

10th Annual NNC Conference
Environmental Asia
20-22 November 2017, Voksenåsen

Programme

Monday, 20 November

11.30-13.15 Arrival, lunch, registration

13.15-13.45 Welcome

Åse Gornitzka, Vice-Rector of the University of Oslo
Geir Helgesen, Director of NIAS
Mette Halskov Hansen, organising committee

13.45-15.00 Keynote lecture

Georgina Drew, The University of Adelaide

When the Water Snake Eats its Tail: Cyclical Structural Violence from the Himalayan Headwaters to the Urban Plains

Chair: Mette Halskov Hansen

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-17.00 Parallel sessions I

1. The Politics of Environmental Knowledge (I): Frames, Narratives, and Information

Chairs: Kenneth Bo Nielsen and Siddharth Sareen

- Caixia Dong, FEM
"Clear waters and green hills are gold and silver mines": Strategic Framing in China's Strive for Green Transformation
- Hans Henrik Moe, University of Oslo
Breathing in the Anthropocene: Air pollution narratives from Beijing
- Stig Toft Madsen, NIAS
Do Hobbies Converge? Birding Work across Eurasia



2. Food, Agriculture and Sustainability in Asia (I)

Chairs: Arve Hansen and Jostein Jakobsen

- Sunayana Ganguly, Azim Premji University
Making sustainability palatable? Changing practices of middle class food consumption in Bangalore
- Arve Hansen, University of Oslo
Drivers of increasing meat consumption in Vietnam
- Camellia Biswas, Ambedkar University Delhi
The Past, Present and Future of Edible Insects: A Case Study of Nyshi and Apatani Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh, India

3. Environmental History and Traditions in Asia

Chair: Rune Svarverud

- Susanne Stein, University of Tübingen
Between scarcity and abundance: The emergence of China's northwest during the Republican era, 1920s-1940s
- Désirée Kumpf, University of Leipzig
"How Can We Make Tea Without Tea Leaves?" Seeking Agricultural Knowledge in Colonial India
- Rune Svarverud, University of Oslo
Fresh air, sunshine, and hygiene for a strong Chinese nation 1849-1949

18.30 Dinner



Tuesday, 21 November

9.45-11.00 **Keynote lecture**
Susan Darlington, Hampshire College
Grounded Practices, Buddhist Dreams: Buddhism, Environment, and the World In-between
 Chair: Aike Rots

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 Parallel sessions II**1. The Politics of Environmental Knowledge (II): Communities and the environment**

Chairs: Kenneth Bo Nielsen and Siddharth Sareen

- Kavita Navlani Soreide, CMI
Gendered Impact of Community Land Management in Meghalaya, India
- Benedetta Mantoan, Leiden University
Efficacy of Community-based Management System to Preserve the Access of Small-Scale Fishermen to Coastal Marine Area
- Devshree Thanekar, Leiden University
Indigenous Community, Environment and the Urban Expansions in Mumbai

2. Food, Agriculture and Sustainability in Asia (II)

Chairs: Arve Hansen and Jostein Jakobsen

- Virginie Arantes, Université Libre de Bruxelles
How people and technology are shaping the future of a more sustainable food system in Shanghai
- Melanie Ford, Rice University
Agrarian Energies: Movements and Reflections on Energy in Post 3.11 Japan
- Jostein Jakobsen, University of Oslo
Towards a Gramscian food regime analysis of India's agrarian crisis: counter-movements, petrofarming and Cheap Nature

3. Policies and the Public (I)

Chairs: Mette Halskov Hansen and Anna Ahlers

- Mark Søndergaard, Danish Institute for International Studies
What caused the change in Chinas climate change policy?



- Julia Hall, University of Oslo
The environmental citizen in Chinese school books
- Xiuyun Yang, Delft University of Technology
Understanding environmental and resource conflicts: An analytical model based on mining disputes in China

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-15.30 Parallel sessions III

1. Energy in Asia (I)

Chairs: Karina Standal and Edwin Schmitt

- Hsin-yi Lu, National Taiwan University
The Contested Oceanscape of Offshore Wind Farm Development in Taiwan
- Shikha Lakhanpal, Ashoka Trust for Research in Environment and Ecology (ATREE)
The politics of renewable energy and local livelihoods: Case of a small hydropower project from Himachal Pradesh, India
- Karina Standal, CICERO - Center for International Climate Research Oslo
Electricity, Equality and Environment: Scales of power in the Village Solar Electrification Project in Rural India

