

“Environmental Pasts and Futures”

Young Scholars Forum “Suppressed Pasts and Liberated Futures”
Panels “Beyond Dualism—Thinking Creatively Across Worlds”
Roundtables

July 8–10, 2026
(Preliminary Schedule)

Location: Evangelische Akademie Tutzing, Schlossstr. 2+4, 82327 Tutzing, Germany

Wednesday, July 8

13:00–14:00	Arrival and Registration
14:00–14:30	Conference Welcome and Introduction by Sonja Dümpelmann and Christof Mauch
14:30–15:30	Young Scholars Forum Tandems: “Suppressed Pasts and Liberated Futures” Lightning Talks <i>Searching for the Beasts in the Archive as Abolitionist Praxis</i> Lizzie Hobbs (London School of Economics and Political Science) Senel Wanniarachchi (University of Oxford’s School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, London School of Economics and Political Science) <i>Living Boundaries: Human–More–than–Human Practices of Conservation in Postcolonial Vietnam</i> Phi Nguyen (Yale University) Ngoc Hoang (Independent Researcher) <i>Photographing the Wild: Ethology, Violence, and the Colonial Legacies of Capture</i> Anisha Palat (Independent Researcher) Ashni Dhawale (San Diego State University) <i>Between “Data” and “Experience”: A Transdisciplinary Effort to Understanding Tibetan Grassland Changes</i> Petra Steffen (Planungsgemeinschaft LaReG) Siran Liang (TU Braunschweig)
15:30–16:00	Break

16:00–17:00 Panel I: Natural and Supernatural Convergence in the Little Ice Age of Asia and Europe

Joana van de Löcht (University of Münster)
Chen ZHANG (Hong Kong Baptist University)
Yizhou WANG (Hong Kong Chu Hai College)
Rahel Schär (Institute of History, University of Bern)

17:00–18:30 Roundtable I: Environmental Humanities, Institutions

Moderators: Sonja Dümpelmann and Christof Mauch

Dolly Jørgensen (University of Stavanger)
Catherine Rigby (University of Cologne)
Francesca Tarocco (Ca' Foscari University Venice)
Thaïsa Way (Dumbarton Oaks)

18:30–19:30 Dinner (for registered participants)**20:00 Reception for all (vouchers for participants)****Thursday, July 9****08:00–09:00 Breakfast (for registered participants)****9:00–10:00 Panel II: Plantiness in the Plantationocene: Vegetal Bodies, Decolonial Knowledge, and Environmental Politics in Southeast Asia**

Gaik Cheng Khoo (Sunway University)
Jennifer R. Morris (British Museum)
Jueling Hu (University of Fribourg, University of Amsterdam)
Syarifah Nadhirah (SOAS University of London)

10:00–11:00 Panel III: Developing Interactional Expertise to Move Beyond Dualism: Case Studies from India, Alaska, England, and Antarctica

Aishwarya Ramachandran (Ashoka Centre for a People-Centric Energy Transition)
Adrian Howkins (University of Bristol)
Ben Bobowski (Former Superintendent of Wrangell St. Elias National Park)
Steve Chignell (Independent Researcher)

11:00–11:30 Break**11:30–12:30 Panel IV: Dams, Displacements, Legacies: Reservoir Construction and Drowned Communities from a Multidisciplinary Perspective**

Mererid Puw Davies (University College London)
Sebastian De Pretto (University of Bern)
Laurent Dissard (University of Pau and École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), France)
Anna Koch (University College London)

12:30–13:30	Lunch (for registered participants)
13:30–14:30	Panel V: Pelicans, Fruits, and Pelts: Multispecies Entanglements in the Americas & Europe Marian Leech (University of Pennsylvania) Marcy Norton (University of Pennsylvania) Vikram Tamboli (Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, UCLA) Alexandro Solórzano (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro)
14:30–15:30	Panel VI: Extractive Technologies, Ecospirituality and the Sustainability of the Mangrove Ecosystems in the Niger Delta and Mississippi Delta's Oilscapes Abosede Omowumi Babatunde (University of Ilorin) Jackson Tamunosaki (University of Groningen) Anthony Chukwudumebi Obute (University of Tübingen) Jemima O'Farrell (University of Galway)
15:30–17:00	Break
17:30–18:30	Panel VII: The Whale in the Room: Music, Language, and Meaning Maria Comuzzo (Brandeis University) David Rothenberg (New Jersey Institute of Technology) Heather Woodson-Gammon (University of Nevada) Alex South (Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, University of St Andrews)
18:30–19:30	Dinner (for registered participants)
20:00	Reception for all (vouchers for participants)
Friday, July 10	
08:00–09:00	Breakfast (for registered participants)
10:00–11:00	Panel VIII: Edges and Thresholds of Incorporation: Multispecies Ecologies of Absence, Flourish, and Speculation in Global Asia Nga Shi Yeu (Stockholm University) Rusana Novikova (University of California, Berkeley) Gina Grace Song Lopez (Lund University) Agathe Lemaitre (Montpellier and Paris)
11:00–11:30	Coffee Break

10:30–12:30	Panel IX: Fermenting Dualisms: Human–Microbial Relations Beyond the Environment/Technology Divide Aaron Bradshaw (Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg) Maya Hey (University of Helsinki) Stephanie Sacco (Universidade Federal da Paraíba) Nikolai Siimes (University of Auckland)
12:30–13:30	Lunch (for registered participants)
13:30–15:00	Roundtable II: The Future of the Environmental Humanities—Trends and Themes Moderators: Sonja Dümpelmann and Christof Mauch Simon Richter (University of Pennsylvania) Sverker Sörlin (KTH Stockholm) Henriette Steiner (University of Copenhagen) Sule Emmanuel Egya (Badamasi Babangida University)
15:00–17:00	Lakeside Walk (optional)
17:00–19:00	A Celebration (Farewell Event for Christof Mauch; for invited guests)