

AQUATIC HISTORIES IN TRANSNATIONAL AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Water is a highly relevant topic for environmental historians, in particular when working from a global and transnational perspective. Both inland waters and oceans can be described as topographical, political and social boundaries. At the same time, they are also fluid crossings which help to overcome these physical and ideological demarcations, hence connecting seemingly separated spaces.

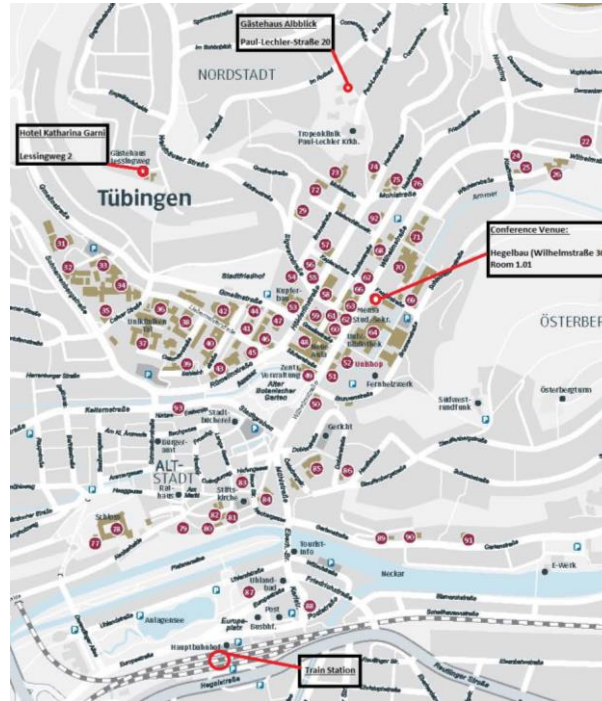
During the 20th century globalization as well as water pollution and consumption developed on a new scale. This raises use conflicts and important research questions. What historical significance have oceans, rivers and lakes as socio-natural sites? What was the impact of global and transnational actors and institutions for the socio-environmental development? What kinds of circulations, controversies and forms of eco-governance emerged?

The conference is organized by two major research associations:

EcoGlobReg is a joint French-German project which deals with the contemporary environmental history of the Soviet Union and its successor states, 1970–2000.

The collaborative research centre SFB 923 *Threatened Order – Societies under Stress* investigates the manner in which various social orders (from ancient to contemporary history) change, especially when facing threats to their very existence.

VENUE



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October 6th & 7th, 2016

Wilhelmstraße 36, Room 101
72074 Tübingen



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 – OCEANS AND SEAS

9.15 – 9.30: **Introduction**

Klaus Gestwa (Tübingen), Marc Elie (Paris)

9.30 – 11.00

Hunting and Fishing Grounds

Chair: Guido Hausmann (Regensburg)

Franziska Torma (München)

The Ocean as Biosphere: Animal History and the Sea

Mary Carmel Finley (Corvallis, Oregon)

“Gentlemen, the fish await.” The Post-War Expansion of Soviet Fishing and Whaling, 1945–1976

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00:

Undersea and Deep Ocean

Chair: Fabian Fechner (Hagen)

Helen M. Rozwadowski (Avery Point, Connecticut)

Undersea Frontier: Science, Technology and the Legacy of Post-World War II Perception of the Ocean

Peder Roberts (Stockholm)

The Politics of Deep Sea Exploration in the Early Cold War: The Case of the Bathyscaphe Trieste

13.00 – 14.30: Lunch

14.30 – 16.00

International Conventions and Conferences

Chair: Klaus Gestwa (Tübingen)

Simone Müller (München)

The London Dumping Convention of 1972 – Mapping the Cold War in Marine Protection

Johanna Sackel (Paderborn)

Who Owns the Ocean’s Treasures? – The Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea as an Arena of Global Resource Conflicts

16.00 – 16.30: Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00

The Baltic Sea

Chair: Karsten Brüggemann (Tallinn)

Tuomas Räsänen (Turku)

Alarmists vs. Sceptics: The Debate Over Anthropogenic Eutrophication Among Finnish Marine Scientists

Raphael Schulte-Kellinghaus (Tübingen)

The Baltic Sea – Transnational Sphere of Knowledge and Interaction

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 – INLAND WATERS

10.00 – 10.30

Keynote

Uwe Lübken (München)

Rivers as Actors?

10.30 – 10.45: Coffee Break

10.45 – 13.00

Rivers: Transnational Perspectives

Chair: Martin Schmid (Klagenfurt/Wien)

Matthew Evenden (Vancouver)

Basin Planning and the Power of Cities: The Confounding Role of International Borders

Eva Jakobson (Stavanger)

Scandinavian Transnational Water Histories during the 20th Century

Jeanne Feaux de la Croix (Tübingen)

Auspicious Constellations for Growing Dams? Temporal and Spatial Politics of Hydropower in Central Asia (Late 20th and Early 21st Century)

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Lakes: Resources and Pollution

Chair: Melanie Arndt (Regensburg)

David Stradling (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Dredging and Ecology: A Global History of Situational Knowledge

Laurent Coumel (Paris)

On the Soviet Lakeshore. Scientific and Technical Transfers and Circulations in Lake Seliger’s Exploitation and Protection, 1960–1980s

15.30 – 16.00: Coffee Break

16.00 – 18.15

Rivers and Soils, Irrigation and Salinization

Chair: Ewald Frie (Tübingen)

Daniel Rothenburg (Tübingen)

Dreams Turning to Salt? Australian Hydro-Modernism Faces the Challenge of Salinity

Timm Schönfelder (Tübingen)

The Industrialization of Irrigation. Spheres of Knowledge and the Kuban River Region

Raphaël Jozan (Paris/Tashkent)

Modelling the Aral Sea Basin: History of Transnational Hydro-Expertise Networks in the Late 20th century

18.15 – 19.00

Concluding Remarks