



Asian Environments

Governing Nature, Negotiating Knowledge, Constructing Subjectivities

Time and Venue: 30 November – 02 December 2012
Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society (RCC), Munich

Conveners: Ursula Münster (LMU Munich, RCC), Shiho Satsuka (University of Toronto, RCC), and Gunnel Cederlöf (Uppsala University)

Reflecting on the dynamic changes in environmental governance in Asia and its importance in the global context, the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society will host a two-day interdisciplinary workshop. The workshop aims to address in a comparative fashion how people in Asia have experienced changing forms of environmental governance in various places and at different historical periods. It will inquire into how they have negotiated and articulated modes of environmental knowledge and how their struggle and engagement with changing forms of nature management and competing knowledge systems have informed the construction of their subjectivities.

Friday 30 November

18:00 **Welcome Reception at the RCC**

Saturday 01 December

09:30–10:00 **Welcome Address and Introduction**

Christof Mauch (RCC) and the Organizers

10:00–11:30 **Landscape Making and Unintended Consequences**

Chair Frank Heidemann (LMU Munich, Germany)

Gunnel Cederlöf (Uppsala University, Sweden)

Rule against Nature: Founding an Empire on India's Northeastern Frontiers, 1790s–1830s

Ling Zhang (Boston College, USA)

A Journey of Sand: The Yellow River and Sandification of North China

Celia Lowe (University of Washington, USA)

Hidden Opportunities in REDD+: Indigenous Rights, Land Tenure Reform, and Anti-Corruption under a UN Climate Mitigation Strategy

11:30–12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00–13:00 **Health, Uncertainty and Environmental Subjectivities**

Chair Daniel Münster (Martin Luther University Halle, Germany)

Anna Lora-Wainwright (University of Oxford, UK)

Collective illness experiences and individual uncertainty: rural industrial pollution and lay epidemiology in China

Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt (Australian National University, Australia)

How did the BADA Construct the Lands and Waters (or how have Rivers come to be Associated with Damage and Destruction) in Riverine Bengal

13:00–14:00 **Lunch**

14:00–15:30 **Emerging Futures, Ecological Decline and Marginalization**

Chair Sabine Dabringhaus (University of Freiburg, Germany)

Ralph Litzinger (Duke University, USA)

Labor, Life, and Death: The Campaign Against Apple in China

Bridget Love (University of Oklahoma, USA/ RCC)

Decentering Japan: Ecomuseums and Activism from the Regions

Vipul Singh (University of Delhi, India)

Landscape Transformation in the Gangetic Basin: Land-Use Change and Emergence of Clay Brick Making (1850s – 2000s)

15:30–16:00	Coffee break
16:00–17:00	Open Discussion
Chair	Gunnel Cederlöf (Uppsala University, Sweden)
19:00	Conference Dinner

Sunday 02 December

09:30–11:00 **Commodifying Nature, Knowing Landscapes, Preserving Ecology**

Chair	Siddharta Krishnan (Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, India/ RCC)
	John Knight (University of Oxford, UK) Viewing Forest Monkeys: Macaque Tourism and Conservation in Postwar Japan
	Ursula Münster (Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, Germany/ RCC) Working for the “Forest”: Invisible Labor, Skills and Knowledge in Kerala’s Wildlife Conservation, South India
	Arupyoti Saika (Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India) When Natural Resources Became Commodities: Framing Environmental Governance in Assam during 1830s -2000s

11:00–11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30–13:00 **Contested Knowledge, Human Non-Human Relations**

Chair	Derya Özkan (Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, Germany)
	Shiho Satsuka (University of Toronto/ RCC) Charisma of Wild Mushroom: Envisioning Multi-species Commons in Post-Industrial Japan
	Eleana Kim (University of Rochester, USA) Endangered Cranes and Construction Cranes: Nature, Knowledge, and Temporality in the Korean Demilitarized Zone
	Sanjukta Das Gupta (Calcutta University, India) Colonial Policies and the Transformation of Indigenous Production Systems in Bengal’s Western Frontier

13:00–14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00–15:30 Governmentality and Movements

Chair Peter Boomgaard (KITLV, Netherlands/ RCC)

Peter J. Brosius (University of Georgia, USA) (with Sarah L. Hitchner)
Between Conservation and Extraction: Forest Futures in the Heart of Borneo

Bao Maohong (University of Peking, China/ RCC)
The political culture of the CCP and environmentalism in China

Iftekhar Iqbal (University of Dhaka, Bangladesh)
Governance and Eco-subjectivity in colonial Bengal Delta

15:30–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–17:30 Closing Panel – General Discussion

Chairs Shiho Satsuka (University of Toronto/ RCC) & Ursula Münster (Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, Germany)

Venue Rachel Carson Center, Leopoldstr. 11a, 80802 Munich

Transport By subway (U-Bahn):

- **U3/U6**, disembark at 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 Giselastraße. You will now be next to Leopoldstraße. Facing Leopoldstraße, turn left and follow the street approximately 250 meters to number 11a.
- **Bus 154**, get off at Georgenstraße. You will now be facing number 11a.



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