and Population: global policy in the mid twentieth century

9.45-10.30 Maria Bohn
Carbon studies, climate prediction and temporal change: Stockholm meteorology ca 1945-1958

10.30-10.45 Coffee break

10.45-11.30 Libby Robin
'...From the Deserts the Prophets Come': A Short History (and Geography) of Resilience Science.

11.30-12.15 Final discussion and comments.

Lunch will be available for all participants at the Centre for History and Economics