

Policy forum

5:45pm: Thursday 1 July 2010, Beveridge Hall

Can policy makers today learn from histories of the environment?

A special panel at the IHR's Anglo-American Conference of Historians, July 1-2 2010

Attendance is free and open to members of the public

Oil-spills, volcanic ash, and extreme weather conditions are making the environment one of the most pressing issues of the current day. But have we all been here before? Much of the current climatic state we are in is the legacy of many centuries of human interaction with the planet and its resources. And ours is not the first generation to be forced to deal with natural and man-made ecological disasters and pollution, as well as competition over scarce utilities and minerals. In this special public discussion historians, scientists and policy-makers join together to discuss what the past can tell the present - and the future - about the environment.



Compère: Paul Warde, UEA

Deborah Lamb, Policy Director, English Heritage

Georgina Endfield, Honorary Secretary for Research, Royal Geographical Society

Alastair Fitter, CBE, ecologist and Fellow of the Royal Society

Jim Bamberg, author of the official history of BP

Ian Christie, Centre for Environmental Strategy, University of Surrey, Green Alliance and co-author of *Church and Earth* (2009)

Mark Levene, founder, Rescuel! History and co-editor, *History at the end of the world? History, climate change and the possibility of closure* (2010)

For more information, please contact **Manjeet Sambi at environments@lon.ac.uk**. To register for the conference, please visit **www.history.ac.uk/aac2010/register**

