



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