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

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 University

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
• Petromodernity 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
Hillary 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
- Lebendige Bildungen: Goethe's Plant Thinking
  Tove Holmes, Dept. of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, McGill University
- Grown Text Box
  Paul Chartrand, Visual and Environmental Artist
- Seed Conservation in Rita Wong's Ecopoetry
  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 Sharper, 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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