

**Wetlands Across Boundaries:  
Multidisciplinary Perspectives on History, Ecology, and Future Challenges  
4–6 August 2025**

**Conveners:** Paolo Gruppuso, Christof Mauch, Emily O’Gorman

**Day 1: Monday, 4 August**  
**Rachel Carson Center, Munich**

10:00–10:30      **Welcome**

10:30–12:30      **Session I: Wetland Stories – Wetland Histories**

Francesco Vallerani (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)  
*“Coastal Wetlands From Demonization to Ramsar-Induced  
Perceptions: The Case of Eastern Veneto and Friuli Lagoons”*

Amina Chouaïri (Iuav University of Venice)  
*“Unruly Marshes: The Death and Life of Casse di colmata in the  
Venice Lagoon”*

Pietro Consolandi (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)  
*“A Breathing Lagoon and Her Voyage Towards Legal Recognition”*

Adele Stock (Stanford University)  
*“Archival Dehydration: Writing-Emplaced Wetland Histories on  
Unstable Ground”*

12:30–14:00      **Lunch Break**

14:00–16:00      **Session II: Wetland Creatures**

Andrew Whitehouse (University of Aberdeen)  
*“Wetlands I have known”*

Thomas Galewski (Tour du Valat)  
*“Understanding and Protecting Mediterranean Wetlands:  
Trajectories of an Ecosystem and its Birds”*

Swantje Furtak (Rachel Carson Center)  
*“Understanding Peatland Creatures as Globally Connected: What  
Stories Do We Tell?”*

Taej Mundkur (Wetlands International)  
*“Conserving the World’s Coastal Wetlands: Urgency for  
Collaboration to Protect All Major Flyways and Other Biodiversity”*

16:00–16:15      **Coffee Break**

16:15–17:30

**Session II continued**

Paolo Gruppuso (Rachel Carson Center)

*"Exploring the Potential for a Wetland Anthropology: A Conversation and Not a Statement"*

Christof Mauch (Rachel Carson Center)

*"Ocean of Grass: Past and Future of the Everglades, Florida"*

18:30

**Dinner**

**Day 2: Tuesday, 5 August**

**Day Trip to Nantesbuch (Penzberg)**

9:00

**Departure from Munich Central Station**

10:15–11:00

**Welcome** from Sinan von Stietencron

11:00–12:00

**Keynote: Matthias Drösler**

(University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan-Triesdorf)

*"Why to Preserve Peatlands? Peculiarities and Ecosystem Functions"*

12:00–13:00

**Lunch Break**

13:00–16:30

**Fieldtrip**

Curating Wetland Nature (Sinan von Stietencron)

Birding (Andrew Whitehouse)

16:30

**Return from Fieldtrip**

17:04–18:00

**Return Trip to Munich Central Station from Penzberg Train Station**

**Day 3: Wednesday, 6 August**

**Rachel Carson Center, Munich**

10:00–11:30

**Session III: Wetland Imaginaries**

Chris Fremantle (Gray's School of Art, Robert Gordon University)

*"Marsh, Mud, and Wonder: Thinking with Artists with Wetlands"*

Rebecca Chesney (Artist-in-Residence, Hospitalfield)

*"Future Wet Lands?"*

Enaie Azambuja and Nicola Thomas (Lancaster University)

*"Wetland Times: Flows and Ruptures Across Two Tidal Landscapes"*

11:30–11:45

**Coffee Break**

11:45–12:30

**Session IV: Collective Discussion**

12:30–14:00

**Sojourn**