

# Expertise for the Future

## Histories of predicting environmental change

### Program

#### 16th November

*(unless otherwise indicated, talks are 25-30 minutes to allow for discussion in each slot)*

#### Chair: Sverker Sörlin

1.30 -2.00      *Introduction: expertise for the future*  
– short outline of the project by Libby Robin (about 15 mins) with brief discussion

2.00-2.45      Paul Warde  
*The forests and the future: figuring the welfare of posterity in Europe, 1500-1850*

#### Chair: Libby Robin

2.45-3.30      Sverker Sörlin  
*The quantification of gloom : Numbers, predictions and the language of environmental Apocalypse from Spengler to Global Change*

3.30-3.45      Coffee break

3.45-4.30      Edmund Russell  
*Ghosts of Evolution Yet to Come*

*Informal discussion can continue over drinks for those who can come...*

#### 17<sup>th</sup> November

#### Chair: Paul Warde

9.00-9.45      Alison Bashford  
*Energy and Population: global policy in the mid twentieth century*

9.45-10.30      Maria Bohn  
*Carbon studies, climate prediction and temporal change: Stockholm meteorology ca 1945-1958*

10.30-10.45      Coffee break

10.45-11.30      Libby Robin  
*'...From the Deserts the Prophets Come': A Short History (and Geography) of Resilience Science.*

11.30-12.15      Final discussion and comments.

*Lunch will be available for all participants at the Centre for History and Economics*