

# Flows, Histories, and Politics of Pollution in Europe (17–20 Century)

Online workshop

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*Conveners: Andrei Vinogradov (Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society) and Professor Julia Herzberg (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München).*

## August 28

14:00-14:15  
(CET)

*Julia Herzberg, LMU Munich*  
*Andrei Vinogradov, Rachel Carson Center*  
**Welcoming address and introductory remarks**

14:15-15:45

**Pollution in between: studying pollution beyond and across the borders.**  
Chair: Michel Dupuy.

*Michel Dupuy (Institut d'Histoire Moderne et Contemporaine, Paris)*  
Built an epistemic community in central Europe against air pollution (1956-1966)

*Katrin Kleemann (Rachel Carson Center, Munich)*  
Volcanic pollution in the summer of 1783 impacted human health and vegetation in Western Europe

*Odinn Melsted (University of Innsbruck)*  
Adapting to pollution challenges: the “desulfurization” of the Austrian energy system in transnational perspective, 1960-1990

*Markus Lay (Universität des Saarlandes)*  
The romanticism of hell. The environmental history of the Saar-region in the 19<sup>th</sup> century

16:00-17:30

**Inventing pollution: challenging ideas and perceptions of pollution across space and time.** Chair: Franziska Neumann.

*Franziska Neumann (Universität Rostock)*  
Dirty trades and stinking privies? Waste, pollution, and the materiality of London's 18<sup>th</sup> century waste regime

*Andrei Vinogradov (Rachel Carson Center, Munich), Stanislav Petriashin (Russian Ethnographical Museum, St Petersburg)*  
Toxic histories: pollution timescapes around chemical factories of the 'Ushkov & Co.' Association (1850-2020)

*Mitya Pearson (University of Cambridge)*  
How 'the environment' became political in Britain – a 'life story' approach, 1973-79

## August 29

- 14:00-15:30 **Water pollution in Europe.** Chair: Alicia Gutting.
- Taylor Zajicek (Princeton University)*  
Soviet effluence on the Black Sea: environmental policy, marine pollution, and wastewater treatment in the Brezhnev-era
- José Rafael Soares (Universidade do Minho, Braga)*  
The waters of transgressors: the case of industrial pollution in the River Ave Hydrographic Basin
- Alicia Gutting (KTH Royal Institute of Technology)*  
Supplying drinking water from Germany's nuclear core. The case of Eggenstein-Leopoldshafen's *Wasserkonzept 2000*
- 15:45-17:15 **Looking beyond Europe: pollution in global and comparative perspectives.** Chair: Tatiana Konrad.
- Tatiana Konrad (University of Vienna)*  
The petroproduct: on plastics, capitalism, and oil
- Iva Pesa (University of Groningen)*  
Between waste and profit: environmental values on the Central African Copperbelt
- Eda Acara (Bakırçay University)*  
Hydro-social politics of class and ethnicity across the polluted landscapes of the Ergene River
- 17:30-18:00 **Concluding remarks**