



Call for Papers: Royal Anthropological Institute conference 2016 - Anthropology, Weather and Climate Change (27 - 29 May 2016, British Museum)

Extreme weather history: case studies from the UK and beyond

This panel will explore the use of historical archival approaches to investigate how people have understood, been affected by and have responded to climate variability and extreme weather events through time. Specifically, it will focus on how and why particular events become inscribed into the cultural fabric of communities and how they have contributed to community change in a range of historical and cultural contexts. The intention will be to attract papers from a wide range of disciplinary perspectives that draw on a range of case study regions and sites in order to explore these issues in a set of contrasting cultural and environmental contexts and to investigate the degree to which context influences vulnerability and relative adaptability (including failure to adapt). Our premise with this panel is that by investigating these themes historically over centuries it may be possible to trace how perceptions of risk, vulnerability and efforts to increase resilience have changed over time. By establishing local histories of extreme weather events it may be possible to identify patterns revealing the nature, frequency and intensity of past events, with a view to better understanding the likelihood of future events affecting those same areas and communities. Moreover, by exploring how trajectories of vulnerabilities, it will be possible to identify those regions and communities most sensitive to the impacts of future events.

Potential participants should upload their proposals (paper title, a short abstract of <300 characters and an abstract of 250 words) via the panel page

<https://cocoa.nomadit.co.uk/cocoa.php5?app=none&object=Panel&action=edit&PanelID=3825>

The deadline for proposals is 8 January 2016 and decisions will be made by 20 January 2016.

Conference requirements and further instructions are available at

<https://therai.org.uk/conferences/anthropology-weather-and-climate-change-2016>

This panel is organised by UK researchers involved in a major AHRC funded initiative exploring weather extremes in the UK, past, present and future, see

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/weatherextremes>

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