



Hazardous Time-Scapes: How to Make Sense of Toxic Landscapes from Multiple Timed, Spaced, and Embodied Perspectives?

Time 30 November -2 December 2017

Venue The Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich, Germany

Conveners The Deadly Dreams Network, the Hazardous Travels DFG Emmy Noether Research Group, and the Center for the History of Global Development Shanghai

Abstract Toxic landscapes are ideal places to study multiple and overlapping time and space regimes. Toxins, such as heavy metals or radioactive molecules, can mark landscapes and their inhabitants for generations or centuries while also imprinting on the dominant framework of industrial clock-time. Further, the very same material can be considered toxic or non-toxic depending on their location. It may be hazardous waste in one country and recycling material in the next. The workshop Hazardous Time-scapes seeks to understand human-environment relationships through the lens of multiple overlapping time, space, and body regimes as they have (and continue to) play out in toxic landscapes.

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Thursday, 30 November 2017

4.30–5.00 pm **Arrival and Check-in**

5.00–5.30 pm **Welcome and Introductory Words**

5.30–7.00 pm **Poetry Reading**

Christopher Cokinos (University of Arizona)

“How many Speeds in this Account? Poems of Place, Deep Time and Flows”

A Poet’s Perspective on *Hazardous Time-Scapes* followed by a Discussion and Get Together

Friday, 1 December 2017

9.00–10:15 am **Session 1: Hazardous Narratives**
Moderator: Tom Idema (RCC)

Marco Armiero and Ilenia Lengo (KTH Royal Institute of Technology)
“Toxic Bios: Traversing Hazardous Time-scapes Through Corporeal Storytelling”

Thom Davies (University of Warwick)

“Toxic Temporalities: Necropolitical Pollution and Slow Violence in ‘Cancer Alley’”

10.15–10.45 am **Break**

10.45 am–12:30 pm **Session 1: Hazardous Narratives (Continued)**

Maximilian Feichtner (RCC/HazTrav)

“The Blood of the Earth: Spatio-temporal Imaginaries of Toxic Landscapes”

Tora Rundhovde (Agder University)

“Remembering and Envisioning Hazardous Time-scapes: Osterøy and the Hazardous Nature around the Island’s Tanneries”

12.30–1.30 pm **Lunch**

1.30–3.00 pm **Session 2: Future-Scapes**
Moderator: Jonas Stuck (RCC/HazTrav)

Anna-Katharine Laboissiere (Curtin University)

“Lethally Entangled: Biodiversity Repositories in Toxic Contexts”

Jason R. Parry (Binghamton University)
"The Toxic Water Clock: On the Salton Sea and Project Iceworm"

3.00–3.30 pm **Break**

3.30–5.30 pm **Session 3: Multiple Generations**
Moderator: Simone Müller (RCC/HazTrav)

May-Brith Ohman Nielsen (Agder University)
"Exploring Generations as Toxic Timescapes, Norway 1837-2017"

Mrinalini Shrinde (University of Cologne)
"Bhopal's Problem Child: Intergenerational Equity and Environmental Liability in a Toxic Landscape"

Michael Peterson (DePaul University)
"To Know What Will Be Known: Thinking the Inheritance of Nuclear Waste Repositories with Gramsci and Derrida"

7.00 pm **Conference Dinner at Arabesk (Kaulbachstr. 86)**

Saturday, 2 December 2017

9.00–10:15 am **Session 4: Un-Seeing Toxicity?**
Moderator: May-Brith Ohman Nielsen (Agder University)

Bettina Wahrig (TU Braunschweig)
"Processing Toxicology: Understanding Time Patterns between Linearity and Paradox in 19th and 20th Century"

Malcom Ferdinand (Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies)
"Postcolonial Toxic Time-scapes in the Caribbean: Phenomenology and Politics of Chlordecone Contamination in Martinique and Guadeloupe (1972-2017)"

10.15–10.45 am **Break**

10.45 am–12:30 pm **Session 4: Un-Seeing Toxicity? (Continued)**

Iris Borowy (Shanghai University)
"Trying to Get it Very Far Away for a Very Long Time: Dumping Radioactive Waste Into the Sea, 1972-1993"

Sebastian Ureta, Patricio Flores, and Linda Soneryd (Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile/ University of Gothenburg)
"Toxic Circularity: Assembling and Mobilizing Harmed Bodies on the 'Arica Victims KB v. Boliden Minerals' Case"

12.30–1.30 pm

Lunch

1.30–2.45 pm

Session 5: Hazardous Co-Habitations

Moderator: Iris Borowy (Shanghai University)

Astrid Kirchhof (Humboldt University)

"Gorleben's Final Storage Repository in the 1980s. Dangers, Disputes and Defense"

Jesse Peterson (KTH Royal Institute of Technology)

"Algid Wastelands: Toxic Potentiality and Disgust in Swedish Waters"

2.45–3.10 pm

Break

3.10–4.20 pm

Session 6: Bodily Experiences

Moderator: Ayushi Dhawan (RCC/HazTrav)

David Biggs (University of California)

"The Itineraries Project. Episode II: Bastogne"

Jim Webb (Colby College)

"The First Great Toxic Pollutant: The Legacy of the Water-borne Disposal of Human Waste"

4.20–5.00 pm

Concluding Comments, Summary, Feedback, and Final Discussion