

## **The future is not the past: the role of history in a changing landscape**

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### **Abstract:**

In the face of rapid environmental and ecological change, the notion of historical fidelity in ecological restoration has come into question. The use of historical information to set restoration objectives is increasingly complicated as ecosystems exceed antecedent conditions. This is especially acute in cases where novel or hybrid ecosystems are emerging as viable alternatives to conventional restoration. This talk re-examines the role of historical thinking in restoration, proposing that it is best understood by looking at the distinctive range of values served by emphasizing historical fidelity in goal setting.