



Sites of Remembering: Landscapes - Lessons - Policies

Time 27-28 April 2018

Venue Rachel Carson Center, Munich, Germany

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Abstract This workshop aims to discuss, identify and evaluate ways in which social sciences and humanities can use memory studies to engage with the problems we encounter in the world today, and bridge the divide between academic disciplines, and academia and policy. The general theme will be the role of memory studies in formulating public policy in the context of environmental change and natural disasters.

The following questions will be central to the workshop:

- ❖ How do we bring environmental history in dialogue with memory studies?
- ❖ How do we examine climate change and natural disasters in terms of environmental and cultural heritage?
- ❖ How does our knowledge influence our understanding of the past, as well as the future?
- ❖ And in this light, how do we make our research relevant to and heard in political debate and the public sphere?

Friday, 27 April 2018

- 9.00 am** **Registration and Coffee**
- 9.30–10.00 am** **Welcome and Introductory Words**
- 10.00–11.30 am** **Session 1: Conservation**
Chair: Anna Antonova
- Chris Bolton (Natural England)
“An Approach to Understanding Cultural Values Associated with Landscape and Change.”
- Hans Farjon (PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency)
“European Nature in the Plural: Finding Common Ground for the Next Nature Policies in Europe”
- 11.30 am–12.00 pm** **Coffee Break**
- 12.00–12.45 pm** **Session 1 continues**
Chair: Anna Antonova
- Annette A. LaRocco (Florida Atlantic University)
“Memory as Claim-making in Kalahari Socio-environments”
- 12.45–2.00 pm** **Lunch Break**
- 2.00–3.30 pm** **Session 2: Disasters I**
Chair: Grit Martinez
- Susann Baez Ullberg (Uppsala University)
“Learning from Loss? Memory, Morality and Politics in the Post Disaster”
- Craig E. Colten (Louisiana State University)
“Can Public Policy Perpetuate the Memory of Disasters?”
- 3.30–4.00 pm** **Coffee Break**
- 4.00–4.45 pm** **Session 2 continues**
Chair: Grit Martinez
- Caroline Fredriksson (Lund University)
“Importance of Collective Memory of Historical Storms for Flood Risk Management. A Case Study of the 1872 Storm in South Sweden”
- 6.00 pm** **Workshop Dinner at “Wirtshaus Zur Brezn” (Leopoldstr. 72)**

Saturday, 28 April 2018

10.00–11:30 am

Session 3: Disasters II

Chair: Vikas Lakhani

Giacomo Parrinello (Sciences Po)

“To Whom the Story Belongs: Earthquake Memories, Narratives and Policy in Italy”

Edward Simpson (SOAS University of London)

“Memories of the Gujarat Earthquake”

11.30 am–12.00 pm Coffee Break

12.00–12.45 pm

Session 3 continues

Chair: Vikas Lakhani

Colin R. Sutherland (York University)

“Knowing Landscapes and Remembering Fire: The Politics of Fire Management and Science in Canadian National Parks”

12.45–2.00 pm

Lunch Break

2.00–3.30 pm

Session 4: Narratives

Chair: Eveline de Smalen

Axel Goodbody (University of Bath)

“The Industrial Revolution as a Site of Remembering: Humphrey Jennings’s *Pandaemonium*”

Cynthia Browne (Harvard University and TU Berlin)

“The Matter of Memory: Industrial Legacies of Metamorphosis in Germany’s Ruhr Region”

3.30–4.00 pm

Coffee Break

4.00–5.00 pm

Concluding Remarks

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