This conference considers the historical relations between commodity markets and environments. How have environments been engineered, standardized and transformed within past trading systems? What have been the successes and failures of economic knowledge in dealing with resource production in complex environments? The conference will take a closer look at the environmental consequences of marketing and commodifying nature, and on phenomena such as the performance of commodity exchanges, trading networks, land markets, debt relations, quality assurance through standardization, insurance, consumer movements, and changes in governance regimes. Above all, this conference will reflect on the history of competing knowledge systems and their environmental effects.
**Wednesday 1 August**

14:00 - 14:30  Welcome

I.  Trading Environments
14:30 - 15:15  Andreas Dix (University of Bamberg)
Trading Environments: Commercial Knowledge and Environmental Transformations

II. Environmental Implications of Trade: Mobilizing Resources
15:15 - 16:00  Stephen Bell (University of California, Los Angeles)
New Frontiers and Natural Resources in Southern South America, c. 1820 -1870: Examples from Northwest European Mercantile Enterprise

16:00 - 16:30  Coffee break

16:30 - 17:15  Shawn van Ausdal (Universidad de los Andes/RCC)
Reimagining the Tropical Beef Frontier in Early 20th Century Colombia

III. Nature as Commodity
17:15 - 18:00  Corey Ross (University of Birmingham)
The Subterranean Frontier: Tin Mining, Empire and Environment in Southeast Asia, 1870s -1930s

18:00 - 19:00  Discussion  Craig Colten & Frank Uekötter

19:30  Dinner at Georgenhof Restaurant
Thursday 2 August

IV. Environmental Implications of Trade: Forests

09:00 - 09:45 Christian Lotz (Herder-Institut, Marburg)
Debating and Transforming Forestry: Economic and Ecological Issues of the Extension of the Timber Trade in the Baltic and North Sea Regions, 1850 -1914

09:45 - 10:30 Mathias Mutz (RWTH Aachen)
Industrializing Forests and Naturalizing Industrialization: Forests, Pulp Wood Trade, and Environmental Transformations

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

V. Land as Commodity

11:00 - 11:45 Esa Ruuskanen (University of Oulu, Finland)
Valuing Wetlands and Peatlands: Mires in the National Resource and Land Use Policies in the Nordic Countries from the Late 18th Century to the Present Day

11:45 - 12:30 Mike Roche (Massey University)
Lands for Settlement, Forests and National Parks: Nature and Value in New Zealand, 1890s to 1930s

12:30 - 13:15 Craig Colten (Louisiana State University)
From Ruin to Restoration: Revaluing the Rural Landscapes in the American South

13:15 -14:00 Lunch break

VI. Representing Nature to Market Commodities

14:00 - 14:45 Andreas Christoph (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)
Mapped Landscapes: From Knowledge to Market

14:45- 15:30 Gordon Winder (LMU Munich / RCC)
The Civilizing Machine: Advertising the McCormick Reaper, 1830 -1902

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

VII. Re-commodification

16:00 - 16:45 Sarah Surak (Salisbury University)
Pollution Management and the Regulation of Harm: Economic Responses to the Problem of Waste Electronics

16:45 - 17:30 Carmel Finley (Oregon State University / RCC)
Japan, Iceland and the Destruction of the American Fishing Industry

17:30 - 18:15 Discussion Craig Colten & Frank Uekötter

18:30 Dinner at Max-Emanuel-Brauerei & Biergarten
**Venue:** Rachel Carson Center  
Leopoldstr. 11a  
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- **Bus 154**, get off at the stop “Georgenstraße.” You will now be facing number 11a.

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