

# Environment, Society, and the Making of the Modern World: The history and legacy of the UN Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm, June 1972



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## 14 December

9:00-9:10 Welcome and introduction: Prof. Sverker Sörlin, KTH

9:10-9:50 Keynote: Prof. Emma Rothschild (Harvard University)

### Panel One: National narratives

9:50-10:30 Antoine Acker (University of Bern) *The 'global South' between environment and development: A reappraisal of Brazil's role in Stockholm*

Coffee break: 10:30-10:40

10:40-11:20 Jenny Beckman (Uppsala University) *Nordic and European collaboration and environmental institutionalisation, 1970-1984*

11:20-12:00 Carl Marklund (Södertörn University) *Sweden in World Society: The 1972 Stockholm Conference and the Aligning of Global and National Policy Agendas*

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### Panel Two: Legacies

13:00-13:40 Stephen Macekura (Indiana University) *Of Limits and Growth: The Stockholm Conference and the Rise of Sustainability in Historical Perspective*

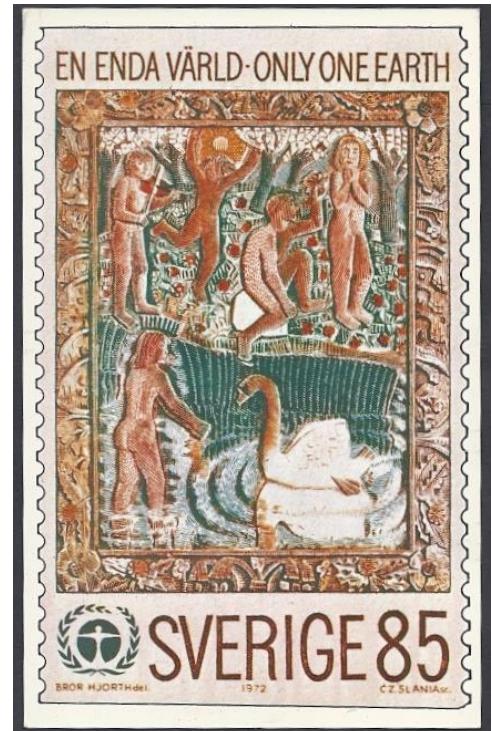
13:40-14:20 Doubravka Olsakova (Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic) *Boycott: Socialist Bloc at the Stockholm Conference and Its Impact on East European Environmental Community*

14:20-14:30 Coffee break

14:30-15:10 Jennifer Hoyt (Berry College) *Green Authoritarianism: Argentina and the Embrace of Environmentalism, 1976-1983*

15:10-15:50 Matthias Heymann (Aarhus University) *The UN Conference on the Human Environment 1972: Catalyst for the Politicization of Climate?*

Coffee break: 15:50-16:00



16:00-18:00 **Invited Panel discussion**

***Changing the Climate: The Stockholm Conference and the Ongoing Evolution of Global Environmental Governance***

Panel: Prof. Emma Rothschild, Ambassador Bo Kjellén, Prof. Karin Bäckstrand. Additional panels TBC.

Discussant: Sverker Sörlin

Moderator: Eric Paglia

18:00: **Reception followed by dinner**

**15 December**

**Panel Four: Governance**

9:00-9:40 Iris Borowy (Shanghai University) *Who is in Charge of International Environments? The struggle for institutional responsibility 1968-1972*

9:40-10:20 Simone Schleper (Maastricht University) *Global Systems-Nature Conservation, Scientific Expertise and Environmental Policy-Making, 1960-1980*

10:20-10:30 Coffee break

10:30 - 11:10 Lisa Ruth Rand (University of Pennsylvania) *Un/making the Boundaries of the Global: Negotiating Environmental Governance of Near-Earth Space, 1958-1972*

11:10-11:50 Ben Goossen (Harvard University) *“Only One Earth”: The Biosphere in Global Thought from the International Geophysical Year to the UN Conference on the Human Environment*

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**Panel Five: Scientific Entrepreneurs**

13:00-13:40 Mònica Alcalá-Lorente and Carlos Tabernero (Autonomous University of Barcelona) *Natural sciences and the call for a modernized Spain (1965-1980)*

13:40-14:20 Roger Eardley-Pryor (Chemical Heritage Foundation) *M. Taghi Farvar in the Green-Ringed Circus: Third World Activism in Stockholm’s Alternative Environmental Conferences*

14:20-14:30 Coffee break

14:30-15:10 Eric Paglia (KTH Royal Institute of Technology) *Hans Palmstierna and the Scientific Foundations of the Stockholm Conference, 1968-1971*

15:10-15:50 Libby Robin (Australian National University) *Stockholm in Australia: Planning CSIRO’s Strategic Approach to the Environment (1970-1972)*

15:50-16:00 Coffee break

**Panel Six: Design**

16:00-16:40 Daniel Barber (University of Pennsylvania) *The Energy Underground: Architecture, Environmentalism, and Neoliberalism in the context of Stockholm*

16:40-17:20 Gabriele Oropallo (University of Oslo) *Practice the Design You Teach: The Representation of the Design Profession at the 1972 UN Conference on Human Environment*

17:20 - 18:00 Alison Clarke (University Applied Arts Vienna) *UNIDO/ICSID 1960-1970: Legacies of Social Design*

## **16 December**

### **Panel Seven: The Other Stockholms**

9:00-9:40 Ann-Sofi Kall (Linköping University) *The matter of environmental engagement: Resistance and political actions in relation to The United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm 1972*

9:40-10:20 Glenda Sluga (University of Sydney) *Barbara Ward, Margaret Mead, and the intellectual history of the Stockholm congress*

10:20-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:00 Final discussion

12:00 Lunch