

Eco-ImagesAltering Environmental Discussions and Political Landscapes

Conveners Arielle Helmick (Rachel Carson Center) and

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Location Deutsches Museum, Seminarraum (Bibliotheksgebäude / Library Building)

A picture is worth a thousand words—especially when it depicts the natural environment. Images have played a prominent role in environmental discussions for years; pictures, paintings, and photographs have often been used to influence public opinion and advance political discussion. While the impact of oil paintings on the perception of land during the eighteenth and nineteenth century has been investigated to a certain extent, this workshop aims to subject the role of twentieth century images in diverse national campaigns to critical consideration. Papers will examine the role of images in shaping environmental discourses by analyzing the effect of photographs, printed photograph collections, newspaper images, and magazines as well as exhibitions or graphics (posters and logos) on environmental debates. The workshop will analyze the impact of "eco-images" by discussing the history of their perception and influence.

Wednesday, 18 April

19:00

10:00 - 10:30Welcome by RCC Director Christof Mauch Opening Remarks by Gisela Parak (Washington University St. Louis / Kunstakademie Stuttgart) I. Semiotics of Advertisement 10:30 - 11:15Moderation **Hubertus Kohle (LMU Munich)** Paolo Peverini (Luiss Guido Carli University of Rome) Discussant Unconventional Strategies and Environmental Campaigns **Coffee break** 11:15 - 11:3011:30 - 12:15 II. Media Campaigns I: Creating the Environmental Conscience Moderation **Hubertus Kohle (LMU Munich)** Discussant Oluwafemi Ladapo (Ministery of Justice, Nigeria) The Contributions of Cartoonists to Environmental Debates in Nigeria 12:15 - 14:00**Lunch break** 14:00 - 15:30**III. Preservation Campaigns and the American Wilderness** Moderation Arielle Helmick (RCC) **Discussants** Erika Bsumek (University of Texas) Picturing Preservation or Documenting Development? The Use of Navajo Imagery in Reclamation Projects and Environmental Debates from 1945-1970 Robin Kelsey (Harvard University) The Sierra Club Calendar and the Exclusive Property of Vision **Coffee break** 15:30 - 15:45IV. Media Campaigns II: Creating the Environmental Conscience 15:45 - 16:30Franziska Torma (RCC) Moderation Max Boykoff (University of Colorado) Discussant Understanding Contrarians as a Species of 'Charismatic Megafauna' in Contemporary Climate Science-Policy-Public Interactions

Dinner at Hofbräukeller, Innere Wiener Str. 19

Thursday, 19 April

09:30 – 11:00 V. Governmental Environmentalism during the Cold War

Moderation Christof Mauch (RCC)

Discussants Neil Maher (Rutgers University)

"Greetings from Apollo": How Space Race Postcards Masked the Military

Industrial Complex

Gisela Parak (Akademie der Bildenden Künste Stuttgart / Washington

University)

"Our Only World" - Documerica's Travel Exhibition as Role Model of

American Environmentalism

11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15 – 12:45 VI. Atomic Disasters and the Environment

Moderation Julia Herzberg (RCC)

Discussants Andreas Renner (University of Tübingen)

Under Cloudless Skies: Imagining the Nuclear Age in the Soviet Union

Maryia and Sergey Kizima (Academy of Public Administration / Dept. Of

International Relations, Belarus)

The Influence of Chernobyl Images on the Political Landscape of Belarus

12:45 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:15 – 15:00 Closing Discussion

Seminarraum – Bibliotheksgebäude/Library Building (Deutsches Museum)

Museumsinsel 1 80538 Munich



Public transport

By suburban train (S-Bahn): S1-8, disembark at Isartor.

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

By subway (U-Bahn): U1+2, disembark at Fraunhoferstraße.

- Take Bus 132 in 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 minutes walk)

Registration

The workshop is free and open to the public; however registration is required. Please send an e-mail to events@carsoncenter.lmu.de by April 14, 2012, to sign up.

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