

The United States in the Anthropocene

FORLÌ, JUNE 8-9, 2023



Thursday, June 8

h 14:15 Welcome

Marco Balboni (University of Bologna)

Lorenzo Costaguta (University of Bristol)

Angela Santese (University of Bologna)

Gaetano Di Tommaso (Roosevelt Institute for American Studies)

Room 1.3
Padiglione Morgagni

h 14:30-15:45 Keynote lecture

Davide Orsini (Rachel Carson Center)

US Nuclear Power and the Global Environment: An Epic of Solutionism from Containment to Climate Change

h 16:00-17:15: Ideas, Narratives, and Actors of Anthropogenic Change:

Chair: Dario Fazzi (Leiden University / Roosevelt Institute for American Studies)

Dean Clay (University of Hull)

The Sierra Club: Environmental Activism and American Empire, 1892-1912

Jacopo Bonasera (University of Bologna / Italian Institute of Philosophical Studies)

The Ecological Cost of Freedom - W. Vogt, H.F. Osborn and the Discover of the Anthropocene

Iason Zarikos (Panteion University Athens)

Deferred to the Future: Post-Denialist Right and Climate Change

h 17:15-17:45: Coffee Break

h 17:45-19:00: Critical Approaches in Art and Literature

Chair: Elena Lamberti (University of Bologna)

Paul Hutchinson (University of Bristol)

The Migrant Father of the Dust Bowl: Picturing Gender in an Environmental Disaster

Inna Sukhenko (University of Helsinki)

Situating Feminism Literary Extremities within Narrating U.S. Nuclear History: Intermedial Ecocritical Perspective on Anti-Nuclear Activism in U.S. Nuclear Fiction

Justyna Wierzchowska (University of Warsaw)

Skulls, Bones, and the Great America: An Ecocritical Reading of Georgia O'Keeffe's Mid-Career and Late Paintings



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h 09:30-10:45: Policies and Strategies of Environmental Governance:

Chair: Emanuele Leonardi (University of Bologna)

Cynthia Boyer (Institut Champollion- Framespa/ Université de Toulouse, France)

Capitalocene and Autochthonous People in the United States: the Political and Legal Inadequacies of the Use of Natural Resources

Leonardo Gnisci (University of Cassino and Southern Lazio)

Russell E. Train: the Man Behind Nixon's Environmental Diplomacy

Ludovica Di Gregorio (Catholic University of Milan)

The American Presidency's Discretionary Power in the Adoption of Bilateral and Multilateral Environmental Agreements: the Reagan Administration in the 1980s

h 10:45-11:15: Coffee Break

h 11:15-12:15: Keynote lecture:

Kristin Hoganson (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)

Expanding Footprints, Imperial and Carbon: U.S. Infrastructure Building in the Circum-Caribbean during the Bad Neighbor Era

Closing remarks & farewell

Participants:

Matteo Battistini, Cristina Bon, Alice Ciulla, Marta Gara, Serena Mocci,
Matteo Rossi, Giuliano Santangeli Valenzani