“Ecology versus archaeology versus the military: Conflict in contemporary landscapes”

This talk discusses conflict and contestation in contemporary landscapes between those who wish to conserve them with competing interests: environmental ecologists and archaeologists and for those who work with them. This particular case involves the Royal Marines, an elite branch of the British Military. It illustrates the very different agendas and values of these groups who all feel their particular perspective is morally and politically justified. Such conflicts in the meaning and significance of the land and how it is to be used are suggested to be quite ordinary leading to messy and, in this case, a very British compromise.

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