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Economic drivers of long-run biodiversity change

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Kings College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen**

2.00pm coffee and tea
2.15pm seminar begins
3.15pm wine & nibbles

Conserving biodiversity is an important goal for many governments and organisations. Designing effective conservation strategies requires us to know something about the causes of biodiversity loss. In this seminar Professor Hanley will take a relatively long term perspective on this question (400 years), and ask what the role of economic factors has been over time in explaining biodiversity losses in Scotland. Economic factors such as agricultural prices are important because they influence how people manage the land. Land management, in turn, impacts directly on biodiversity, in terms of the number of different species found within a particular ecosystem. Economic factors - particularly agricultural prices - have had an important effect on biodiversity in the Scottish uplands over the last 400 years, through their influence on stocking densities. These findings are relevant to how we design landcare policies in the future, especially in the light of recent reforms to the Common Agricultural Policy.

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