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Ron Doel works in the fields of history of science, environmental history, and diplomatic history. A 1990 Ph.D. (Princeton, history), he has taught at Georgetown University, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and Oregon State University (where he held a joint appointment in its Department of History (Program in History of Science) and its Department of Geosciences (geography)). He joined Florida State University in 2008, and serves as Project Leader for the 9-member, 7-nation “Colony, Empire, Environment: A Comparative International History of Twentieth Century Arctic Science” (BOREAS initiative, European Science Foundation).

Doel writes primarily on the history of science [his works include *Solar System Astronomy in America*, Cambridge University Press, 1996; and with Thomas Söderqvist, eds., *The Historiography of Contemporary Science, Technology, and Medicine: Writing Recent Science* (Routledge, 2006)]. But for more than a decade he has taught and advised graduate students in geography, geology, anthropology, forestry, marine resources, and oceanic and atmospheric sciences to use historical data and methods to “extend the baselines” of natural phenomena studied in recent times by modern scientific instruments. As former chair of the History Committee of the American Geophysical Union, he has also maintained close contact with historians and other humanists and social scientists whose research bridges to the natural sciences. With Astrid Ogilvie, he co-organized the ESF BOREAS workshop “Boreal Histories, Environments and Narratives: The Making and Use of Knowledge” in Reykholt, Iceland, in October 2008.