

# ECOLOGY & POWER

## Critical perspectives on the discourse on sustainability and resilience

Conference hosted by the Human Ecology Division, Lund University,  
September 17-19, 2008

### *Preliminary programme*

[Please note: All presentation slots include 15 minutes discussion]

### **Wednesday, September 17: Theoretical and historical background**

(Venue: Pangea, Room 229, Sölvegatan 12)

09:00-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:15 Alf Hornborg (Lund University): Welcome and introduction

10:15-11:15 **Keynote:** John Bellamy Foster (University of Oregon): *Marx and the Planet*

11:15-12:00 Brett Clark (N. Carolina State University) & Richard York (University of Oregon): *The Social Metabolic Order of Capital: Rifts, Shifts, and Crises*

12:00-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-14:15 Jason W. Moore (Lund University): *Environmental Crises and the Myth of European Expansion: Capital, Empire, and Nature in the Making of the Global North Atlantic, 1450-1800*

14:15-15:00 Thomas Håkansson (Lund University): *Agricultural Intensification and Political Complexity: A Global Comparison*

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-16:00 Ruth Thomas-Pellicer (University of Surrey): *The International Climate Change Regime and the Commodification of the Conditions of Re/Production*

16:00-16:45 Eva Lövbrand & Johannes Stripple (Lund University): *Earth System Governmentality: Critical Notes on Science in the Anthropocene*

16:45-17:15 General discussion

### **Thursday, September 18: Critical interventions in political ecology**

(Venue: Palaestra, Lower level, Paradisgatan 4)

09:00-10:00 **Keynote:** Nancy Peluso (University of California): *The Ecological Powers of Politics*

10:00-10:45 Michael Sheridan (Middlebury College): *Reconceptualizing Power for Political Ecology: A Social Scale Perspective*

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-11:45 Pernille Gooch (Lund University): *Scientific vs. Local Knowledge: Power and Sustainability in the Central Indian Himalayas*

11:45-12:30 Beppe G. Karlsson (Uppsala University): *Nuclear Lives: Uranium Mining in India*

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00-14:45 Richard York (University of Oregon) & Brett Clark (N. Carolina State University): *Science, Technology, and Environmental Sustainability: A Critical Perspective*  
14:45-15:30 Jeffrey Kentor (University of Utah): *Ecological Degradation and Violence: A Cross-National Analysis*

15:30-15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45-16:30 Henrik Ernstson (Stockholm University): *Towards a Framework that Incorporates Ecological Resilience and Social Justice in Urban Landscapes*  
16:30-17:00 General discussion

## **Friday, September 19: Confrontations with hegemonic ideologies** (Venue: Palaestra, Upper level, Paradisgatan 4)

09:00-10:00 **Keynote:** Patricia Howard (University of Kent): *Are Capitalism and Capitalist Democracy Resilient? What the Beef Industry Can Tell Us About Understanding and Predicting the Future*

10:00-10:45 Ulf Jonsson (Stockholm University): *The New Geopolitics of Food: Changing Patterns or the Same Old Story?*

10:45-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-11:45 Andrew K. Jorgenson & Brett Clark (N. Carolina State University): *The Division of Nations and Nature: The Economy, Military, and Ecologically Unequal Exchange Relationships in Comparative Perspective*

11:45-12:30 Wilhem Östberg (Stockholm University): *When Safflower Came to Kondo: Liberalisation vs. Participation in Tanzania*

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00-14:45 Lasse Lindström (Stockholm University): *Resilience – In Defense of Capitalism?*

14:45-15:30 Cristián Alarcón Ferrari (Uppsala University): *Resources and Power, Societal Needs and Social Production: Discourses of Sustainable Development under Capitalism*

15:30-15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45-16:30 Marcus Carson (Stockholm University): *Down But Not Out: The Repositioning of Climate Change Skepticism – Lessons From the Struggle to Ban Asbestos*

16:30-17:00 General discussion and conclusion