

Placing Gender

A Workshop on Gender and Environmental History

Date: 10-12 December 2018

Conveners: Katie Holmes (La Trobe University), Ruth Morgan (Monash University / RCC)

Location: Melbourne, Australia

Gender remains an under-developed area of inquiry in environmental history. Despite Carolyn Merchant's provocative 1990 article on gender and environment in the *Journal of American History*, little has happened to address this fact. The July 2017 European Society for Environmental History conference hosted one single panel on gender and environmental history; presentations in the area at the American Society for Environmental History were similarly sparse; and subsequent discussions on social media confirm that few environmental historians have considered the implications of a gendered analysis for understanding environmental change.

This workshop aims to bring together scholars working in this area in order to advance the study of gender in environmental history. We hope to attract submissions which cover a range of time periods and diverse geographical areas. Furthermore, we hope that participants will engage with some of the theoretical challenges of gendering environmental history. A selection of submissions will be published in a special issue of *Environment and History* on the theme of gender and environmental history.

The workshop will be supported by the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, La Trobe University's Centre for the Study of the Inland, and Monash University. Some funding will be available to support travel. Please indicate if required.

Location: The workshop will begin in Melbourne and participants will travel to the rural city of Bendigo for the final day.

Process for Submission: Please send abstracts of 300 words outlining your topic and the contribution of your paper to the field of environmental history sent to both **k.holmes@latrobe.edu.au** and **ruth.morgan@monash.edu**. If accepted, your draft paper will need to be ready for circulation to participants on 1 November 2018.

Submissions due by **15 February 2018**.