

# Anthropocene Objects and Environmental Futures

<b>Time</b>	5-7 July, 2015
<b>Venue</b>	The Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich, Germany
<b>Conveners</b>	Rob Emmett (RCC/Munich), Gregg Mitman (Center for Culture, History, and Environment, University of Wisconsin), and Marco Armiero (Environmental Humanities Lab, KTH Royal Institute of Technology Stockholm)
<b>Abstract</b>	This workshop is the second in a three part series, co-sponsored by the Rachel Carson Center, the Center for Culture, History and Environment (University of Wisconsin–Madison), and the Environmental Humanities Lab (KTH Stockholm).

## **Sunday, 5 July 2015      Deutsches Museum, Museuminsel**

### **14:00 – 16:45      Opening of the Cabinet of Curiosities Exhibition**

**Tour of the exhibition “Welcome to the Anthropocene: The Earth in Our Hands,” Nina Möllers and Helmuth Trischler, Deutsches Museum**

**Opening of the Cabinet of Curiosities, Helmuth Trischler, RCC / Deutsches Museum**

**17:00      Walk along the Isar River, dinner (self-organized)**

## **Monday, 6 July 2015      Rachel Carson Center, Leopoldstr. 11a**

### **09:00 – 10:45      I. Widespread, Invisible, and Violent**

Introduction

**“Marine Animal Satellite Tags”**

Nils Hanwahr, Rachel Carson Center

**“The Pesticide Pump and its Consequences**

Michelle Mart (with Cameron Muir), Pennsylvania State University

**10:45 – 11:00      Coffee Break**

**11:00 – 12:30      V. Sedimentation–Future Bedrock**

*“Concretes Speak”*

Rachel Harkness, Cristian Simonetti, and Judith Winter, University of Aberdeen

*“Entwined Futures: Coral, Climate and Human-Nature Hybridity”*

Josh Wodak, University of New South Wales

*“A Jar of Sand: Digging into the Anthropocene”*

Nicole Heller, Dwight Center of Conservation Science, Pepperwood Foundation  
Tomas Matza, University of Pittsburgh

**12:30 – 13:45 Lunch**

**13:45 – 15:30 III. Arts of De-extinction**

*“Freezing Life in the Anthropocene”*

Liz Hennessy, Assistant Professor of History, University of Wisconsin–Madison

*“The Affective Limits of Parataxis”*

Tom Bristow, University of Melbourne

*“Learning Extinct Birdsong: *Huia* Echoes”*

Julianne Lutz Warren, New York University

**15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break**

**15:45 – 17:30 IV. Reworking the Anthropocene**

*“On the Possibilities of a Monkey Wrench”*

Daegan Miller, University of Wisconsin–Madison

*“Future Fossils”*

Jared Farmer, Stony Brook University

*Commentary*

Laura Pulido, University of Southern California

Rob Nixon, University of Wisconsin-Madison (via Skype)

**17:45 Dinner at Georghof**

## Tuesday, 7 July 2015

### 9:00 – 10:30 **V. Visualizing Anthropocene Objects**

#### "Davies Road"

Mandy Martin and Trisha Carroll, New South Wales (via Skype)

#### "Seeing Ourselves"

Sverker Sörlin and Nina Woormbs, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

#### "Objects from Anna's Cabinet of Curiosities"

Judit Hersko, California State University San Marcos

#### "The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of the Anthropocene"

Bethany Wiggin, University of Pennsylvania

### 10:30 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**

### 10:45 – 12:30 **Final session**

Identifying cross-cutting concepts and gaps

Setting schedule for writing

Marco Armiero, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Rob Emmett, Rachel Carson Center

Gregg Mitman, University of Wisconsin–Madison

### 12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch, optional walk through the Englischer Garten (or train to airport)**