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- Stella’s, The Buhler Centre
- Elements, Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex
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- Garbonzo’s, AnX Building
- The University Club, Wesley Hall
- Dozens of restaurants near campus

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Environmental history is a unique way of viewing the past. It includes examining human activity on farmland, nature’s effect on farm culture, ‘environmental sins,’ sustainable environments, ancient ways, and innovations. This conference takes a global perspective, considering how a new agriculture of fossil fuels, herbicides, crop specialization, and state intervention has impacted old, organic-based, Mennonite farm communities around the world.

Seven different communities; one faith trajectory.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:30 — 8:40 AM Welcome and Introduction
ROYDEN LOEWEN, Chair in Mennonite Studies

1 Friesland and Northern Europe A Land Tried and Transformed
8:40 — 10:25 AM Chair: Mark Meuwese, University of Winnipeg
► NINA SCHROEDER, Queens University, “Landscape and the Anabaptist-Mennonite Tradition in Art of the Dutch Golden Age”
► COR TROMPETTER, Wolvega, Netherlands, “Mennonite Capital and the Transformation of Friesland and Overijssel, 1650-1850”
► MARTIN ENTZ, University of Manitoba, “‘Transplanted Dutch Ways in the West Prussian Delta 300 years Later”
► HANS PETER FAST, Webmapper, Utrecht, “The Doopsgezinde and their Farmers in 20th Century Friesland”

10:25 — 10:55 AM Coffee

2 Iowa and the U.S. Midwest Land of ‘Destiny’ and Diversity
10:55 AM — 12:30 PM Chair: David Rempel Smucker, Akron PA
► STEVEN RESCHLY, Truman University, “Amish Agriculture in Iowa Since the 19th Century: Change and Changelessness”
► JOHN EICHER, German Historical Institute, Washington, “Stories of the Earth: The 1980s Farm Crisis in Washington County, Iowa”
► REBECCA HORNER SHENTON, Fuller Theological Seminary, South Carolina, ‘Agrarian Tradition vs. Modern Business: ‘Debate’ in the (Old) Mennonite Church”

12:30 — 1:30 PM Lunch

A PHOTOGRAPHIC MONTAGE 1:00 — 1:30 PM Produced by Susie Fisher
‘Seven Points on Earth’, highlighting the seven regions considered in this conference, featured over the lunch hour in Eckhardt Gramaté Hall

3 Java A Land of Inter-religiosity
1:30 — 3:05 PM Chair: Stephanie Phetsamay Stobbe, Menno Simons College
► LAWRENCE YODER, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, “From Tunggul Wulung to Independence: The History of the ‘Christian Village’”
► DANANG KRISTIAWAN, GITJ Jepara, “Suharto’s Green Revolution and the Passing of Old Wisdom: The GITJ Farmers of Margorejo”
► PAULUS HARTONO, GKMI Solo, “Mennonite-Muslim Relations in Central Java and the Peace Instrument of Organic Farming”

3:05 — 3:35 PM Coffee

4 Siberia and the Russian Empire A Land of Vision and Bitterness
3:35 — 5:30 PM Chair: Rudy P. Friesen, Winnipeg
► HANS WERNER, University of Winnipeg, “Mennonite Farmers and Lenin’s NEP on the Kuldana Steppe, Siberia”
► PETER EPP, Baptist Brotherhood, Siberia, “Childhood Recollections of Life on a Soviet Collective”
► AILEEN FRIESEN, University of Winnipeg, “Sowing Hatred or Prosperity: Agriculture and Believers in Post-World War II Siberia”

Featured Evening 7:30 PM
An Anabaptist Theology of the Environment
Welcome: Annette Trimbee, President, University of Winnipeg
Chair: Royden Loewen, University of Winnipeg
► ELAINE ENNS, Bartmaeius, “The Stories the Land Holds: Mennonites, Trauma and Indigenous Justice”
► NATHANIEL INGLIS, Bethany Theological Seminary, “The Limits of Stewardship, the Hope of Community and an Anabaptist Land Ethic”
► GORDON ZERBE, Canadian Mennonite University, “Revisiting an Ecology According to the New Testament”

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN FOYER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

5 Manitoba and Beyond Lands of Resettlement and Transition
PART 1: 8:30 — 9:35 AM Chair: Stephen Heinrichs, MCC Canada
► JOSEPH WIEBE, University of Alberta, “On the Mennonite-Méïs Borderland in Manitoba”
► SUSIE FISHER, University of Manitoba, “(Trans)planting the West Reserve: Mennonites, Myth, and Narratives of Place”

9:35 — 10:05 AM Coffee

PART 2: 10:05 — 11:45 AM Chair: Hans Werner, University of Winnipeg
► SIMON EVANS, University of Calgary, “Hutterites and Agriculture in Alberta: Past, Present and Future”
► DANIEL LEONARD, University of Winnipeg, “Manitoba’s Voluntary Mennonite Peasant Farmers”

11:45 AM — 12:45 PM Lunch

A PHOTOGRAPHIC MONTAGE 12:15 — 12:45 PM
‘Seven Points on Earth’, second showing

6 Zimbabwe A Land of Hope and Struggle
12:45 — 2:20 PM Chair: Joyce Chadya, University of Manitoba
► MUSIE TESFAJORGIS, University of Winnipeg, “Surveying Zimbabwe’s Environmental History: Race, Politics and Religion”
► ELIAKIM SIBANDA, University of Winnipeg, “Voices from Matobo Hills vs. Word from BIC Missionaries: Competing Rural Cultures”
► BELINDA NCUBE, Swiss Church Aid, “Mothers, Soil and Substance: Stories of Endurance from Matobo Hills”

2:20 — 2:50 PM Coffee

7 Bolivia and Its Neighbours A Land of Environmental Irony
2:50 — 4:00 PM Chair: John J. Friesen, Canadian Mennonite University
► CAROLINA VARGAS, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, “Vulnerability and Agriculture among Mennonites in Quintana Roo”
► KERRY FAST, Toronto, “For the Love of Good Vegetables: The Changing Nature of Gardening in Riva Palacios”
► BEN NOBBS-THIJSSEN, Arizona State University, “The Rise and Fall of the Steel Wheel: The Old Colony Farmers of Bolivia”

FILM SCREENING 4:00 — 5:00 PM
Chair: Royden Loewen, Chair in Mennonite Studies
► SEVEN POINTS ON EARTH: A film in progress by Paul Plett, Ode Productions
► COLLECTING THE VOICES: A Short Reflection on the Conference, TBA