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Helen Mayer Harrison
Newton Harrison



Public Lecture: Patch Thinking and the Force Majeure

Helen Mayer Harrison and Newton Harrison are internationally recognized as artists and researchers who work with complex environmental and ecological issues. This lecture addresses “the Force Majeure” - the accelerating transaction between Global Warming phenomena and their interaction with ecosystems under stress through human activity. They will discuss the implications of such a force through three works in the European subcontinent and the Tibetan plateau.

<http://www.theharrisonstudio.net>.

**WHO WILL LOOK TO ESTABLISH VIABLE BALANCES
BETWEEN MULTI-USE FORESTS
AND SUCCESSION FOREST
AND MONOCULTURE
AND ADDRESS SUCH QUESTIONS
AS HOW MUCH FARM AND HOW MUCH INDUSTRY
AND HOW MANY INHABITANTS
CAN EXIST IN AN AREA
AND HOW TO COMPENSATE
FOR OVERPOPULATION OF PLACE
WEIGHED AGAINST HOW MUCH MEADOW
AND WOODLAND
AND FOREST AND WETLAND
ARE NEEDED TO SUSTAIN THE CREATIVITY OF THE DRAIN BASIN**

Image top right: Tibet is the High Ground: Part III, 2009
Image bottom left: the artists and Peninsula Europe
Image bottom right: Peninsula Europe: The Force Majeure, 2008

Quote: The Peninsula
Harrison, H.M. and Harrison, N. (2008) Public Culture and Sustainable Practices: Peninsula Europe from an ecodiversity perspective, posing questions to Complexity Scientists. The Structure and Dynamics eJournal of Anthropological and Related Sciences < [http://escholarship.org/uc/item/9hj3s753?query=Public Culture and Sustainable Practices](http://escholarship.org/uc/item/9hj3s753?query=Public%20Culture%20and%20Sustainable%20Practices):> p.20.



Tuesday, 18th May 2010
13:00 - 14:30 PM
Lecture Theatres, H234
at Faculty of Health and
Social Care Building (FOHSC)
The Robert Gordon University,
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Discussions Around the Research Table II

Seminar:

Ecological Inter-relationship

The second seminar in the DART series is led by Reiko Goto, PhD research student of Gray's School of Art <http://reiko.collinsandgoto.com>

The seminar will explore ideas of dynamic equilibrium in the environment.

Invited Presentation by Stephen Brown,
Woodland officer, Grampian Conservancy

Reiko Goto will present a brief overview of empathy as an idea and an experimental ecological art practice that can go beyond human to human exchange.

This seminar is related to the public Lecture: *Patch Thinking and the Force Majeure* by Helen Mayer Harrison and Newton Harrison on Tuesday, 18th of May 2010, 13:00 - 14:30 PM at Lecture Theatres, H234, Faculty of Health and Social Care (FOHSC) Building, Robert Gordon University.

Stephen Brown will talk about the historical and current conditions, issues and opportunities of preserving, conserving and restoring woodlands in North East Scotland.

The city of Aberdeen is 2819 square miles (1,089 km²). In 1841 the population was 63,262, and in 1901 it became 153,503. The population is currently 213,810. What is the quality of relationship between human inhabitants and trees?



Photo image by Scott Simpson

Wednesday, 19th May 2010
14:00 - 17:00 PM
Room SB 01
at Scott Sutherland Building
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Booking is essential for the seminar by email:
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