Environment, climate, and heredity: 
the integration of environmental humanities with the history of heredity

20 July, 10:30-17:00, History Faculty, Oxford

Programme

10:15-11:00  Registration / Tea and Coffee

11:00-12:30  Session 1 Chair: John Lidwell-Durnin (Oxford)
Karen Sayer (Leeds Trinity)
'Sheep in the UK: landscapes of production and “heritage”'
Matthew Holmes (Cambridge)
'Subversive grafting: keeping the environment at bay in twentieth-century genetics'
Tom Quick (Manchester)
'Once bitten: mental hospitals, mosquito breeding, and the emergence of ecological malariology'

12:30-13:30  Lunch

13:30-15:00  Session 2 Chair: Rebecca Earle (Warwick)
Angelique Richardson (Exeter)
'Nation, biology, and the right'
Sam Randalls (UCL)
'Unhealthy environments: making climate risks in Anglophone life assurance, c.1840-1920'
John Lidwell-Durnin (Oxford)
' Cultures of improvement: potatoes, environment, and the spectre of disaster, 1800-1847'

15:00-15:30  Tea and Coffee

15:30-17:00  Session 3 Chair: Dominic Berry (LSE)
Staffan Muller-Wille (Exeter)
'Environmental history and the history of heredity – an odd couple'
Marianne Sommer (Lucerne)
'Historicizing the Anthropocene: heredity, environment, and politics in ecological humanism'
John Waller (MSU)
'Continuity and change in the history of hereditarian thought'

17:00-17:10  Closing remarks

17:10-18:30  Drinks


In addition, as part of our networking, this event is organised in collaboration with ‘Narrative Science in Techno-Environments: Integrating History of Science with Environmental History and Humanities,’ being held 18-19 July in London, organised by Dr Dominic Berry (LSE). Further details: https://www.narrative-science.org/events-narrative-science-project-workshops-environment.html. (The event may now be fully booked, but it's worth getting in touch if you're interested in attending).