



Rivers, Cities, Historical Interactions

- Time** 21 - 23 February 2013
- Venue** Internationales Begegnungszentrum der Wissenschaft (IBZ)
Amalienstraße 38, 80799 Munich
- Conveners** Martin Knoll (Darmstadt Technical University), Uwe Lübken (RCC), and Dieter Schott
Darmstadt Technical University)
- Abstract** The historical co-evolution of cities and rivers is a research topic that requires both an urban and an environmental perspective. Rivers have been essential to the foundation, growth, prosperity and development of many major cities around the world. At the same time, cities have considerably altered rivers and created their own hydraulic regimes. Focusing on cities in different world regions, this conference will explore city-river relations as an essential part of urban environmental history.

Thursday 21 February

17:00 – 17:15 Introduction

Introductory remarks by RCC director and conveners

17:15–18:45 **Cities and their Watersheds I**

Chair Dieter Schott (Darmstadt Technical University)

Sabine Barles (Université Paris 1)

[The Seine, a Parisian River? Imprints, Control and Dependencies, late 17th through 20th Centuries](#)

Giacomo Parrinello (RCC/University of Siena)

[Urban Sprawl and River Basin: A Methodological Exploration of the Po Valley](#)

Friday 22 February

09:00–10:30 **Cities and their Watersheds II**

Chair Sabine Dabringhaus (University of Freiburg)

Shirley Ye (Harvard University)

[Local Rivers, Global City: Spatial Politics and the Making of Modern Shanghai](#)

Vanessa Taylor (University of Greenwich)

[Watershed Democracy or Ecological Hinterland? London and the Thames River Basin, 1960-89](#)

10:30–11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00–13:00 **Rivers Lost – Rivers Re-gained I**

Chair Dieter Schott (Darmstadt Technical University)

Donna Rilling (SUNY, Stony Brook)

[Who Damned Mill Creek? Transforming a Nineteenth-Century Watercourse and its Neighborhood](#)

Louise Nelson Dyble (Michigan Technological University)

[Fate of the Calumet: Continuity and Confluence between Economic Policy and the Urban Environment](#)

Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris)

[The City Whose Rivers Disappeared: Nantes, 1850-1950](#)

13:00–14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00–15:30 Rivers Lost – Rivers Re-gained II

Chair Ellen Arnold (RCC/Ohio Wesleyan University)

David Stradling (University of Cincinnati)

The New Cuyahoga: Straightening Cleveland's Crooked River

Harold Platt (Loyola University Chicago)

"A Ridiculous Failure of Government": The Chicago River in the Age of Ecology

15:30–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–18:00 River Management and Urban Strategies I

Chair Christof Mauch (RCC)

Christoph Bernhardt (IRS Erkner)

Urbanising a River: Strasbourg and the Rhine in the Long 19th Century

Daniel MacFarlane (Carleton University, Ottawa)

Dam the Consequences: Montreal, Cornwall, and the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project

Vladimir Sanchez (Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá)

The Relationship between the Tunjuelo River and Bogotá (Colombia) during the 20th Century: Dams, Gravel and Flooding

Saturday 23 February

09:00–10:30 River Management and Urban Strategies II

Chair Eva Jakobsson (RCC/University of Stavanger)

Carlos Gomez Florentin (SUNY, Stony Brook)

Dammed City: Ciudad del Este, the Parana River and the Itaipu Dam (1957-1991)

Dirk Schubert (HafenCity University Hamburg)

From "Silent Spring" to Turbulent Future – Managing the River Elbe and the Requirements of the Open Tidal Seaport Hamburg

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–13:00 Making Sense of Rivers I

Chair Martin Knoll (Darmstadt Technical University)

Igor Chabrowski (European University Institute, Florence)

Rivers as Prisms of Urban Imagining – Easter Sichuan Work Songs

Michael Toyka-Seid (Darmstadt Technical University)

Shared waters, Shared Conceptions? Two Rhine Cities on the Long and Winding Road to Urban Sustainable Development

Agnes Kneitz (RCC)

Polluted Thames – Declining City: London as an Ecosystem in Charles Dickens' "Our Mutual Friend"

13:00–14:00 Lunch break

14:00–16:00 Making Sense of Rivers II

Chair Uwe Lübken (RCC)

Awadhendra Sharan (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi)
[The River Ganges as an Urban Sink: What Difference did Colonialism Make?](#)

Guido Hausmann (Jena University)
[Kiev and the Dnepr as a Socialist Urban Landscape \(1930s-1970s\)](#)

Shelley Hornstein (York University)
[Union is a Raging River, or Remembering Fez as the River Remembers](#)

16:00–17:00 Final Discussion

Chairs Martin Knoll, Uwe Lübken, and Dieter Schott

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

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