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**Conversations in Environmental Studies**



**Simone Schleper**  
**The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, Conservation,  
and Stakeholdership in the Anthropocene**

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Dr. Simone Schleper is Assistant Professor of Global History of Science, Technology, and the Environment at Maastricht University. Her latest research project, *Intimate Allies: Collaborative Couples, Global Environmental Governance*, investigates environmental governance networks. Previous research interests include topics like Animal Migrations, Tracking, Infrastructures, and Environmental Expertise since 1960.

In her talk at Rice, Dr. Schleper engages with notions of conservation in the Anthropocene from a history-of-science perspective through looking at an iconic case of infrastructure development that since the 1970s continues to cause controversies amongst wildlife experts: the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). She reveals how arguments about animal learning, despite assigning a more active role to caribou in the conservation process, did not result in more inclusive forms of development that respected ecological processes and the various stakes of the caribou, other animals, or people.

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