

THE Language OF Extreme Events

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Monday, 22 April

0900-0915	Opening words by Founding Director	Jürgen Renn (MPI-GEA)
0915-0930	Introduction to the conference	Martine Robbeets (MPI-GEA)
0930-1000	Extreme Events: Definitions and history	Huw S. Groucutt (MPI-GEA)
1000-1030	Discoursing extreme events: Concepts of their time and place	Greg Bankoff (University of Hull)
1030-1100	Coffee break and discussion session	
1100-1130	How extreme events shaped the human past: impacts in the archaeological and linguistic records, across the world's ecologies and in microcosm in the Andes	Paul Heggarty (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú) & David Beresford-Jones (University of Cambridge)
1130-1200	European colonialism and responses to extreme events in the tropics	Patrick Roberts (MPI-GEA)
1200-1230	From resilience to ruin: The complex role of extreme climatic events in the history and demise of Angkor	W. Christopher Carlton (MPI-GEA)
1230-1330	Lunch break	
1330-1400	Extreme ice melt events and implications for sea level	Ricarda Winkelmann (MPI-GEA)
1400-1430	Prehistoric climate changes and their effects on the development of Unangam Tunuu	Anna Berge (University of Alaska Fairbanks), Ben Potter (University of Alaska Fairbanks) & Jason Roger (Lake Clark National Park)
1430-1500	Extreme Events and the spread of Uralic languages – a critical review	Sampsa Holopainen (University of Helsinki) & Terhi Honkola (University of Helsinki)
1500-1530	Coffee break and discussion session	
1530-1600	The Little Ice Age: Comparing History and Historical Linguistics	Mark Hudson, Martijn Knapen, Bingcong Deng, Alexander Gorelik and Rasmus Bjørn (MPI-GEA)
1600-1700	Discussion session	
1830-2000	Self-paying dinner among conference participants, venue to be decided	

Tuesday, 23 April

0900-0930	Climate change and the spread of the Transeurasian languages	Martine Robbeets & Christian Leipe (MPI-GEA)
0930-1000	Paleoclimate, flood and Sino-Tibetan phylogeny	David Bradley (La Trobe University) & Elisabeth Bradley (University of Colorado)
1000-1030	Uracanes, Baguios, Temblores and Erupciones: The changing media of calamity in the Philippines, 1645-1754	Max Findley (MPI-GEA)
1030-1100	Coffee break and discussion session	
1100-1130	Detection of Extreme Events in geological time-series: Case studies from southern Arabia	Samuel L. Nicholson (MPI-C)
1130-1200	The Nile Valley as a socio-linguistic crucible: the role of climate-induced stress in the development of Ancient Egyptian	Marwan Kilani (University of Basel) & Joanne Clark (University of East Anglia, Norwich)
1200-1230	Climate change, population collapse and early settlement of Bantu speakers south of the Congo Forest	Koen Bostoen (UGent), Peter Coutros (UGent), Jessamy Doman (UGent), Cesar Fortes-Lima (Johns Hopkins University), Sara Pacchiarotti (UGent), and Carina Schlebusch (Uppsala University)
1230-1330	Lunch break	
1330-1400	Fire through the ages: Contextualizing modern megafires in a palaeoecological perspective	Yoshi Maezumi (MPI-GEA)
1400-1430	Explosions and extinctions - Metaphors in animal evolution	Andreas Hejnl (University of Jena)
1430-1500	Discussion	
1500-1530	Coffee break and discussion session	
1530-1630	Final discussion	