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Time 13–14 May 2024

Venue Seidlvilla, Nikolaipl. 1B, 80802 München

Conveners Stephen Milder (RCC) and Stephen Gross (NYU)

Abstract Taking an historical approach, and drawing on developments and case studies from both Cold War Germanys as well as the Berlin Republic, this workshop is dedicated to understanding the historical development better, but also the ramifications and contradictions of Germany's purported role as a "Green Superpower." It intends to explore the realities of German environmental engagement, but also to analyze the ways in which this engagement has been perceived, focusing on how Germany's green reputation evolved over the past half-century and looking into how and why it has deteriorated over the past decade.



Monday, 13 May 2024

13:00

Arrival at Seidlvilla

Coffee and Tea Available

13:15

Welcome by Sonja Dümpelmann (RCC), Stephen Milder (RCC) and Stephen Gross (NYU)

13:30–15:00

**Panel I: Local and Transnational Green Germanies
Chair: Sonja Dümpelmann (RCC)**

Tom Lekan (University of South Carolina)

“Camp Hessen in Dares Salaam: On the Local Materials of Global (Green) Connection”

Jennifer Allen (Yale University)

“A Burdensome Mandate?: Concepts of Salvation and Sustainability in German Plant Genetics”

15:00–15:30

Coffee Break

15:30–17:00

**Panel II: Green Energy
Chair: N.N.**

Per Högselius (KTH Stockholm)

“The ‘Energiewende’ in Swedish Media”

Dennis Duennwald (NYU)

“The Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau and the Financing of Green Germany from 1970–2000”

19:00–20:30

Keynote Lecture

Klaus Töpfer (Former German Minister of the Environment and Former Director of UNEP)

“Der blaue Himmel über der Ruhr und die ökologischen Herausforderungen der Wiedervereinigung: Zentrale Antriebskräfte einer engagierten Umweltpolitik”

Tuesday, 14 May 2024

9:30

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10:00–12:00

Panel III: The Green 1990s
Chair: N.N.

Pavla Šimková (Collegium Carolinum)
“Europe’s Green Roof: German and Czech Conservationists in the Bavarian Forest and Šumava in Times of Transformation”

Stephen Milder (RCC)
“Germany, Green Superpower: On the Making of the Berlin Republic and the Making of an International Political Myth”

Astrid M. Eckert (Emory University, currently Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg, Greifswald)
“How did the UN Climate Secretariat get to Bonn?”

12:00–13:30

Lunch

13:30–15:00

Panel IV: Green Germany in the EU
Chair: Frieda Ottmann (LMU)

Grace Ballor (Bocconi University)
“Germany in European Environmental and Climate Governance”

Stephen Gross (NYU)
“Energy Liberalization and Carbon Taxes in the 1990s: Germany and the European Union”

15:00–15:30

Coffee Break

15:30–17:00

Concluding Discussion

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