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Invitation

Roosevelt Environmental History
Lecture by Simone Schleper
Wednesday, 26 August 2026



Simone Schleper is an Assistant Professor at Maastricht University. Her research combines environmental history, science and technology studies (STS), and global environmental politics to explore the histories of conservation, environmental governance, and scientific expertise. She is the author of *Planning for the Planet* (2019), Benelux representative to the European Society for Environmental History, and co-editor-in-chief of the *Journal for the History of Knowledge*.

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE FROM ELSEWHERE

LECTURER Simone Schleper

DATE Wednesday 26 August 2026, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

The doors open at 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION RIAS (Hofplein 16, 4331 CK Middelburg)

Where does global environmental governance happen?

We might think of the negotiation spaces of intergovernmental conferences, such as Stockholm 1972, Rio 1992, or Paris 2015. Often, these formal settings have dominated the historiography on international environmentalism.

In this talk, Dr. Schleper would like to open up a different history of global environmental governance, showing that some consequential forces shaping it have operated from elsewhere: from private homes, from field stations, through correspondence, and behind-the-scenes negotiations by actors who appear less prominently in the official records.

Dr. Schleper will attend to these 'elsewheres' by revisiting some of her recent research on informal elites and the gatekeeping roles of geographically peripheral members of international organizations.

**To attend the lecture, please register [here](#)
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