



2020
OXGVC

Oxford Geoheritage Virtual Conference

Convened by the Oxford University Museum of Natural History

25-28 May 2020

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About the Conference

On behalf of the Organising Committee, we are pleased to invite you to take part in the Oxford Geoheritage Virtual Conference, to be hosted online by the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. The meeting will take place from 25-28 May 2020.

This conference is open to all who are interested in geoheritage, including scientists, students, professionals, policy-makers, and managers. We welcome contributions from all fields of geoheritage including geoconservation, management, classification, geodiversity, legislation, geoparks, geotourism, geoheritage and cultural heritage, and interpretation. Geoheritage is an inherently interdisciplinary field: we also encourage those from affiliated fields who have something to contribute to attend and submit an abstract.

The Organising Committee have rapidly set up OxGVC in response to the cancellation of a number of meetings in 2020 due to COVID-19. Recognising the often dispersed nature of workers within geoheritage, and therefore the vital role meetings play, we hope OxGVC can help to bring together the geoheritage community, wherever you may be, at this difficult time.

An Online Conference Open to All

The Conference will be held online, using the WebinarJam platform. Attendees will be sent links to each of the sessions, and there will be the facility to ask questions. Guidance will be provided for presenters on how to use the platform.

The conference is free for all, and does not require attendees or presenters to download specific software. All talks at the Conference will be in English.

Keynote Speakers

We are pleased to announce that the following Keynote Speakers will be presenting at OxGVC, with more to be announced soon:

Prof. Murray Gray - Honorary Professor of Geography, Queen Mary University of London

Prof. Heather Viles - Professor of Biogeomorphology and Heritage Conservation, University of Oxford

A Unique Meeting That Fits Around You

We have tried to design OxGVC in the knowledge that many attendees will be working from home.

It is intended that each day of the conference will have the following schedule:

14:00 - 15:10 Session 1

15:10 - 15:20 Break

15:20 - 17:00 Session 2

All times above given are in British Summer Time (UTC+1)

The times of the start and end of the conference days are shown below, for a number of locations around the world:

Location	San Francisco	New York	Paris	Istanbul	New Delhi	Beijing
Timezone	PDT	EDT	CEST	TRT	IST	CST
UTC Time	UTC-7	UTC-4	UTC+2	UTC+3	UTC+5:30	UTC+8
Start Session 1	6:00	9:00	15:00	16:00	18:30	21:00
Start Session 2	9:00	12:00	18:00	19:00	21:30	0:00

Key Dates

April 1st: Registration and abstract submission opens

April 29th: Deadline for abstract submission

May 6th: Announcement of Conference Programme

May 18th: Deadline for registration

May 21st: Deadline to submit talk for those presenting on May 25th

May 22nd: Deadline to submit talk for those presenting on May 26th

May 23rd: Deadline to submit talk for those presenting on May 27th

May 24th: Deadline to submit talk for those presenting on May 28th

May 25th-28th: Oxford Geoh heritage Virtual Conference held online

The Organising Committee may choose to add or remove a day from the end of OxGVC, depending on the levels of interest shown

Registration

Registration will open on April 1st, and will close on May 18th 2020.

Registration is free to all, and will allow access to the online conference. Following the close of registration, attendees will be emailed links to each of the sessions, allowing them to access the talks. There will be a facility to ask questions of the speakers. The conference platform is online, and there is no need to download any additional software.

Please note that sections of the Conference may be recorded, and later published online.

Register online at <https://www.oxgvc.co.uk/registration.html>

Abstract Submission

The conference will be held online using the WebinarJam platform. All presenters will receive guidance on how to use the software.

OxGVC will have two styles of presentation:

Standard Talk - 15 minute presentation with 5 minutes for questions

Flash Talk - 5 minute talk using a maximum of 3 slides

We particularly welcome submissions from Early Career Workers. We define an Early Career Worker as someone who completed their most recent formal education (high school, college, BSc, MSc, or PhD) within the past 7 years. This period of 7 years excludes any period of career break, e.g. family care or for health reasons. The Organising Committee will be ensuring that Early Career Workers are suitably represented within the OxGVC programme.

All presentations will need to be submitted in advance so they can be uploaded onto the system. Presentations will be recorded automatically. It is the intention of the Organising Committee to make the talks available on Youtube, as a lasting legacy of OxGVC. Your talk will only be made public if you choose this option during abstract submission.

Presenters are asked to note the following, which will improve their use of the online presentation platform:

- You can submit your slides in Powerpoint or pdf format
- Presenters can also submit videos to be played
- You will need at least a microphone, and preferably a webcam so the audience can see and hear you while presenting
- You must use standard 4:3 sized slides. This works best with the system, and allows viewers to also see your slides without them being obscured by the webcam view

Your presentation title should be no longer than 300 characters, and the abstract text no longer than 2000 characters.

You are invited to submit your abstracts online at <https://www.oxgvc.co.uk/abstract-submission.html>

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