

**Museum Futures:
Material cultures of ethnography and natural history as archives of
environmental knowledge**

17–18 July 2023

Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Cambridge

Monday 17 July

18.30 Dinner, The Tiffin Truck, 22 Regent St, Cambridge CB2 1DB

Tuesday 18 July

Babington Seminar Room, Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Cambridge
*Please use the **courtyard entrance** (see maps) in the morning as the Museum opens at 10am.*

09:30 **Coffee**

10:00 Welcome and introduction
Nicholas Thomas, Philipp Schorch and Daniel Simpson

10:30 'Interconnecting the ethno-botanical Amazonian-collections of Spix and Martius'
Gabriele Herzog-Schröder: Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich

10:45 'Thinking through wood'
Hilke Thode-Arora: Museum Fünf Kontinente, Munich

11:00 'A Munduruku headdress: Transforming the relations between natural history and
ethnography'
Anita Herle: MAA Cambridge

11:15 *Discussion*

11:45 **Lunch**

- 12:45 'Fragility and the ethnographic museum'
Ayesha Fuentes: MAA Cambridge
- 13:00 'TBC'
Edwin Rose: Department of History and Philosophy of Science, Cambridge
- 13:15 *Discussion*
- 13:35 **Coffee Break**
- 14:05 'The entwined human and environmental costs of the colonial project'
Jack Ashby: Department of Zoology, Cambridge
- 14:20 'Repositioning the human: A new curatorial approach at the Naturkundemuseum Bayern'
Samara Rubinstein and Colleen M. Schmitz: Naturkundemuseum Bayern;
BIOTOPIA Lab
- 14:50 *Discussion*
- 15:20 'A walk through time: Exploring human-environment relations on my doorstep'
Jody Joy: MAA Cambridge
- 15:35 'The diffraction grating: Fiscal origins of the nature/culture divide in museum collections'
Daniel Simpson: MAA Cambridge
- 15:50 *Discussion*
- 16:10 General discussion, closing remarks, next steps
- 17:00 **End**
- 17:30 Dinner, Carluccios, One, Fisher Square Grand Arcade, Cambridge CB2 3QF