

# Global themes in Human ecodynamics: Taking stock and looking forward Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010

*A NABO-SAGES sponsored discussion meeting hosted by the  
University of Edinburgh, School of GeoSciences*

**Venue:** The Raeburn Room, Old College, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh

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The main purpose of this workshop is to discuss human ecodynamics operating in different areas and on different time scales, but with a particular focus on the last 800 years. The objectives will be to develop a better comparative understanding of the interaction of climate change, human environmental impacts, and human-human interaction and specifically consider integrative themes of rigidity, connectedness and pathway choices. The goals are to bring together members of the SAGES community with NABO and a wider evolving international community of researchers on human ecodynamics, discuss research questions of common interest and explore new alliances.

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

**10.30 Introduction:** The potential for grand narratives of human-ecodynamics: Andy Dugmore, University of Edinburgh

**10.45 Keynote:** Rigidity, pathway dependence and human suffering: The archaeology of the American S.W. and themes of wider human-ecodynamic importance. Peggy Nelson, Arizona State University

**11.30 Keynote:** Ecodynamics and the Viking occupation in Greenland and Iceland. Tom McGovern, City University of New York.

**12.15 Keynote:** Medieval Scotland, climate impacts and grand themes in environmental history. Richard Oram, University of Stirling.

**1.00-2.00 Lunch**

**2.00-3.00 Discussion;** key questions of the past, lead by Ian Simpson (Stirling) and Tony Wilkinson (Durham)

**3.00-3.30 Break**

**3.30-4.30 Discussion;** relevance of the past for sustainable futures loan Fazey (St Andrews) Mark Rounsvell (Edinburgh)

**4.30-5.00 Conclusions:** Dugmore, McGovern, Nelson, Oram.