



Of Species and Specimens: Tracing Non-Human Histories in Times of Imperial Expansion

International Workshop held at the University of Tübingen

Programme

Thursday, 18 July 2024: Großer Senat, Neue Aula

From 12.30: Welcome and coffee

1.00 pm: Introduction and welcome

Anne Sophie Overkamp and Sabine Hanke

1.15-3.00pm: Panel 1: Indigenous-European entanglements (chair: Simon Siemianowski, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen)

- Richard Herzog (Philipps-Universität Marburg), Tracing Links between Cosmology, Foundation Stories and Nature Writing for the Nahua of Central Mexico (16th to 17th centuries)

Commentary 1: Luregn Lenggenhager / Commentary 2: Nuala Caomhánach

- Matthew Holmes (University of Stavanger), The Locust Fungus: A Global History of Late Nineteenth-Century Imperial Ambition, Non-Human Resistance, and Biocontrol

Commentary 1: Mona Bieling / Commentary 2: Jeanine Dağyeli

- Camilo Uribe Botta (University of Warwick), The Extraction of Tropical Orchids in Colombia during British Victorian Orchidomania in the 19th century

Commentary 1: Katherine Arnold / Commentary 2: Soyeong Park

3.00-3.30pm: Coffee break

3.30-4.40: Panel 2: Literary representations (chair: Sabine Hanke, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen)

- Laura K. Nüffer (Colby College), “Ever Greater Steps Toward Conquering Nature”: Mongooses, Vipers, and the Interspecies Entanglements of Japanese Empire

Commentary 1: Nuala Caomhánach / Commentary 2: Mona Bieling

- Josef Řičář (Charles University Prague), “Gypsies”, Natural Monogamy, and Violence Full of Love. Anthropomorphism as a Constitutive Element of the Construction of Non-human Subjectivity in Modern Central European Travel Narratives

Commentary 1: Jeanine Dağyeli / Commentary 2: Katherine Arnold

4.40-5.00pm: Break

5.00-7.00pm: Keynote Rohan Deb Roy (University of Reading): Entomo-politics: Termites in colonial India

7.30: Workshop Dinner at Hotel am Schloss Tübingen

Friday, 19 July 2024: Botanical Garden / Neue Aula

9.00-10.15am: Tour through the Botanical Garden

10.30-12.15pm: Panel 3: Plant usage (chair: Sascha Auerbach, University of Nottingham)

- Katherine Arnold (Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society Munich), *Hydnora Africana*, Plant Parasitism, and Global Scientific Practice in the Early Nineteenth Century

Commentary 1: Richard Herzog / Commentary 2: Josef Řičář

- Mona Bieling (University of the Federal Armed Forces, Hamburg), The Multilayered Colonial Landscape of Plant Research in Early 20th Century Palestine

Commentary 1: Laura K. Nüffer / Commentary 2: Camilo Uribe Botta

- Nuala Caomhánach (New York University / American Museum of Natural History), Trial by Plant and Animal: The Tangena Ordeal on the island of Madagascar

Commentary 1: Soyeong Park / Commentary 2: Luregn Lenggenhager

12.15-1.45pm: Lunch break at the Botanical Garden and transfer to workshop location Großer Senat, Neue Aula

2.00-3.45pm: Panel 4: Landscape and ecology (chair: Anne Sophie Overkamp, Forschungsbibliothek Gotha)

- Jeanine Dağyeli (University of Vienna), Global Karakul: Looking at Commodification and Hegemonies through a Central Asian Sheep Breed

Commentary 1: Matthew Holmes / Commentary 2: Richard Herzog

- Luregn Lenggenhager (University of Cologne), Nonhuman crossings and multi-species border regimes in (post-)colonial Southern Africa

Commentary 1: Josef Řičář / Commentary 2: Laura K. Nüffer

- Soyeong Park (Seoul National University), Forests as Protectors: Korean Village Groves in Tokumitsu Nobuyuki's Chosŏn no Rinsō (1938)

Commentary 1: Camilo Uribe Botta / Commentary 2: Matthew Holmes

3.45-4.00pm: Break

4.00-5.00pm: Roundtable Discussion

5.00pm: Drinks