



Energy Resources Europe and Its Former Colonies

Organization: Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich
Center for Public History, University of Houston, Texas

Time & Venue: 3 – 4 October 2012
Deutsches Museum, 80538 Munich

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss historical perspectives on the relationship between European nations and their former colonies with respect to the exploitation of energy resources. The workshop will focus on European influences on the development of energy industries in the former colonies and the environmental implications of energy resource development. In addition, questions of technology transfer, the transformation of knowledge vis-à-vis energy development, and the postcolonial dimensions of energy resources in a global perspective will be addressed.

Wednesday 3 October

13:30–14:00 **Welcome**

I. **The Politics of Hydro-Power**

Chair Thomas Zeller (RCC / University of Maryland, USA)

14:00–14:45 Ingo Heidbrink (RCC / Old Dominion University, USA)
Hydro-Power—The Unlikely Economic Base for a Complete Sovereignty of Greenland

14:45–15:30 Marc Landry (Georgetown University, USA)
The *Anschluss* and Its Aftermath: An Electrical Union?

15:30–16:00 **Coffee break**

II. **Vantage Point–Europe**

Chair Gunnar Nerheim (University of Stavanger, Norway)

16:00–16:45 Giuliano Garavini (University of Padova, Italy)
Western Europe Facing the 1973 ‘Oil Shock’

16:45–17:30 Arne Kaijser and Per Högselius (Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden)
The (Dis)Advantages of Being Non-Colonial: Swedish Energy Relations with Former European Colonies

17:30–18:15 Valentina Roxo (RCC / LMU Munich, Germany)
Azerbaijan’s Oil for Tsarist and Soviet Russia: A Different Imperialist Exploitation

18:15–19:30 **Dinner**

19:30–20:30 **Keynote by** Brian Black (Penn State University, USA)
Global Crude: Organizing International Petroleum Development, 1900–1930

Thursday 4 October

III. **Transitions in Energy Resources**

Chair Franz-Josef Brüggemeier (RCC / University of Freiburg, Germany)

09:00–09:45 Ilediwa N. Chimee (University of Nigeria, Nigeria)
Master-Servant Relationships in Energy Resource Exploitation: The Nigerian Industry and British Colonial Exploitation in Historical Perspective

09:45–10:30 Chris Jones (University of California, Berkeley, USA)
The British Shaping of America’s First Fossil Fuel Transition

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

IV. Greening Energy Resources

Chair Frank Zelko (RCC / University of Vermont, USA)

11:00–11:45 Claire Campbell (Dalhousie University, Canada)
Privileges and Entanglements: The Historical Politics of Energy in Nova Scotia, Canada

11:45–12:30 Kate Showers (University of Sussex, UK)
European Renewable Energy Mandates and African Environments: Historical Contexts with Contemporary Policy Implications

12:30–13:30 Lunch break

V. Oil in Africa

Chair Joseph Pratt (University of Houston, USA)

13:30–14:15 Kairn Klieman (University of Houston, USA)
US and European Oil Companies in Africa, 1920s–1960s: Competition, Collaboration, and the Creation of an African “Oil Culture”

14:15–15:00 Ndu L. Njoku (Imo State University, Nigeria)
Energy Resource Development Sustainability: The State and the Niger Delta in Crisis in Nigeria, 1960–2000

15:00–15:30 Coffee break

VI. Ways of Knowing and Innovating in Energy History

Chair Melanie Arndt (RCC / Center for Contemporary Research Potsdam, Germany)

15:30–16:15 Clapperton Mavhunga (RCC / Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA)
Energy, Environment, and Society in Africa: (Why) What Ordinary People Know (Matters)

16:15–17:00 Philipp Lehmann (Harvard University, USA)
Desert Dreams: Energy, Climate Change, and European Projects for the Transformation of the Sahara

17:00–18:00 Concluding Discussion

18:00 End of Conference

Venue **Seminarraum–Bibliotheksgebäude / Library Building** (Deutsches Museum)
Museumsinsel 1
80538 Munich



Public Transport

By suburban train (**S-Bahn**): S1-8, starting at the S-Bahn stop Isartor:

- Take tram 16 in the direction Effnerplatz to the tram stop Deutsches Museum, or walk (ca. 3–5 min.)

By subway (**U-Bahn**): U1 and U2, starting at the U-Bahn stop Fraunhoferstraße.

- Take Bus 132 in the direction Rindermarkt to the bus stop Ludwigsbrücke, proceed to Deutsches Museum by crossing the bridge (Ludwigsbrücke)
- Alternatively, walk along the river Isar from Fraunhoferstraße (ca. 10 minute walk)

Registration:

This conference is free and open to the public; however, registration is required. Please send an e-mail to events@carsoncenter.lmu.de by 28 September 2012 to sign up.



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