



Culture and the Anthropocene

Organization: Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich
Alexander von Humboldt Transatlantic Network

Time & Venue: 14 –16 June 2013
Rachel Carson Center & IBZ Munich

The RCC and the Humboldt Network are collaborating on a conference that explores the cultural dimension of the Anthropocene, a concept that was coined over a decade ago by atmospheric scientists to indicate the geologic dimension of man’s impact on Earth. Panels will address “Literary Modes of the Anthropocene,” “Medial Images of the Anthropocene,” “Cultural Landscapes and Narratives,” and “Transdisciplinary Conversations about Geology and Literature,” and “Beyond Sustainability: Conceptualizing the Anthropocene.” Scholars from the humanities, history, philosophy, and sciences come together to discuss a global society and culture.

Friday 14 June (at Rachel Carson Center)

14:00–14:15 **Welcome**
Sabine Wilke and Christof Mauch

Panel **Literary Modes of the Anthropocene**

Chair Rob Emmett (RCC)

14:15–15:45 Wolfgang Struck (Universität Erfurt)
Genesis, retold: Representations of the Anthropocene

Sabine Noellgen (University of Washington)
The Tempi of the Anthropocene: Future Perfect in Julia Schoch's *Wo Venedig einst gestanden haben wird* and Kathrin Röggl's *Die Alarmbereiten*

15:45–16:15 **Coffee break**

Panel **Cultural Landscapes and Narratives**

Chair Agnes Kneitz (RCC)

16:45–18:15 Bernhard Malkmus (Ohio State University)
The Natural History of the Anthropocene: The Reclamation of Space in Graham Swift and W.G. Sebald

Axel Goodbody (University of Bath, UK)
Risk, Denial, and Cultural Framing in Climate Change Fiction: Barbara Kingsolver's *Flight Behaviour* and Ilija Trojanow's *Melting Ice*

18:15–18:45 Discussion of collaborative projects

19:00 **Dinner** at Georgenhof

Saturday 15 June (at IBZ)

Workshop **Non-Human Agencies in the Anthropocene**

9:30–10:45 Gabriele Dürbeck (Universität Vechta)
Caroline Schaumann (Emory College, GA)
Heather Sullivan (Trinity College, TX)

10:45–11:15 **Coffee break**

Panel **Medial Images of the Anthropocene**

Chair Nina Möllers (Deutsches Museum/RCC)

11:15–12:45 Sabine Frost (University of Washington)
Der Wald will nicht, dass die Menschen zurückkommen: Literary and Filmic Imagination of Nature and Humanity in *Die Wand*

Thomas Lekan (University of South Carolina/RCC)
The Blue Marble: Aerial Photography, Spacecraft Imagery, and the Anthropogenic
Landscapes of Modernity

12:45–13:45 Lunch break

Panel Critical Theory in the Anthropocene

Chair Helmuth Trischler (Deutsches Museum/RCC)

13:45–15:15 Sabine Wilke (University of Washington/RCC)
Sleepless in the Anthropocene: Towards an Ethics and Aesthetics in a New
Geological Age

Amos Nascimento (University of Washington, Tacoma)
Cosmopolitanism and the Anthropocene: A Case for Environmental Ethics and
Environmental Justice on a Global Scale

15:15–15:45 Coffee break

Tandem Transdisciplinary Conversations about Geology and Literature

15:45–16:45 Christof Mauch (RCC)
Reinhold Leinfelder (FU Berlin/RCC)
Georg Braungart (Eberhard-Karls-Universität, Tübingen)

16:45–17:15 Coffee break

Keynote Conceptualizing the Anthropocene: Challenges and Opportunities

Chair Helmuth Trischler (Deutsches Museum/RCC)

17:15–18:30 Wolfram Mauser (LMU Munich)
Jens Kersten (LMU Munich)
Ursula Heise (University of California, Los Angeles)

19:00 Dinner at Café Alt-Schwabing

Sunday 16 June (at IBZ)

Panel Proto-Ecological Discourses in the Nineteenth Century

Chair Axel Goodbody (University of Bath, UK)

09:45–11:15 Sean Ireton (University of Missouri)
Adalbert Stifter and the Gentle Anthropocene
Evi Zemanek (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg)
Proto-Ecological Discourses in Poetic Realism

11:15–11:45 Coffee break

Network Meeting

11:45–13:00 Collaborative Publications, Future Conferences, Website Features, GSA Network

13:00 **Light brunch**

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Registration: This conference is free and open to the public, however, registration is required. Please send an e-mail to events@carsoncenter.lmu.de by 7 June 2013 to sign up.

