



## Environmental Histories—Environmental Futures: Perspectives from Germany and Italy

**Time** 17-21 June 2019

**Venue** Villa Vigoni, German-Italian Centre for European Excellence, Italy

**Conveners** Roberta Biasillo (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm), Claudio de Majo (Rachel Carson Center, Munich), Serenella Iovino (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Christof Mauch (Rachel Carson Center, Munich)

**Abstract** Italian and German scholars have made significant contributions in the field of environmental history over the last decades. They have often focused on many of the same topics in their research, most importantly in the fields of “transformation of landscapes,” “urban environmental history” (including pollution), and “natural catastrophes.” This event will bring together younger and established scholars from the two countries for the first time to discuss explicitly the similarities and differences between their national-environmental histories, the challenges faced by the subdiscipline today, and ways in which environmental history is relevant today and will be in the future.

## Monday, 17 June

- 15:00-17:00**            **Arrival and Registration**
- 17:00**                    **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**  
Christof Mauch (RCC) and Serenella Iovino (UNC-Chapel Hill)
- 19:00**                    **Aperitif**
- 19:30**                    **Opening Dinner**

## Tuesday, 18 June

- 8:00 - 9:00**            **Breakfast**
- 9:00 - 18:00**           **WRITING HISTORY FOR THE FUTURE: Writing Workshop**  
Rebecca Giggs (Macquarie University) and Katie Ritson (RCC)
- 11:00 - 11:30**            **Coffee Break**
- 13:00 - 14:30**            **Lunch**
- 16:00 - 16:30**            **Coffee Break**
- 18:00 - 19:00**           **KEYNOTE SPEECHES**
- Nadin Heé (Free University of Berlin)  
'German Environmental History'
- Luigi Piccioni (University of Calabria)  
'Italian Environmental History'
- 19:30**                    **Dinner**

## Wednesday, 19 June

- 8:00 - 9:00**            **Breakfast**
- 9:00 - 10:30**           **GERMANY, CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**  
(Chair: Roberta Biasillo, KTH Royal Institute of Technology)
- Ansgar Schanbacher (University of Göttingen)  
'Early modern environmental urban history of central Europe'

David-Christopher Assmann (Goethe University Frankfurt)  
'Garbage, waste, rubbish, etc. in German literature since the late nineteenth century'

**10:30 - 11:00**            **Coffee Break**

**11:00 - 13:00**            **GERMANY, CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**  
(Chair: Wilko Graf von Hardenberg, Max Planck Institute for the  
History of Science)

Noemi Quagliati (RCC)  
'Photography, Landscape, and German Visual Culture in WWI'

Astrid Kirchhof (Humboldt University of Berlin)  
'East German Environmental History'

Sophie Lange (Humboldt University of Berlin)  
'Environmental Politics of East and West Germany'

**13:00 - 14:30**            **Lunch**

**14:30 - 16:00**            **WATER HISTORIES**  
(Chair: Claudio de Majo, RCC)

Giacomo Bonan (University of Bologna)  
'An Alpine Energy Transition - the Piave River from Charcoal to 'White Coal''

Fabian Zimmer (RCC)  
'Hydroelectricity in the (French and German) Alps and in Scandinavia'

**16:00 - 16:30**            **Coffee Break**

**16:30 - 18:00**            **WATER HISTORIES**  
(Chair: Maurizio Valsania, University of Turin)

Flora Roberts (University of Tübingen)  
'Water (rivers and dams mainly) in Soviet Central Asia'

Angelo Matteo Caglioti (Columbia University)  
'The Hydro-Politics of Italian Colonialism. Science, Water and Empire in the Horn of Africa'

**19:30**                      **Dinner**

## Thursday, 20 June

**8:00 - 9:00**                    **Breakfast**

**9:00 - 11:00**                    **SOCIETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**  
(Chair: Gabriela Corona, University of Naples Federico II)

Claudio de Majo (RCC)  
'Writing About Multi-Species Alliances in the Ecological Mesh: An Autobiographically Neo-Materialist Perspective'

Marco Moschetti (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)  
'The good relationship between Italian Americans and African Americans in Louisiana at the end of the XIX century and the bad relations in Chicago in the '50 - '60'

Gilberto Mazzoli (European University Institute Florence)  
'Migrants' Urban Ecologies'

**11:00 - 11:30**                    **Coffee Break**

**11:30 - 13:00**                    **CONCLUDING REMARKS**  
Christof Mauch (RCC) and Serenella Iovino (UNC-Chapel Hill)

**13:00 - 14:30**                    **Lunch**

**14:30 - 16:30**                    **DISCUSSION OF PUBLICATION VENUES & POSSIBILITIES**  
Katie Ritson (RCC)

**16:30 - 17:00**                    **Coffee Break**

**19:30**                                **Concluding Dinner**

## Friday, 21 June

**8:00 - 9:00**                    **Breakfast**

**Until 10:00**                    **Departure**