

Program Symposium 'Experts and the Global Environment'

Date: Tuesday, January 19th, 2016.

Place: Maastricht University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Grote Gracht 80-82 (Spiegelzaal), Maastricht

Academic Conference

- 10 :15-11 :20h
- Welcome by Raf De Bont

- Session 1
- Chair : Anna-Katharina Woebse (Independent scholar)
 - o William Adams (Cambridge University) Our Man in Africa: Amateurs as Experts in Colonial Conservation
 - o Raf De Bont (Maastricht University) Internationalizing Nature: The Case of the Albert National Park (Belgian Congo), 1925-1961

- 11 :20 -11 :35h :
 - o *Coffee*

- 11 :35-12 :35h
- Session 2
- Chair : Henny van der Windt (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen)
 - o Mark Barrow (Virginia Tech) Creating an Inventory of Extinction: The American Committee for International Wild Life Protection and the First Endangered Species List
 - o Zoe Nyssa (Harvard University) Field Advocacy: Episodes from the Attempts to Make a Science of Conservation

- 12 :35-13 :30h
 - o *Lunch*

- 13 :30-15h
- Session 3
- Chair : tba
 - o Simone Schleper (Maastricht University) Negotiating Ecosystem Stability - Drafting the *World Conservation Strategy*, 1975-1980
 - o Helen-Anne Curry (Cambridge University) Contested Collections: Conservation Biology, Global Development, and Preservation of Genetic Diversity in Agricultural Plants, 1965-1975
 - o Stephen Macekura (Virginia University) Of Limits and Growth: Environmental Activism, the Global South, and Sustainable Development in the Twentieth Century

- 15 – 15 :15h
 - o *Coffee*

- 15 :15h-17h
- Session 4
- Chair :Marianne Schlessler (Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences)
 - o Hans Schouwenburg (Maastricht University) Expert Roles and the Making of Sustainable Development, 1980-2000
 - o Iris Borowy (RWTH Aachen University – Birkbeck University) Doomed to Agree against all Odds: The Brundtland Commission
- Concluding Discussion : ‘What (present-day) Purpose for Histories of Conservation ?’
- Launched and moderated by Piet Wit (Chair Committee on Ecosystem Management, IUCN)

- **Evening Lecture**
- 20h-21h30 , Aula, Minderbroedersberg:
 - o Christian Schwägerl ,‘The Anthropocene Challenge’

Participation to the conference is free, but registration required by sending an email to Raf De Bont: r.debont@maastrichtuniversity.nl