

Participants of the Anthropocene Roundtable on 14 May 2021

Colleagues from Indiana

Shahzeen Attari is Associate Professor at the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University Bloomington. Her area of research focuses on people's judgments and decisions about climate change and resource use.

Eduardo Sonnewend Brondizio is Professor of Anthropology at Indiana University Bloomington.

Jason Kelly is Chair and Professor of History in the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI and Director of the IUPUI Arts & Humanities Institute. He directs the Anthropocenes Network, which includes a number of projects such as Rivers of the Anthropocene, The Anthropocene Household, and the Museum of the Anthropocene. He is the lead editor of *Rivers of the Anthropocene* and co-editor of *An Anthropocene Primer*. He is currently writing *A History of the Anthropocene*.

Philip V. Scarpino is Professor of History and Director of Oral History Tobias Center for Leadership Excellence, Indiana University/Purdue University, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. He is (with Jason Kelly and Helen Berry) a founding member of the Anthropocene group composed of interdisciplinary scholars representing science, social science, and the humanities from the US and Europe and co-editor of *Rivers of the Anthropocene*.

Colleagues from Exeter

Helen Berry is a professor of eighteenth-century history interested in the origins of the carbon economy and understanding the socio-economic structures that underpin human-natural systems and contribute to climate change. She is co-editor with Jason Kelly *et al* of *Rivers of the Anthropocene* (UC Berkeley, 2019) and is a former co-convenor of the interdisciplinary Anthropocene research group at Newcastle. She is now Head of the History Department at the University of Exeter.

Bryony Onciul is an Associate Professor in Museology and Heritage Studies at the University of Exeter, Cornwall Campus. She specialises in community engagement, Indigenising and decolonising museums and heritage, and heritage and environmental change in the UK, the South Pacific, and Canada. Bryony co-designed and directs a postgraduate programme in *International Heritage Management and Consultancy* which has environmental change as a core theme and optional module. Her current work brings her research strands together to consider how to decolonise and Indigenising understandings of heritage and environment working across the UK, Canada and New Zealand.

Freyja Cox Jensen is a Senior Lecturer in Early Modern History at the University of Exeter and writes: „Currently, my work on the Anthropocene is chiefly pedagogical, exploring how we can educate students about the Anthropocene, and embed the UN SDGs in our curriculum; but it's a topic in which I'm extremely interested, and I am planning future collaborative research that will involve the consideration of migration, translation, and identity, with a strong element of public engagement through creative practice.“

Nicola Whyte is Professor of History at Exeter University. She writes: „My background is in the landscape archaeology and social history of the post-medieval period (c.1500 to the present) in

Britain. I work on the long-term history of landscape and environmental change exploring the impact of human activities in altering the Earth.“

Colleagues from Leicester

Marta Gasparin (UCU Leicester) is an economist and anthropologist specializing on Innovation and Design Management. She writes about her work: "Through epistemological reflections on my ethnographic work, I am currently working to theorize the relations between design and craft as technology, how to design mutualistic innovative technologies, the role of aesthetics at the time of the Anthropocene, and I am investigating the challenges for entrepreneurs organizations that blend cultural, environmental, design and aesthetics knowledge."

Mark Williams is Professor of Paleobiology at the University of Leicester.

Jan Zalasiewicz is Emeritus Professor of Palaeobiology at the University of Leicester. He writes: „With Mark Williams, I began thinking on the Anthropocene in ca 2006 with the Geological Society of London's Stratigraphy Commission, and then we were among founding members of the Anthropocene Working Group. We both subsequently worked with Marta, who leads the University of Leicester's Anthropocene research group.“

Colleagues from Newcastle

Scott Ashley writes: „I am a historian interested in long-term interactions between humans and the environment at both global and local scales. As a reflection of this, I am currently thinking about the global history of changing climate and human responses to it in the 'medieval' period (500-1500). At a more local level, I am also interested in the history of the Tyne valley and its hinterlands as a birthplace of the Anthropocene from the late-17th through to the mid-19th century. In my teaching and research I see the concept of the Anthropocene as a powerful tool for invigorating the role of the Humanities in the twenty-first century University and as a compelling idea for academics to connect with our broader publics.“

Andy Large is Professor of River Science and has over 25 years' experience of researching river and wetland ecosystems, focusing on how extreme events affect catchment vulnerability and resilience. He develops novel approaches to quantifying river geomorphology, social and physical effects of flooding, and assessing how rivers benefit society in the Anthropocene through ecosystem services provision. He is Principal Investigator on the UKRI GCRF Living Deltas Hub (Living Deltas), one of 12 major interdisciplinary research Hubs funded by UK Government (2019-24). Working in partnership with researchers, governments, international agencies, NGOs and community groups, Living Deltas will develop innovative and sustainable solutions through an equitable partnership approach with delta-dwellers, policymakers, and the research community. The aim of Living Deltas is to help Vietnam, India and Bangladesh raise delta livelihoods and climate change resilience with better achievement of the SDGs in delta specific contexts.

Olivia McCannon is a poet, translator and PhD student in English at Newcastle University.

Bernhard Malkmus is Professor of German Studies. His research focuses on theories of modernity, nature imaginaries in European cultural and intellectual history, and the philosophy of biology and ecology. He has a particular interest in reflecting on the Anthropocene as a period in the history of human consciousness.

Jonathan Pugh is a Reader in Island Studies at Newcastle University.

Duika Burges Watson has been running, with political scientist Professor Ted Schrecker, a masters level module on Global Health in the Anthropocene in the Faculty of Medical Sciences that introduces students to the concepts and significance of the great acceleration to global health. She leads a research network that considers altered eating and sensing: „My key interests are in sensing/not sensing, and how our sensory worlds are disrupted but may be re-engaged in the Anthropocene.“