



## Imperialism, Narrative and the Environment

**Organization:** Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich

**Time & Venue:** 11–13 October 2012

Rachel Carson Center, Leopoldstr. 11a 80802 Munich

This workshop is situated in relation to the RCC's core research theme of ecological imperialism, and deals with environmental problems, such as climate change, deforestation, toxicity, the food crisis, and water and agricultural resource management. While the field of literary studies is sometimes seen as distant from empirical and scientific concerns about global climate change and other ecological crises, the workshop will emphasize the profound ways in which our understandings of the history of imperialism and the environment are embedded in language, narrative, media, and the cultural imagination. Participants will examine points of overlap and divergence in the narrative forms of imperial history and ecocriticism.

## Thursday 11 October

Location: Evangelische Studentengemeinde, Friedrichstraße 25

### Keynote

- Chair** Christof Mauch (RCC)
- 05:00 - 06:30** David Arnold (University of Warwick, UK)  
The Empire of Nature: Travel, Self, and Transformation
- 06:30 - 08:00** Reception

## Friday 12 October

Location: Rachel Carson Center, Leopoldstr. 11a

### I. Epistemologies of Climate Change

- Chair** Graham Huggan (University of Leeds, UK)
- 09:30 - 11:00** Ilan Kelman (Center for International Climate and Environmental Research, Oslo)  
George B. Handley (Brigham Young University, USA)  
Elizabeth DeLoughrey (Professor, University of California Los Angeles)
- 11:00 - 11:30** **Coffee break**

### II. Resource Extraction and World Ecology

- Chair** Sangeeta Ray (University of Maryland, College Park, USA)
- 11:30 - 01:00** Michael Niblett (University of Warwick, UK)  
Sharae Deckard (University College Dublin, Ireland)  
Byron Caminero-Santangelo (University of Kansas)
- 01:00 - 02:00** **Lunch break**

### III. Gardening, Ecology, Food Sovereignty

- Chair** Meenakshi Sharma (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India)
- 02:00 - 03:30** Susan K. Martin (Latrobe University, Australia)  
Jill Didur (Concordia University, Canada)  
Lisa Paravisini-Gebert (Vassar College, USA)
- 03:30 - 04:00** **Coffee break**

#### **IV. Disaster, Vulnerability, Planetaryity**

**Chair** Cheryl Lousely (Lakehead University, Canada / RCC)

**04:00 - 05:00** Anthony Carrigan (Keele University, UK / RCC)  
Graham Huggan (University of Leeds, UK)

**07:00** **Dinner** at Georgenhof, Friedrichstraße 1

### **Saturday 13 October**

Location: Rachel Carson Center, Leopoldstr. 11a

#### **V. Environmental Justice and Environmentalisms of the Poor**

**Chair** George B. Handley (Brigham Young University, USA)

**09:30 - 11:00** Anthony Vital (Transylvania University, USA)  
Sangeeta Ray (University of Maryland, College Park, USA)  
Jorge Marcone (Rutgers University, USA)

**11:00 - 11:30** **Coffee break**

#### **VI. Environmental Relocation and Resistance**

**Chair** Sharae Deckard (University College Dublin, Ireland)

**11:30 - 01:00** James D. Rice (State University of New York, USA)  
Jennifer Wenzel (University of Michigan, USA)  
Meenakshi Sharma (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India)

**01:00 - 02:00** **Lunch break**

#### **VII. Global Mappings**

**Chair** Ilan Kelman (Center for International Climate and Environmental Research, Norway)

**02:00 - 03:00** Cheryl Lousely (Lakehead University, Canada / RCC)  
Amy M. Hay (University of Texas, USA / RCC)

**03:00 - 03:30** **Coffee break**

#### **VIII. Closing Panel**

**Chair** Lisa Paravisini-Gebert (Vassar College, USA)

**03:30 - 05:30** General Discussion

**05:30** **End of Conference**

**Venue:** Rachel Carson Center  
Leopoldstr. 11a  
80802 Munich

**Transport:** By subway (U-Bahn):

- **U3/U6**, disembark at the stop "Giselastraße" and follow signs to the exit "Georgenstraße." On exiting the subway station, you will be on Leopoldstraße. The RCC is located just a few meters away.

By bus: Line 54 or 154

- **Bus 54**, get off at the stop "Giselastraße." You will now be on the corner of Leopoldstraße. Turn left onto Leopoldstraße and follow the street approximately 250 meters to number 11a.
- **Bus 154**, get off at the stop "Georgenstraße." You will now be facing number 11a.



**Registration:** This conference is free and open to the public; however registration is required.

