



# The Victorians and the Environment

Friday 28 April 2017, Birmingham City University, Millennium Point Auditorium

## PROGRAMME

10.30 Coffee/Tea and Welcome

11.00 PLENARY: John Miller (University of Sheffield), 'Ephemeral Fiction and the Ecology of Glamour: The Case of the Fur Seal, 1875-1900'.

12:00 PANEL 1: Environment and Ownership

Haythem Bastawy (Leeds Trinity University), 'Indolent Orient: Two Halts in the Desert'

Lauren Butler (University of Sheffield), "'Unpleasant Sights and Discordant Sounds are Alike Unknown": Soundscape, Morality and Community Agency in the Victorian Estate Village'

Pete Yeandle (Loughborough University), 'Bovril goes to war'

1:15 LUNCH

2:00 PANEL 2: Victorian Climate

Jo Waugh (York St John University), 'Mischievous Errors, Fanciful Causes: Climate, Race, and Evolution'

Amanda Sciampacone (University of Warwick), "'Animalized Atmospheres": Climatology and Disease in Victorian Britain'

Andrew Jackson (Bishop Grosseteste University), 'On weather, health and nature: a provincial seaside resort newspaper comments on the environment and development, Ilfracombe, 1860'

3:15 TEA BREAK

3:40 PANEL 3: Environmental Optimism

Serena Trowbridge (Birmingham City University), 'Sympathetic "voices from the trees"? Trees and woods in Elizabeth Siddall's poetry'

Neil Sinden (Ruskin Land), 'Ruskin Land'

4:30 END

Feel free to stay for a drink at a nearby bar at the end of the day.

As usual, travel bursaries will be available to postgraduate students on a first come first served basis – there will be 5 bursaries of £20, though if there is not much uptake we may be able to provide more help with travel costs to individuals. Please contact Serena Trowbridge (Serena.Trowbridge@bcu.ac.uk) if you are interested in applying for a travel bursary.

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