

Thursday 26 February 2015 :: 15:00-17:00

Salongen KTH Library (KTHB), Osquars backe 31, KTH Campus (Subway Tekniska högskolan)

KTH Environmental Humanities Laboratory invites to:



Moving Closer to Nature

A roundtable conversation about researching and thinking about nature, capitalism and situated ways of knowing

Panel:

Michael Adams
Dan Brockington
Bill Adams

Moderator:

Henrik Ernstson

In this conversation, political ecologist Henrik Ernstson (KTH) has invited Michael Adams (Wollongong University), Dan Brockington (University of Manchester) and Bill Adams (Cambridge University) to reflect, using their own empirical research, of how research, theory and thinking about nature have changed over their active careers. Central to this conversation will be to move closer to nature to better understand its political content in a world where the pressures to codify nature to serve capital as a service, a product or a consumerist experience, is paralleled with a need to re-understand nature as profoundly intertwined with us. Indeed, we could have called this meeting 'Nature in tension: between simplification and situatedness'. You are warmly welcomed!

The Roundtable Conversation will be filmed. The conversation is part of an environmental film project between Jacob von Heland and Henrik Ernstson at Telldales Film and KTH Environmental Humanities Laboratory. Similar conversations will be filmed at two other meetings organized by Henrik Ernstson during 2015, the conference *Urban Beyond Measure: Registering Urban Environments of the Global South* at Stanford University 8-9 May, and *Rupturing the Anthro-Obscene: Political Possibilities of Planetary Urbanization*, co-organized with Erik Swyngedouw at KTH in Stockholm, 17-18 September. For more information about this project, follow <http://www.situatedecologies.net>.



RSVP is not necessary. But we encourage you to send a note to ernstson@kth.se so we can organize the room. Please also attend Marnie Graham's thesis defence on at 10.00, 27 Feb in Nordenskiöldsalen, Frescati, Stockholm University, with the title "Postcolonial Nature Conservation and Collaboration in Cape Town".

Michael Adams, Associate Professor of Human Geography, Wollongong University, Australia.

Dan Brockington, Professor of Conservation and Development, University of Manchester, UK.

Bill Adams, Professor Moran Chair of Conservation & Development, University of Cambridge, UK.

Henrik Ernstson, Research Fellow at KTH, Honorary Visiting Scholar at African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town, and Stig Hagström Scholar at History Department, Stanford University.