



TORCH Environmental Humanities Research Hub Trinity Term 2025 Calendar

Engineering the Environment and Imagining Nature in the Early Modern World

Tuesday, April 29, 12:00-1:30pm, Third Floor Seminar Room at TORCH

Elly Dezateux (Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Legacies of Colonialism) and Thomas Murphy (French) discuss the changing meaning of 'nature' and approaches to environmental governance in early modern Europe.

Geotrauma, Emergency Histories, and Sacrifice Zones: Medieval Historians in the Anthropocene

Thursday, May 15, 12:00-1:30pm, Colin Matthew Room at TORCH

A roundtable with Ling Zhang (Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge); John Sabapathy (History, University College London); and Amanda Power (History, University of Oxford).

What next, if we lose 'the right to have rights'? A roundtable discussion.

Wednesday, June 4, 12:00-1:30pm, Colin Matthew Room at TORCH

The speakers on this roundtable offer ways to think in the context of today's emergencies. Given a warming world, a contracting public sphere, and rapidly shifting geopolitical alignments, where are we to locate – and how are we to imagine – the rights of humans and non-humans? What is the role of the humanities in these tasks of the committed imagination?

The Source of Rivers: Writing Waterways in the Humanities

Thursday, June 5, 12:00-1:30pm, 4:00-5:30pm, History Faculty (38 George St)

From postcolonial Angola to a Tudor estuary via a French riverbank, come and hear three scholars of rivers talk about the stories rivers tell and the methodological challenges they trace: Dorothée Boulanger (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies), Katherine Ibbett (Modern Languages), and Tom Johnson (History).

****For all events, registration is required for those who would like a complimentary lunch.****

The Hub is running a [writing group](#) for PGRs and Postdocs working on environmental topics on Friday mornings (9am-12pm) in odd weeks in the Radcliffe Humanities Building. See our website for room details: <https://www.torch.ox.ac.uk/environmental-humanities-research-hub>

All welcome! If you have any queries or would like to be added to the Hub mailing list, please email envhums@torch.ox.ac.uk. For more programming information, please visit the [events](#) tab on our [website](#).