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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 & Introduction**

Dario Fazzi & Gaetano Di Tommaso, Conference Organizers  
Mary Rodeghier Martin, U.S. Embassy The Hague

**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*
- Elyes 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**

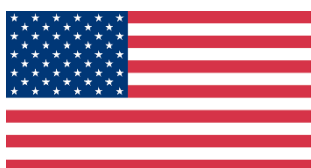
Martin V. Melosi (University of Houston)

*Defining Environmental Justice: Is It Too Broad or Too Narrow?*

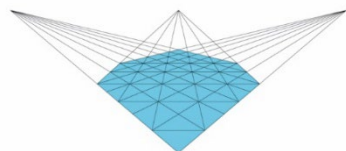
**13:00**            **Lunch & Farewell**

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