

The Department of History (Simon Fraser University) and  
Oecologies: Inhabiting Premodern Worlds

PRESENT

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## 'OTHER AGES SHALL HAVE CAUSE TO SPEAK OF THIS AGE': THE POLITICS OF SUSTAINABILITY UNDER CHARLES I

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What did it mean to be sustainable in early modern England? Successive English monarchs from Elizabeth I through Charles I and the subsequent Commonwealth government and Protectorate under Oliver Cromwell pursued policies to reform the management of royal forests and ensure steady supplies of wood for themselves and 'posterity.' Yet such policies also revealed conflicts over commons, tensions between state bureaucracy and private management, and friction between a centralizing state and local authority. Issues of environmental justice, increasingly resonant today, were also at the heart of early modern attempts at sustainable forestry.