



Symbiosis 2023: The Art of Natural History Museum Display **Oxford University Museum of Natural History, 5-7 September 2023**

Tuesday 5 September – Displays Old and New

10:00 Welcome

Paul Smith, Director, Oxford University Museum of Natural History

John Holmes, Professor of Victorian Literature and Culture, University of Birmingham

10:30 Displaying Natural History

Uwe Moldrzyk, Head of Exhibition, Museum für Naturkunde Berlin, Germany

Bethany Palumbo, Head of Conservation, Natural History Museum of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark

[Chair: Paul Smith]

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Oxford University Museum

Helen Goulston, PhD Researcher, University of Birmingham and Oxford University Museum

Scott Billings, Redisplay Project Manager, Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Rachel Parle, Public Engagement Manager, Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Bren Lardner and Nick Bernard, Easy Tiger Creative, London

[Chair: Janine Rogers, Mount Allison University, Canada]

15:00 Tea

15:30 Tour of Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Paul Smith and John Holmes

16:30 Pop-up display of art and design from Oxford University Museum of Natural History

17:00 Free time to explore OUMNH and Pitt-Rivers Museum

18:00 On Dragons and Dinosaurs

A re-enactment of J.R.R. Tolkien's 1938 lecture on dragons with the original magic lantern slides followed by a Q&A hosted by Richard Ovenden, Head, Bodleian Library, Oxford, and a display in the Central Court

20:00 Dinner in the Westwood Room

Wednesday 6 September – Displaying Natural History in Global Contexts

- 10:00 Natural History Museum of Zimbabwe
Moira FitzPatrick, Director, Natural History Museum of Zimbabwe, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
Phephile Tshabangu, Senior Librarian, Natural History Museum of Zimbabwe
[Chair: John Holmes]
- 11:00 Coffee
- 11:15 Haus der Natur
Robert Lindner, Director, Haus der Natur, Salzburg, Austria
[Chair: Anita Hermannstaedter, Museum für Naturkunde Berlin, Germany]
- 12:15 Lunch
- 13:00 Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum
Martyn Low, Research Associate, Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum, Singapore
[Chair: Paul Smith]
- 14:00 Free time to explore OUMNH and Pitt-Rivers Museum
- 15:00 Tea
- 15:30 Tour of the Bodleian Library
- 16:30 Tour of the History of Science Museum
Silke Ackermann, Director, History of Science Museum, Oxford
- 18:00 Poetry and Natural History
Poetry reading by John Barnie, Isabel Galleymore and Brandon Kilbourne
[Chair: John Holmes]

Thursday 7 September – Critical Perspectives and Future Plans

- 10:00 Coffee
- 10:30 Critical Perspectives
Verity Burke, John Pollard Newman Fellow in Climate Change and the Arts University College
Dublin, Dublin, Ireland
Jordan Kistler, Lecturer in English, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland
Leonie Suess, Research Associate, University of the Arts, Zurich, Switzerland
[Chair: Achim Saupe, Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam, Germany]
- 12:30 Closing remarks and next steps
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Tour of the Botanic Gardens
Chris Thorogood, Deputy Director, Botanic Gardens
- 15:00 Close