

**Nature and the Social Order since the 1970s:
Environmental Humanities and HSMT 3-day Workshop**

Programme

Monday 22 May

Location: Ertegun House, 37a St Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LD *[Please note change of venue]*

15:00-15:15 **Opening Remarks**

15:15-16:30 **Keynote Lecture**

Pierre Charbonnier (Sciences Po Paris) Climate Geopolitics

16:45-18:15 **Panel 1: Nature and Neoliberalism**

Chair: Isabel Oakes

David Priestland (University of Oxford) Marxism-Leninism, Neoliberalism and Nature

Matěj Spurný (Czech Institute of Contemporary History/Charles University Prague)
Perception of Natural Environment in the Crisis of Socialist Modernity. The case of
Czechoslovakia (1975 to 1992)

Troy Vetesse (EUI) Animal Spirits: Nature, Neoliberalism, and Markets

Tuesday 23 May

Location: Maison Française d'Oxford, 2-10 Norham Road, Oxford OX2 6SE

09:30-10:00 **Coffee**

10:00-12:00 **Panel 2: Nature and Technology**

Chair: Daniel McAteer

Niklas Olsen (University of Copenhagen) Modelling Prometheanism: William
Nordhaus and the Climate Politics of Inaction

Hadeel Badarni (University of Chicago) Ecologies of settler-colonial know-how: the
making of Israel's "high-tech" agriculture

Apolline Taillandier (University of Cambridge) Engineering spontaneous orders:
transhumanists and the remaking of markets and human nature

Julia Menzel (MIT) Metaphysical collapse? Black holes, IBM, and the orders of
nature

12:00-13:00 **Lunch**

13:00-15:00 **Panel 3: Neo-Malthusianism**

Chair: Patricia Clavin

Marius Bickhardt (Sciences Po Paris/Centre Marc Bloch Berlin) The concept of
surplus population between scarcity and abundance: from environmental
Malthusianism to ecological Marxism

Aidan Tynan (Cardiff University) Neo-Malthusianism and population aesthetics since
The Population Bomb

Rob Iliffe (University of Oxford) Neo-Malthusianism in 1980s popular culture

Weronika Parfianowicz (University of Warsaw) “We must learn to satisfy our consumption appetites, according to necessary needs, not the artificially stimulated whims”. Reflection on ecological impacts of consumption in socialist Poland

15:00-15:30 **Coffee**

15:30-17:00 **Panel 4: Nature, Nation and the New Right**

Chair: Michael Drolet

Netta Cohen (University of Oxford) Remaining behind: environmentalism in Israel-Palestine, 1963-1990

Marie Moller (Danish Institute for International Studies) Earth people: elementary politics of Rassemblement National ecology

Pollyanna Rhee (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) Making nature’s new conservatism

Wednesday 24 May

Location: Maison Française d’Oxford, 2-10 Norham Road, Oxford OX2 6SE

09:30-10:00 **Coffee**

10:00-12:00 **Panel 5: Concepts and Images of Nature**

Chair: Martin Babička

Julia Nordblad (Uppsala University) A history of biodiversity as a political concept: the 1986 Forum on Biodiversity and the challenge to liberal environmentalism

Victoria Myznikova (Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society Munich) V Vernadsky’s “noosphere” and Russian environmental policies: shift to sovereignty

Ben Mechen (University of Bristol) “No Trespass”: policing and photographing the landscape in 1980s Britain

Lauren Spohn (University of Oxford) Earth rising: spaceflight and the global ecological imagination, 1968-2000

12:00 **Closing Remarks**