



Frozen Ice and Melting History in America's Far Northwest

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Monday 22nd of February, 2010 • University of Aberdeen, New Kings 10, at 5.30pm
All are welcome • A drinks reception will follow the lecture.

Memories of the Little Ice Age in northwestern North America (roughly 1550-1900 A.D.) remain vivid in oral histories transmitted in indigenous communities near the Alaska-Yukon border. During the 18th and 19th centuries, enlarged glaciers in the Saint Elias Range provided travel routes for Aboriginal traders crossing from the Gulf of Alaska coast to the interior Yukon Plateau. Melting glaciers are now revealing material evidence that reinvigorates longstanding oral traditions about human history and environmental change, posing new questions for cross-cultural and interdisciplinary collaborations. The lecture will discuss how recent discoveries and collaborations among Aboriginal peoples and scientists reinvigorate discourses surrounding science and politics, concepts of 'nature' and 'culture,' and how local knowledge is co-produced in such encounters.

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