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Environmental Justice in US History

12 - 14 October 2022

**Abdij 9
4331 BK Middelburg
The Netherlands**

Program

Wednesday, 12 October 2022

10:15-10:45 **Registration & Coffee/Tea**

10:45-11:00 **Welcome** by Dario Fazzi & Gaetano Di Tommaso, conference organizers

11:00-12:30 **Opening Lecture**
Ellen Griffith Spears (University of Alabama)
Tidal Currents: Rooseveltian Legacies, Transnational Environmental Justice, and Reinvigorating Democracy

12:30-14:00 **Lunch with an Editor: Marc Rodriguez, *Pacific Historical Review***

14:00-15:45 **Panel 1 Toxic Landscapes**
Chair: Martin V. Melosi (University of Houston)

- Mark van de Logt (Texas A&M University at Qatar)
"I didn't think that anyone would have the sense to destroy something that was so beautiful:" Environmental Justice and the Fort Berthold Nations of North Dakota
- Amy M. Hay (University of Texas Rio Grande Valley)
"We don't want to be used as guinea pigs," Revisiting Environmental & Racial (In)justice at Love Canal
- Jessie Morgan-Owens (Leiden University)
Plant/ation: From Sugar Plantation to Petrochemical Plant in Louisiana

15:45-16:15 **Coffee/Tea Break**

16:15-18:30 **Panel 2 Narratives and Actors**
Chair: Gaetano Di Tommaso (RIAS/Leiden University)

- Mars Plater (University of Connecticut-Stamford/Dickinson College)
"Poor People's Park:" Downtown Environmentalism in Nineteenth-Century New York City
- Eyles Hanafi (University of Bahrain)
Treading Similar Paths: MLK Leadership and EJ Scholarship
- Nancy Mykoff (University College Roosevelt)
Stolen Lives: How the Abduction, Rape, and Murder of Native American Women and Children Relates to "Changes in the Land"

18:45 **Speakers' Dinner**

Thursday, 13 October 2022

09:00-10:45 **Panel 3 Forms of Resistance**
Chair: Dario Fazzi (RIAS/Leiden University)

- Jacob Tropp (Middlebury College, Vermont)
Globalizing Diné (Navajo) Stories of Environmental Injustice: Transnational and Settler Colonial Politics of Uranium Mining, Late 1970s to Early 1980s
- Paul C. Rosier (Villanova University)
Native American Activism and The First National People of Color Environmental Justice Leadership Summit of 1991
- Laura De Vos (Radboud University Nijmegen)
The 1983 "Journey of Peace": A Transatlantic Alliance for Peace and Environmental Justice

10:45-11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

11:15-13:00 **Panel 4 Critical Perspectives**
Chair: Damian Pargas (RIAS/Leiden University)

- Teresa Botelho (Nova University of Lisbon)
Toxic Environments, Vulnerable Communities: Class, Race and Embodied Entanglements in Narratives of Trauma and Justice Activism
- Petr Kopecký (University of Ostrava)
Environmental Justice and Racism in Californian Latinx Writing
- Jessica Conrad (Clayton State University)
Thoreau's Nature Writing as Utopia, Utopia as Protest

13:00-14:30 Lunch & Presentation RIAS-UCR 2022 Sustainable Freedoms Essay Prize

15:00-17:00 **Lecture by Nikole Hannah-Jones (*The New York Times Magazine*)
The 1619 Project and the Dutch Origins of American Slavery,
organized by the RIAS & Zeeland Platform for the History of Slavery and
Freedom for Black Achievement Month 2022**
LOCATION: Town Hall, Lange Noordstraat 1, 4331 CB Middelburg

18:00 **Dinner Talk**
**Daphina Misiedjan (Assistant Professor in Human Rights and the
Environment, Erasmus University Rotterdam)**
Separate but Equal in the Protection against Climate Change?
LOCATION: Zeeuws Archief/RIAS, Hofplein 16, 4331 CK Middelburg

Friday, 14 October 2022

09:15-11:00 **Panel 5: Policies and Legacies of Exclusion**
Chair: Ellen Griffith Spears (University of Alabama)

- Robert Gioielli (University of Cincinnati)
Beyond the Maps: Rethinking Redlining and the Origins of Environmental Inequality
- Kelly Tzoumis (DePaul University)
Lessons Learned from the Environmental Movement to Inform the Race to Carbon Neutrality
- Eleanor Griffiths (University of Nottingham)
"We're going to put a lot of coal miners out of work:" Exploring Environmental Activism beyond the Culture Wars in Appalachia

11:00-11:30 Coffee/Tea Break

11:30-13:00 **Closing Lecture**
Martin V. Melosi (University of Houston)
Defining Environmental Justice: Is It Too Broad or Too Narrow?

13:00 Lunch & Farewell

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