

TRANSFORMATIONS IN CRITICAL TIMES. PERSPECTIVES FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES

Conference of the International Doctorate Program “Rethinking Environment”

Tagungshotel Sankt Ulrich, Augsburg, Germany

6.-7. November 2025

November 6

Time	What	Topics/Title	
8:30-8:50 am	Opening		
8:50-10:30 am	4 Presentations	Bruno Notteboom: “Recollecting Landscapes. Imagining Socio-Environmental Transformations in Flanders” Dritan Rustja: “Fragmented Futures: Post-Socialist Urbanism and Socio-Environmental Transformation in Albania” Olivia Arigho-Stiles: The Transformation of Virgin Landscapes: Agrarian Extractivism on Bolivia’s Amazonian Frontier (1952-present) Martyna Miernecka: “Messy Methods for Environmental History: Reading Queer Literature as Fieldwork”	Workshop Title: „Land Transformations“
10:30-10:45 am	Coffee Break		
10:45 am-12:30 pm	4 Presentations	Monique Palma: “Medicine, Zoonoses, and Socio-Environmental Transformations in 19th-Century Portugal” Miryam Danielsson: "From Jaws to Ecological Crisis: The 1970s Disaster Imagination and the Limits of Socio-Environmental Transformation"	Workshop Title: “Policies and Imaginaries”

		Yifei Li: “Lie-Flat Environmentalism in a Burning World: Ecological Civilization and Its Discontents in Contemporary China” Nassima Abdelghafour: “The Afforestation of Grassy Ecosystems: Opportunity for Mitigating Climate Change or Ecological Threat? Geopolitics of Forest-Related Science and Conflicting Valuations of Ecosystems”	
12:30-1:30 pm	Lunch		Restaurant Sankt Ulrich
1:30-2:00 pm	City Stroll		
2:00-3:40 pm	4 Presentations	Kaya Herron: “Plotting Transformation: Local Ripples and Global Logics in Socio-Environmental Governance “ Miriam Bartelmann: “Imagining Biocultural Futures: Insights from the Paraná Delta Wetlands, Argentina” María Montalvo-Senior: “Transformative Ecologies of Care: Sikuani Women’s Embodied Practices for Territorial and Environmental Governance” Juliane Egerer: “Transformative Powers of Indigenous Arts”	Workshop Title: “Intervening Voices and Practices”
3:40-4:00 pm	Coffee Break		
4:00-5:15 pm	3 Presentations	Samuel Ramapuram: “Reimagining Indigenous Ecologies through Social Media Networks: Digital Animism” Johanna Grosche: “From Ecosystem to Datasystem: The Imaginaries of Urban Nature in the Age of Digital Twins” Maximilian Pieper: “Conceptualizing the AI transformation and the Digital Fantasy of Immateriality”	Workshop Title: “Digital Transformations”
5:15-6:45 pm	Keynote	Martin Puchner: “Literature for a Changing Planet”	Sonja Dümpelmann

7:00 pm	Conference Dinner		Restaurant “Emmi’s Kitchen”
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Nov. 7.

Time	What	Topic/Title	
8:30-10:10 am	4 Presentations	Senayon Olaoluwa: “Ecologies of Awareness and Transformation: Female Youth Agency in Ngugi's The Perfect Nine and Okri's Every Leaf a Hallelujah” Bruno Amadei: “Vegetal Deviations in a Brazilian Urban Park: Notes on Care, Ecologies and Landscape Transformations” Sarah Elton: “A Multispecies Problem Calls for Multispecies Answers: Involving Plants as Social Actors in Transformative Change” Chase Niesner: “Species of Passionate Interest: Theorizing Biocultural Conservation and Ecosocial Transformation Together”	Workshop Title: “Agency, Community, Disagreement”
10:10-10:25 am	Coffee Break		
10:25-12:00 pm	Keynote	Julia Steinberger: “Science, Advocacy and Activism”	
12:00-12:10	End of Conference	Concluding Remarks	
12:10	Lunch		