



STOLEN CLIMATE: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES OF FIRE ON EARTH

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Science Gallery London

Studio Room and Ground Floor, Great Maze Pond, London SE1 9GU

Agenda

Afternoon Session 15:30-18:30

15:30 - 16:50 Understanding Fire on Earth

What do we know about wildfires on Earth? What is their role in Earth's history, its climate, its ecology, and with human society? What do wildfires mean to you? In this session, several wildfire experts will discuss and demonstrate what we know about wildfires, what we don't know, and some of the different scientific approaches to understanding them.

*With scientists from the Leverhulme Centre for Wildfires Environment and Society: Prof. **Guillermo Rein**, **Harry Mitchell** and **Olivia Haas** from Imperial College London, Prof. **Martin Wooster** from King's College London, and Prof. **Jay Mistry**, Dr **Cathy Smith**, **Kayla de Freitas** and **Daniel Gallagher** from Royal Holloway University of London. Chaired by Dr **Adriana Ford** (Imperial/ KCL).*

16:50 - 17:15 Coffee Break with films by Australian filmmaker Tim Georgeson.

17:15 – 18:30 Wildfires at the Art-Science Interface

How can scientists and artists work together to create new understandings? In this session we discuss different modalities of working at the art-science interface and will delve into a project called 'Wildfires (Working Title)' in which scientists and artists explored the topic of wildfires in an experimental, process-based collaboration. With **Abigail Croker** (Imperial College London) and **Kapil Yadav** (King's College London), in discussion with **Svetlana Sequeira Costa** (Arts Cabinet) and Dr **Chris Freemantle** (Gray's School of Art). Chaired by Dr **Adriana Ford** (Imperial/ KCL)

Evening Session 18:30-20:30

18:30-19:15 Stolen Climate Exhibition Preview & Drinks Reception

Join us for a preview of the Stolen Climate exhibition and enjoy a drink whilst discussing wildfires, art and science with experts in the field. The exhibition features the artwork 'Stolen Climate' by Clinton Naina, a Torres Strait Islander artist based in Melbourne, along with 'The Fire Keepers' by Australian film producer Tim Georgeson, and 'Australian Fires from Space', a selection of satellite imagery provided by Prof. Martin Wooster and his research team at King's College London.

19:15-20:30 Stolen Climate: The Conversation

In this conversation you will have the opportunity to hear from, and enjoy Q&A, with our star guest, **Clinton Naina**, creator of 'Stolen Climate'. Clinton joins us in person all the way from Australia for this event, to discuss the meaning behind his work and his artistic practice, which exposes the impact of British settlement on his people from the Torres Strait Islands. Prof **Jay Mistry**, an expert on wildfires and Indigenous geographies at Royal Holloway, will join the conversation on fire, climate and colonialism, chaired by Dr **Chris Fremantle** (Gray's School of Art) who works at the interface of ecology and art.

This event and exhibition is organised by Leverhulme Centre for Wildfires, Environment and Society, partnered with the Arts Cabinet and the Centre of Visual Art (University of Melbourne), with additional support from Menzies Australia Institute, King's College London, Schenberg Trust and the Science Gallery London.

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