



# History and Sustainability

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## Prologue: The Environment and the United Nations

11.30am - 12.30pm

- A Conversation with [Gro Harlem Brundtland](#)  
(UN History Project, South Asia Initiative)

## Introduction 2.00pm - 2.15pm

- [Emma Rothschild](#)
- [David Blackbourn](#)

## Session One: Histories of Sustainability 2.15pm - 3.45pm

- [Paul Warde](#) (University of East Anglia)  
*The Invention of Sustainability*
- [Emma Rothschild](#) (Harvard University)  
*Keeping (Environmental) Capital Intact*

## Session Two: The History of Environmental Policy 4.00pm - 5.30pm

- [Alison Frank](#) (Harvard University)  
*The Disappearance of an Oil Industry*
- [Sverker Sörlin](#) (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden)  
*The ecology of humanity: Exploring the roots of an idea*
- Comments:  
[Anthony LaVopa](#) (*Modern Intellectual History*, North Carolina State University)

## Conclusions 5.30pm - 6.15pm

- [David Blackbourn](#)