

Environmental Humanities and German Studies

11th Annual Toronto German Studies Symposium

April 12-13, 2018

University of Toronto

Munk School of Global Affairs, 1 Devonshire Place

- all sessions in room *208N* unless otherwise indicated -



Thursday, 12 April

9:00 Words of Welcome

Stefan Soldovieri, Dept. of Germanic Languages and Literatures, University of Toronto

9:15 Keynote

- Performing States-of-Inbetween: Human-Nonhuman Interactions in Recent German Performances
Sabine Wilke, Dept. of Germanics, University of Washington

10:15 Panel I: Recalibrating the Anthropocene: Sustainability and World-Making

Moderator: John Noyes, Dept. of Germanic Language & Literatures, University of Toronto

- Sustainability in an Imaginary World
John Robinson, Presidential Adviser on the Environment, Climate Change, and Sustainability, Munk Centre for Global Affairs, University of Toronto
- Targeting the Main Reactor: Art, Agency, and the Challenge of Transformative Behaviour Change
David Maggs, Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability, University of British Columbia
- Beyond Dominant Sustainability Frames: Insights from Critical, Land-Based, Animistic, Indigenous, Global South and other Perspectives
Blake Poland, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

1:15 Panel II: Ecological Futures: Changing Shorelines, Shifting Baselines, Emerging Fault Lines

Moderator: Nina-Marie Lister, Director, School of Urban + Regional Planning, Ryerson University

- Along Toronto's Shores
Jane Wolff, Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, Design, University of Toronto
- Stranded Futures: On Literature and Maladaptation
Jason Groves, Dept. of Germanics, University of Washington
- Iceberg Futures and Surplus Value
Rafico Ruiz, Fulbright Chair in Arctic Studies, Dartmouth College

3:15 Break

3:30 Panel III: Water Worlds / Water Rights

Moderator: Katie Lawson, Master of Visual Studies Candidate, Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, Design, University of Toronto

- On Veils of Money: Opacity, Visibility, and the Struggle for Public Water in Berlin
Andrea Muehlebach, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Toronto
- Petro-modernity and Paleowater: The Case of Standing Rock
Avery Slater, Dept. of English, University of Toronto
- Go Like a River: Building Decolonial Alliances With, Around and for Water
Bonnie McElhinny, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Toronto

5:30 – 6:30 Roundtable I: Sustainable Pedagogies

Moderator: Angela Mashford-Pringle, Associate Director, Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health, Director, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

Special Guests:

Karen Ing, School of Environmental Studies, University of Toronto

Hilary Inwood, Head, Environmental & Sustainability Education Initiative, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education

Teresa Kramarz, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

Friday, 13 April 2014

9:30 Panel IV: Plant Studies / Seed Cultures

Moderator: Laurence Côté-Pitre, Phd Candidate, Dept. of German, University of Toronto

- Grown Text Box
Paul Chartrand, Visual and Environmental Artist
- *Lebendige Bildungen: Goethe's Plant Thinking*
Tove Holmes, Dept. of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, McGill University
- Seed Conservation in Rita Wong's Eco-poetry
Tania Aguila-Way, Dept. of English, University of Toronto

12:30 Parallel Panel V₁: Animal Mirrors

Moderator: Jody Berland, Dept. of Humanities, York University

- Creaturely Kinship in Marion Poschmann's *Hundenovelle*
Alice Kuzniar, Dept. of Germanic and Slavic Studies, University of Waterloo
- When the bird talks maybe we'll get some answers
Mitchell Akiyama, Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, Design, University of Toronto
- Give a Dog a Voice: Isolation, Language Skepticism, and Violence across the Modernist Canine Canon
Joela Jacobs, Dept. of German Studies, University of Arizona

12:30 Parallel Panel V₂: Geological Times, Industrial Memories (Rm 108N)

Moderator: Tobias Wilczek, PhD Candidate, Dept. of German, University of Toronto

- Show Time. Museums, Memory and the Poetics of Deindustrialization in Contemporary Germany
Kerstin Barndt, Germanic Languages and Literatures, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Energy and Economy in Henry Adams's 'Dynamic Theory of History'
Alan Ackerman, Dept. of English, University of Toronto
- Oil Regionalisms: Memorialization and Contestation in North American Hydrocarbons
Anna Zalik, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University

2:30 Break

2:45 Roundtable: Futures of Environmental Humanities

Moderator: Alexandra Rahr, JHI Environmental Humanities Working Group, Dept. of English, University of Toronto

Special Guests:

Stephen Scharper, School of the Environment, Dept. for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto

Kim Strong, Director, School of the Environment, Dept. of Physics, University of Toronto

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