

Participant List

Confronting Environmental Change in Asia: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

Mark Swislocki

Mark Swislocki is a historian with research interests in China, environmental history, food history, and the writing of global history in the age of the Anthropocene. He is currently writing two books: *Green Walls in China*, a research monograph on the environmental history of China-Himalayan borderlands; and *The Predicament of History: Educational Encounters in "Global Liberal Arts,"* a series of linked essays on curricular development and teaching in New York University's global network.

Iftekhar Iqbal

Iftekhar Iqbal is a professor at the University of Brunei Darussalam. He is the author of *The Bengal Delta. Ecology, State and Social Change, 1840-1943* (Basingstoke and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010). He is currently working on the connected environmental history of South Asia and mainland Southeast Asia with focus on the rivers of the regions.

Subarna De

Subarna De is an environmental social scientist working on indigeneity and bioregionalism. She explores place-based environmental and socio-cultural issues through teaching, consulting, research, writing, and creative arts. She is associated with the Chair Group Contemporary History at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands and is the Book Reviews Editor of the journal *Plant Perspectives*, an interdisciplinary journal for plant studies published by The White Horse Press, UK.

Sophia Kalantzakos

Sophia Kalantzakos is Global Distinguished Professor in Environmental Studies and Public Policy. Her research focuses on resources and power, on new spatial imaginaries that reflect the changing ways that we think of global space and interdependence, and on the new emergent patterns and avenues of possibilist thinking as a way of re-imagining geopolitics for the 21st century.

Adele Carrai

Maria Adele Carrai is an Assistant Professor of Global China Studies at NYU Shanghai. Her research explores the history of international law in East Asia and investigates how China's rise as a global power shapes norms and redefines the international distribution of power. She co-

leads the Research Initiative 'Mapping Global China,' and is the author of *Sovereignty in China. A Geneology of a Concept since 1840* (CUP 2019) and co-editor of *The China Questions 2 - Critical Insights into US-China Relations* (HUP 2022).

Aashish Jha

Aashish Jha ([@nepaliaashish](https://twitter.com/nepaliaashish)) is an Assistant Professor at New York University Abu Dhabi where he uses genomics to decipher human population histories and microbiomes. His recent work has focused on traditional Himalayan populations and his current research projects include genomics and microbiomics of Nepal, India, Africa, and Oceania.

Hieu Phung

Professor Hieu Phung is an environmental historian who investigates the impacts of local culture and statecraft on the preindustrial environment, especially on water and climate. Her research focuses on the history of Vietnam and Southeast Asia during the transition from the Medieval Climate Anomaly (c. 800/950–1250/1300) to the Little Ice Age (c. 1300–1850). In pursuing environmental history, she engages with the study of space, maps, and texts that reveal the construction of premodern geographic knowledge. She is working on a book project entitled “Heavenly Drought: Natural Anomalies and State-Building in Fifteenth-Century Vietnam.”

Rastraraj Bhandari

Rastraraj Bhandari is a fellow at the Geopolitics & Ecology of Himalayan Water, an initiative of the eARThumanities research institute at New York University Abu Dhabi. He is a contributing writer at the Nepali Times.

Tzy Jiun Tan

Tzy Jiun Tan is a Research Associate at the NYU Abu Dhabi Global Asia Program, where she studies early 20th century Chinese migration to Europe. A public historian by training, she uses poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction to animate the past for a general audience.

Travis Klingberg

Travis Klingberg is an Assistant Professor of Practice in Environmental Studies at NYU Shanghai, and a geographer working across cultural geography, political ecology, and contemporary China. His research focuses on the culture and politics of geographic knowledge, nature and tourism, the rise of "Beautiful China," and ecological placemaking.

Ruth Gamble

Ruth is an environmental, cultural and climate historian of Tibet, the Himalaya, and Asia. She is writing her third book, a history of the Yarlung Tsangpo (Brahmaputra) River. Her previous books were on the relationship between sacred geography and the reincarnation tradition (*Reincarnation in Tibetan Buddhism*, OUP 2018) and a biography of the Third Karmapa (Master of Mahamudra, Shambhala 2020). She has also published numerous articles and book chapters on the region's ecological politics, literatures, and histories.