



Society, Environment and Change in Historical Perspective: Recent Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Research

A Climate Change and History Research Initiative (CCHRI) Colloquium
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All sessions, breakfasts and lunches will take place in Room 144 Lewis A. Simpson Building, Princeton University

THURSDAY 24TH MAY

20.00 Welcome Meeting Nassau Inn Yankee Doodle Tap Room, 10 Palmer Square East, Princeton

FRIDAY 25TH MAY

08.30 – 09.15 Breakfast

09.15 – 09.30 Introduction John Haldon (Princeton)

Session 1: The Dialectics of Socio-Environmental Systems: Comparative Perspectives
Chair, John Haldon

09.30 – 10.00 Peregrine Horden (Royal Holloway, University of London) – ‘Microecological Resilience and Climate Change: A View from the Mediterranean’ (1)

10.00 – 10.30 Johannes Preiser-Kapeller (Austrian Academy of Sciences) – ‘Imperial Ecologies: the Vulnerability and Resilience of Mediterranean Empires’ (2)

10.30 – 10.45 Questions for papers 1 & 2

10.45 – 11.00 Break

11.00 – 11.30 Qing Pei (University of Hong Kong) – ‘Mandate of Heaven: Climate Change, Migration and Geopolitical Cycles in Imperial China’ (3)

11.30 – 12.00 Emmanuel Kreike (Princeton University) – ‘Envirocide: Warfare and Population Displacement’ (4)

12.00 – 12.15 Questions for papers 3 & 4

12.15 – 12.45 Session 1 General Discussion, leader Arlene Rosen (University of Texas, Austin)

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

Session 2: Complexity and Causation: Case-Studies I

Chair, Elena Xoplaki (University of Giessen)

14.00 – 15.00 Lee Mordechai (University of Notre Dame) and Merle Eisenberg (Princeton University) – ‘Re-Visiting the Justinianic Plague and its Impacts’ (5)

15.00 – 15.30 Dylan Proctor (Georgetown University) and Tim Newfield (Georgetown University) – ‘Beyond the Mediterranean? Plague and ‘Early Medieval’ Population Disruption in Central Africa’ (6)

15.30 – 16.00 Questions for papers 5 & 6

16.00 – 16.15 Break

16.15 – 16.45 Marcos Leitão De Almeida (Northwestern University) – ‘Speaking of Slavery in Ancient Equatorial Africa: Social Change in Bantu-Speaking Villages During the Middle-to-Late Holocene Rainforest Crises (ca. 1000 B.C.E – ca. 500 B.C.E)’ (7)

16.45 – 17.15 David Nash (Brighton of Brighton) – ‘Differential Responses to Drought in Southern Africa during the Mid-to-Late Nineteenth Century’ (8)

17.15 – 17.30 Questions for papers 7 & 8

17.30 – 18.00 Session 2 General Discussion, leader Adam Izdebski (Max Planck Institute)

19:30 Dinner, Prospect House, Princeton University

SATURDAY 26TH MAY

09.00 – 09.30 Breakfast

Session 3: Complexity and Causation: Case-Studies II

Chair, Warren Eastwood (University of Birmingham)

09.30 – 10.00 Kevin Bloomfield (Cornell) – ‘The Roman Army in the Sahara: Adaptation and Resilience over the *Longue durée*’ (9)

10.00 – 10.30 Joe Manning (Yale) – ‘Interplay between Local and Global Factors in Societal Disturbance and Conflict in Hellenistic Egypt’ (10)

10.30 – 10.45 Questions for papers 9 & 10

10.45 – 11.15 Patrick Klinger (University of Kansas) – ‘Climatic Aberrations and Environmental Change in the Making of the Anglo-Scottish Union of 1707’ (11)

11.15 - 11.45 Katrin Kleemann (Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich) – ‘Discrepancy Between Contemporary Descriptions and Temperature Reconstructions: The Summer of 1783 in the German Territories’ (12)

11.45 – 12.00 Questions for papers 11 & 12

12.00 – 12.30 General Discussion, leader Jim Newhard (University of Charleston)

12.30 – 14:00 Lunch

Session 4: Complexity and Causation: Differential Responses

Chair, Guy Middleton (Newcastle University)

14.00 – 14.30 Elena Xoplaki (University of Giessen) – ‘Modelling Eastern Mediterranean Climate and Societal Resilience over the *Longue durée*’ (13)

14.30 – 15.00 Adam Izdebski (Max Planck Institute) – ‘Byzantine History Viewed through a Consilience Perspective’ (14)

15.00 – 15.15 Questions for papers 13 & 14

15.15 – 15.45 David Patterson (University of Michigan) – ‘Talking Weather in the Carolingian World’ (15)

15.45 – 16.15 Matthew Jacobson (University of Reading) and John Haldon (Princeton) – A Collapse of Himyar? Correlative Causality and South Arabia in the 6th Century (16)

16.15 – 16.30 Questions for papers 15 & 16

16.30 – 15.00 General Discussion, leader Marty Anderies (Arizona State University)

19.00 Dinner – Triumph Brewery, 138 Nassau St., Princeton

SUNDAY 27TH MAY

9.00 – 9.30 Breakfast

Session 5: History, Environment and Collapse

Chair, Hugh Elton (Trent University)

9.30 – 10.00 Ronnie Ellenblum (Hebrew University): ‘Fragility: Collapse, Ecology and the Textual Evidence’ (17)

10.00 – 10.30 Patricia McAnany (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill): ‘Weather and Politics over the *Longue durée*: Perspectives from the Maya Lowlands’ (18)

10.30 – 11.00 Neil Roberts (University of Plymouth) ‘Continuity or Collapse? *Longue-durée* Boom and Bust Cycles in the Mediterranean and their Causes’ (19)

11.00 – 11.30 Questions for papers 17, 18 & 19

11.30 – 12.00 Session 5 General Discussion, leader Jürg Luterbacher (University of Giessen)

12.00 – 12.30 Lunch

12:30 – 13.30 Final Discussion – Arlene Rosen and John Haldon