2. Religion, Nature, and Environmental Issues (I): Natural Disasters and Environmentalism

Chair: Aike Rots

- Giacomo Tabacco, University of Milano-Bicocca
Rethinking environmental manipulations: Islamic discourses, mines and plantations scaling up, and their entanglements in post-disaster West Aceh, Indonesia
- Lisette Gebhardt, Goethe University
Argumentations on a post-Fukushima animism: Environmental thought in Japan after 3.11
- Renske Maria van Dam, KU Leuven
A beautiful catastrophe: A Japanese approach towards energy in environmental design

3. Policies and the Public (II)

Chairs: Mette Halskov Hansen and Anna Ahlers

- Hedda Flatø, University of Oslo
Bads versus goods in risk society: Inequality and popular demand for environmental protection in China
- Eva Sternfeld, Technische Universität Berlin
Nuclear Waste Governance in China: Once through or closed cycle?



- Åshild Kolås, PRIO
Green governance, China and the Arctic

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.30 Parallel sessions IV

1. Energy in Asia (II)

Chairs: Karina Standal and Edwin Schmitt

- Vidhee Avashia, Indian Institute of Management
Electricity generation in India: Challenges and Strategies for phasing out coal-based plants
- Maitreyee Choudhury, University of North Bengal
India's Hydro-energy Resources in Environmental Perspective
- Edwin Schmitt, University of Oslo
Burning Coal in Tangshan: Energy Resources as Commons

2. Religion, Nature, and Environmental Issues (II): Environmental Change and Religious Storytelling

Chair: Aike Rots

- Aase J. Kvanneid, University of Bergen
A dance of Shiva - or Climate Change?
- Sonja Laukkanen, Helsinki University
Stories of nature and landscape from Meili Mountains
- Jan Erik Christensen, Independent Scholar
Confucian Philosophy, Climate Change, and Sustainability

3. Policies and the Public (III)

Chairs: Mette Halskov Hansen and Anna Ahlers

- Ka-ming Wu, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Living with Waste: Infrastructure of Waste Treatment in Beijing, China
- Arne Harms, Universität Leipzig
Floating Gases, Perpetual Stocks: Containing Carbon Dioxide in the Indian Himalayas
- Iselin Stensdal, Fridtjof Nansen Institute
New policy, old institutions? Establishing and enforcing Shanghai's emission-trading scheme pilot

18.30 Dinner



Wednesday, 22 November

9.45-11.00 Keynote lecture
Heiner Roetz, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
Light or darkness from the East? Attitudes towards nature in Chinese thought
 Chair: Rune Svarverud

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 Parallel sessions V

1. Roundtable discussion: Assessing the Energy Access Programme in India: Challenges and Opportunities

Moderator: Shilpa Rao, Norwegian Institute of Public Health

- **Kristin Aunan**, Center for International Climate Research (CICERO), Oslo
- **Anurag Bhatnagar**, Self Employed Women's Association, Ahmedabad, India
- **Cressida Broadhead**, Metamorforces, Oslo
- **Austen Davis**, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)
- **Amit Garg**, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, India (IIMA)
- **Siddharth Sareen**, University of Bergen
- **Tanja Winther**, University of Oslo

2. Religion, Nature, and Environmental Issues (III): Religious Activism and Environmental Practices

Chair: Aike Rots

- Olivia Yun-An Dung, Leiden University
The Body for Recycling, Recycling for the Body: Volunteering in Tzu-Chi Taiwan
- Grete Schönebeck, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main
Green graves: Funeral reform in China
- Aike Rots, University of Oslo
A New Song for the Dugong: Religious Activism in Okinawa

3. Policies and the Public (IV)

Chairs: Mette Halskov Hansen and Anna Ahlers

- Mette Halskov Hansen, University of Oslo
Ecological Civilization: A Powerful Global Vision or a Political Flop?



- Jørgen Delman, University of Copenhagen
Luring the elephants back? Eco-civilization and the pressure for green urban development in Hangzhou
- Mona Chettri, Aarhus University
Emerging Environmental Regimes in the Asian Borderlands: Special Economic Zone in the Sikkim Himalaya

13.00-14.00 Lunch

