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CRISES AND METHODS - ENVHUM PERSPECTIVES

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**Thai farmers and the environmental humanities:
Using social sciences methods for enquiry into human-ecology relationships in
small-scale agriculture**



**Knowing places otherwise:
integrated approaches to explore socioecological relations**

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Ongoing research project:

Fostering the health-nutrition-ecology nexus: organic farming practices and household resilience in rural Bangladesh and Thailand

Judith is a cultural geographer with a particular interest in organic farming practices and the interrelations of food, health, and ecology. With her current DFG-funded research “Fostering the health-nutrition-ecology nexus. Organic farming practices and household resilience in rural Bangladesh and Thailand”, she became a research fellow at the Rachel Carson Center (RCC). The project investigates how rural smallholder households improve their resilience to overlapping social-ecological crises through adopting organic farming practices. Judith is also an associate researcher with the Institute for Social-Ecological Research (ISOE).

Before that, Judith worked as a research assistant at Kiel University and University of Vechta, and held a postdoctoral fellowship from the Indo-German Center for Sustainability at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras IITM. She received her PhD from University of Cologne in 2016 through empirical research on pioneers in Bangkok’s organic food movement.

Having a background in linguistics as well, she has a strong interest for environmental and agricultural discourses and for ecolinguistics. One of her overarching ambitions is to shape relatable new narratives to live by.





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Ongoing research project:

ReWet. An Environmental Anthropology of Wetlands

Paolo Gruppuso is an anthropologist researching water landscapes, nature conservation, and more-than-human socialities at the intersection of social anthropology and the environmental humanities. He holds a PhD from the University of Aberdeen (2016). His research explores wetland practices and imaginaries as much as urban ecologies and Anthropocene landscapes across Europe. He currently holds a DFG Eigene Stelle research grant for the project 'Rethinking Wetlands (ReWet): An Environmental Anthropology of Wetlands', based at the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society (LMU).

Places are complex phenomena that encompass the intertwined notions of 'landscape' and 'environment'. Understanding these complexities requires approaches and sensibilities that transcend disciplinary boundaries, drawing from social sciences, arts, humanities, and natural sciences. Building on this complexity, this lecture draws inspiration from the broad-ranging concept of 'deep mapping' to illuminate forms of methodological pluralism that are critical for exploring and understanding socioecological relations.

