

**The History Project 2015 Annual Conference**  
*History of Energy and the Environment*  
**Harvard University**

**Thursday, October 22**

**10:30**                      **Welcome:** Sunil Amrith, Harvard University

**11:00-11:15**              **Mini-keynote:** Harriet Ritvo, MIT

**11:15-12:30**              **Session 1**

**Commentator:** Emma Rothschild, Harvard University

Leif Fredrickson, *The Age of Lead: Suburbanization, Environmental Health, and Urban Underdevelopment*

Shi-Lin Loh, *Exposed Bodies, Experimental Rays: Radiation in Japan before Hiroshima and Nagasaki*

Matthew Sohm, *The Toxic Cloud of Seveso: Environmental Anxieties in 1970s Italy*

**12:30-2:30**                **Lunch**

**2:30-3:45**                **Session 2**

**Commentator:** Ian J. Miller, Harvard University

Kayt Button, *Mapping the Local Response to the National Strategy: How the British Electrical Grid was Built and Developed*

Victor Seow, *Running On and Out of Alternatives: The Charcoal-Powered Automobile in Transwar China*

David Lamoureux, *Powering Urban Development: Public Electricity Supply in Lagos from Independence to the Present*

**3:45-4:00**                **Break**

**4:00-5:15**

**Session 3**

**Commentator:** Sunil Amrith, Harvard University

Jonathan Hill, Jr., *Electric Revolution: Energy, Environment, and the State in Early Twentieth-Century Mexico*

Marta Musso, *Oil will set us free: decolonisation processes and nationalisation in the Algerian oil industry (1956-1971)*

Aditya Ramesh, *Planning the “Economy”: Development and Hydroelectricity in Colonial South India*

**5:15--7:00**

**Session 4**

**Commentator:** Harriet Ritvo, MIT

Hanza Diman, *“Wood for the kitchen”: towards a history of the supply and use of fuelwood in urban households of West Africa: The case of Lomé (from 1884 to the present)*

Mary Draper, *“To be recovered out of the Sea”: Creating Urban Land in Port Royal, Jamaica, 1655-1722*

Sofia Henriques, *Historical transitions in energy services: Lisbon from 1850 to the Present*

**Friday, October 23**

**9:15-10:30**

**Session 5**

**Commentator:** Paul Warde, University of Cambridge

Guillemette Crouzet, *“The Land they lost...” Oil exploitation in Persia and its environmental impact on the Bakhtiyari lands at the beginning of the 20th century*

Bathsheba Demuth, *The Energy of Borders: Ecology, Walrus Hunting, and Sovereignty at the Bering Straits*

Yongle Xue, *Conquest or Compromise? An Environmental History of the Sino-Indian Road and Pipeline in World War II*

**10:30-10:45**

**Break**

**10.45-11:15**

**Visualization Presentations:** Robert Pietrusko, Harvard University  
Nikhil Mulani, Center for History & Economics

**11:15-12:30**

**Session 6**

**Commentator:** Emma Rothschild, Harvard University

Branden Adams, *Coal in California: Industrial Energy on the West Coast of America, 1850-1900*

Casey Cater, “*The True Regulative Force*”: *Race, Class, Hydroelectricity, and Regulation in Progressive-Era Georgia*

Rohit Chandra, *Evolving State Capitalism: The Indian Coal Industry*

**12:30-1:30**

**Lunch**

**1:30-1:45**

**Mini-keynote:** David Blackbourn, Vanderbilt University

**1:45-3:00**

**Session 7**

**Commentator:** Sunil Amrith, Harvard University

Justin McBrien, *To Move Heaven and Earth: Nuclear Explosions, “Inadvertent Weather Modification,” and Cold War Geoengineering Schemes, 1945-1980*

Victor McFarland, *When Fracking Went Nuclear: Projects Gasbuggy, Rulison, and Rio Blanco*

Rebecca Wright, *Constructing Energy Futures: Confronting Time During the 1946 “Fuel and the Future” Conference*

**3:00-3:30**

**Concluding Remarks**