

ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES ONLINE PUBLISHING WORKSHOP

Storying Climes of the Himalaya, Andes, and Arctic

Anthropogenic water bodies, multispecies vulnerability, and sustainable living

9 – 14 October 2021 | Online via MS Teams

Agenda

Organizers: Himalayan University Consortium Thematic Working Group on Himalayan Environmental Humanities; in partnership with My Climate Risk, a lighthouse activity of World Climate Research Programme (WCRP), Himalayan Centre for Environmental Humanities (HCEH), Yunnan University, and The Global South Studies Center at University of Cologne. Co-hosted by Royal Thimphu College.

Programme schedule

SATURDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2021

Inaugural keynote session: “Climing” earth summits of the Himalayas, Andes and Arctic

Local time	Welcome remarks	Keynote session	Chairperson and discussant
Kathmandu: 17:45 – 19:45	Izabella Koziell , Deputy Director General, ICIMOD	“The ‘Third Pole’ and monsoon Asia: Histories, Narratives, Futures” – Sunil Amrith , Yale University, United States	Chairperson – Arupjyoti Saikia , Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
Mumbai: 17:30 – 19:30			
London: 13:00-15:00	Tshewang Tandin , President, Royal Thimphu College	“ <i>Climing</i> Mountains? Climate, water and power in the Peruvian Andes” – Karsten Paerregaard , University of Gothenburg, Sweden	Discussant – Dan Smyer Yü , Kuige Professor of Ethnology, Yunnan University and International Faculty Member, University of Cologne
U.S. (EDT): 08:00 – 10:00			
U.S. (PDT): 05:00 – 07:00			
Oslo/Stockholm/ Berlin/Amsterdam: 14:00 – 16:00			
Bogota/Lima: 07:00 – 09:00			
Sydney/Melbourne: 23:00 – 01:00			
Bandar Seri Begawan: 20:00 – 22:00		“Pluriversal tundra: Storying more than human ecologies across deep, accelerated, and troubled times” – Astrid Oberborbeck Andersen , Aalborg University, Denmark	

****20 – 25 minutes for each keynote talk; 45 minutes for discussions**

SUNDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2021

Thematic session I: Nourishing earth, indigenous Cosmovisions, and climate education in the Anthropocene

Chairperson – **Dan Smyer Yü**, Kuige Professor of Ethnology, Yunnan University and International Faculty Member, University of Cologne

Discussant – **Anders Burman**, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

Local time	Participant presentations
Thimpu: 19:00 – 21:00	“Telling Stories: Applying a Transdisciplinary Pedagogy to Cryospheric Climes” – Vandana Singh , Framingham State University, USA
Kathmandu: 18:45 – 20:45	
US (EDT): 09:00 – 11:00	“Making a world out of climate and a climate out of the world: Encountering the vibrant Andean Anthropocene” – Gustavo Valdivia , Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Peru
London: 14:00-15:00	
US (PDT): 06:00 – 08:00	“Buen vivir, Ontoecologies and Indigenous Economic Practices of Environmental Justice from the Global South” – Eduardo Erazo Acosta , University Nariño, Columbia
Oslo/Stockholm/Berlin/ Amsterdam: 15:00 – 17:00	
Bogota/Lima: 08:00 – 10:00	
Sidney/Melbourne: 00:00 – 02:00	
Mumbai: 18:30 – 20:30	
Bandar Seri Begawan: 22:00 – 23:00	

***15 – 20 minutes for each paper presentation; 30 – 40 minutes for discussions*

MONDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2021

HUC-WCRP international and interdisciplinary partnership building for climate studies

Chairperson – **Chi H. Truong (Shachi)**, Programme Coordinator, Himalayan University Consortium

Local time	First hour	Second hour
Thimpu: 18:00 – 20:00	International partnership and leadership building	Special lecture: “Meaningful climate science” – Ted Shepherd University of Reading, UK
Kathmandu: 17:45 – 10:45	Led by Chi H. Truong (Shachi) , HUC and Ted Shepherd , University of Reading, UK	Discussions led by: Dan Smyer Yü , Kuige Professor of Ethnology, Yunnan University
London: 13:00 – 15:00		
US (EDT): 08:00 – 10:00	Introducing the Global South Studies Center (GSSC) at the University of Cologne – Michael Bollig , GSSC Board Member and Vice Rector	Jelle Wouters , Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Royal Thimphu College
US (PDT): 05:00 – 07:00		
Oslo/Stockholm/Berlin/ Amsterdam: 14:00 – 16:00	Announcing Himalayan Center for Environmental Humanities at RTC – Jelle Wouters , Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Royal Thimphu College	Arupjyoti Saikia , Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
Bogota/Lima: 07:00 – 09:00		
Sydney/Melbourne: 23:00 – 01:00	HUC Environmental Humanities global outreach – Dan Smyer Yü , Kuige Professor of Ethnology, Yunnan University	
Mumbai: 17:30 – 19:30		
Bandar Seri Begawan: 20:00 – 22:00		

TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2021

Thematic Session II: Water commoning, indigenous memories of climate change, and multispecies vulnerability

Chairperson – **Dan Smyer Yü**, Kuige Professor of Ethnology, Yunnan University and International Faculty Member, University of Cologne

Discussant – **Willem van Schendel**, Amsterdam University, Netherlands

Local time	Participant presentations
Thimphu: 11:00 – 13:00	“ <i>Chithu Huluni</i> : Idu Mishmi, river valleys and water bodies of Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh” – Ambika Aiyadurai , Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, India, and – Razzeko Delley , Jomin Tayeng Government Model Degree College Roing, India
Kathmandu: 10:45 – 12:45	
London: 06:00 – 08:00	“Rise and Fall of Cherrapunji: Re-commoning the Waterspaces of Eastern South Asia” – Iftekhar Iqbal , Universiti Brunei Darussalam
US (EDT): 01:00 – 03:00	
US (PDT): 22:00 – 00:00 (11 October)	“Let the Rain Fall on Time: Mist as Life force for Interspecies Flourishing and Communication in the Sikkimese Himalayas” – Kalzag Dorjee Bhutia , University of California, Los Angeles
Oslo/Stockholm/Berlin/ Amsterdam: 7:00 – 9:00	
Bogota/Lima: 00:00 – 02:00	“Ontological Closure, Species Bordering and Multispecies Transformations in the Himalayan Adjacent” – Roderick Wijunamai , Royal Thimphu College, Bhutan
Sydney/Melbourne: 16:00 – 18:00	
Mumbai: 10:30 – 12:30	
Bandar Seri Begawan: 13:00 – 15:00	

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WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2021

Thematic session III: Indigenous religious ecology, natural disasters, water scarcity, and freedom of rivers

Chairperson – **Kinley Dorji**, Royal Thimphu College, Bhutan

Discussant – **Jelle Wouters**, Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Royal Thimphu College

Local time	Participant presentations
Thimphu: 10:00 – 12:00	“Divine Water and ‘Pristine’ System: Indigenous Responses to Policy Induced Anthropogenic Changes in Manipur” – Malem Ningthouja Editorial board member of Journal Revolutionary Democracy, India.
Kathmandu: 09:45 – 11:45	
London: 05:00 – 07:00	“Roles That Springs Play: Renewed understanding of spring water, its access, and water conservation” – Rinan Shah , Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and The Environment.
US (EDT): 00:00 – 02:00	
US (PDT): 21:00 – 23:00 (12 October)	“Knowing Everest Ice” – Jolynna Sinanan , Western Sydney University, Australia.
Oslo/Stockholm/Berlin/ Amsterdam: 06:00 – 08:00	
Bogota/Lima: 23:00 (12 October) – 01:00	“Clime, Deities and Development in the Merak highlanders of Bhutan” – Deki Yangzom , Tarayana Centre, Bhutan
Sydney/Melbourne: 15:00 – 17:00	
Mumbai: 09:30 – 11:30	“Sacred Geography of Garhwal Himalayas: Indigenous Narratives of Living Landscape.” – Hansa Rawat , IGNOU, New Delhi
Bandar Seri Begawan: 12:00 – 14:00	

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THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2021

Thematic session IV: Sentience of water, dammed rivers, religious life, and geopolitics in the anthropocene

Chairperson – **Dan Smyer Yü**, Kuige Professor of Ethnology, Yunnan University

Discussant – **Arupjyoti Saikia**, Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati

Local time	Participant presentations
Thimphu: 12:00 – 14:00	<p>“Facing the Anthropocene together: The robust fragility of more than human relations in the Peruvian Andes” – Malene K. Brandshaug, Innlandet University College, Norway.</p> <p>“Walking with architecture in the Garhwal Himalaya: Informal structures of the Char Dham Yatra” – Ainslie Murray, University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia</p> <p>“Surviving Pemaikö’s Pluriverse: Kunga Tsomo, the goddess, and the LAC” – Ruth Gamble, La Trobe University, Australia</p> <p>“Geopolitical and ecological entanglements on the Brahmaputra River Basin” – Alexander E. Davis, University of Western Australia.</p> <p>“Himalayan Deities, Disasters and sustainable living across transboundary nations of India and Nepal” – Rajkumar Gade (presenting), Tata Institute of Social sciences, India, – Narayan Gyawali, Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU), Nepal, – S. Mohammed Irshad, Tata Institute of Social sciences, Mumbai, India.</p>
Kathmandu: 11:45 – 13:45	
London: 07:00 – 08:00	
US (EDT): 02:00 – 04:00	
US (PDT): 23:00 (13 October) – 01:00	
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