62nd STUDY WEEK "ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURES FROM THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD TO THE PRESENT"

22 - 24 September 2021

Online Conference

The conference is devoted to the relationship between environment and infrastructure from the early modern period to the present.

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PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

14.15-14.30 (CEST) | Welcoming Remarks
Christoph Cornelißen (University of Frankfurt a.M. – FBK-ISIG)

14.30-15.15 (CEST) | Opening Lecture
Helmut Trischler (Deutsches Museum – Rachel Carson Center, Munich), The Anthropocene as a Provocation to Environmental History

15.30-18.30 (CEST) Session | Urban Metabolism and the Transformation of Hinterlands: Ecology and Technology
Chair: Katia Occhi (FBK-ISIG)
Georg Stöger (University of Salzburg), Urban Environmental Infrastructure in the East Alpine Region, Sixteenth to Eighteenth Century
Claudio Lorenzini (University of Udine), Between “Stues” and “Çates”: Infrastructures for Timber Transport between Disbursement and Flow. The Case of Friuli in the Early Modern Period
Sabine Barles (University of Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris), The Infrastructural Dimension of Urban Metabolism
Christoph Bernhardt (Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Erkner), The Rise and Fall of the “Car-Friendly City” in Twentieth-Century Europe – the Case of Berlin in a Transnational Perspective

THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2021

9.30-12.30 (CEST) Session | Energy Systems: Resources, Actors, Conflicts
Chair: Claudio Ferlan (FBK-ISIG)
Jean Baptiste Fressoz (EHESS, Paris), Energy History: From Transition to Cumulation and Symbioses, 19th-20th centuries
Katja Bruisch (Trinity College, Dublin), Place Matters: Revisiting Soviet Electrification
Astrid Mignon Kirchhof (Humboldt University, Berlin), Uranium Stories: Making the Wismut Narrative Visible
Elisabetta Bini (University of Naples), Defending the Environment? Conflicts over Water Resources in the Italian Nuclear Program (1975-1987)

15.00-18.00 (CEST) Session | The Multiple Scales of Enviro-Technical Systems: Spatial and Temporal Features
Chair: Giacomo Bonan (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)
Giacomo Parrinello (Sciences Po, Paris), Water as Infrastructure and the Scalar Mismatch: Po River Basin, 19th-20th centuries
Frédéric Graber (Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin – EHESS, Paris), The Long-lasting Relationship between Environment, Infrastructure and Participation
Simone Müller (Rachel Carson Center, Munich), Hazardous Travels: Structures and Dynamics of the Global Waste Economy
David Edgerton (King’s College, London), Cumulation not Transition? Some Thoughts on the Material History of the Twentieth Century

FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2021

14.30-17.30 (CEST) Session | Hybrid Landscape: Infrastructures of Water Control
Chair: Lavinia Maddaluno (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)
Matteo Di Tullio (University of Pavia), Coping with Water: Economy, Ecology, and Conflicts in Early Modern Lombardy
Tim Soens (University of Antwerp), Seawalls Reworked: Envirotech, Climate Change and Labor on the North Sea Coast before 1900
David Gentilcore (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice), Decadent Infrastructure? Representations of Water Provision and Management in the Kingdom of Naples in the Early Nineteenth Century
Joana Gaspar de Freitas (University of Lisbon), Building Environments: A Historical View on Dunes as Envirotechnical Landscapes

17.45-18.30 (CEST) | Conclusion
Chair: Christoph Cornelißen (University of Frankfurt a.M. – FBK-ISIG)
John R. McNeill (Georgetown University), Concluding Remarks