



GSSC Newsletter

25. April 2016

Events

Monday, May 02, 2016 | 9 am - 6 pm

**Workshop: Commoditizing the ,Wild‘
Natural Resource Extraction and Ecological Anxieties (18th to 21st Centuries)**

This workshop is concerned with discourses about the ecological consequences of the extraction of ‘wild’ fauna and flora for export trade – of humans clearing natural forests and hunting elephants, bears or lynx to extinction, but also of the introduction of new species and the massive artificial breeding or cultivation of existing ones for the purpose of feeding ‘wild’ natural commodities into global value chains. The workshop brings together papers that, while adopting a wide range of disciplinary perspectives – from anthropology, archaeology and history to geography –, share a spatial focus on chains coming out of Africa, South and Southeast Asia as well as South and Mesoamerica and the West of North America, the sites classically associated – at least in the ‘northern’ public vision – with ‘biodiversity’ and ‘the wild’, and still very much imagined in opposition to ‘civilization’, as ‘untouched’ nature.

The various papers reassemble anxieties about the ecological consequences of the extraction of ‘wild’ commodities – convictions of forest loss, anxieties about the rapid advance of desertification, desiccation and land degradation, as well as more recent concerns with climate change and alterations or declines in biodiversity and species loss – and situate these senses of ecological urgency and endangerment, as well as the values implicit in them, in historical and anthropological perspective. Focusing on the period generally referred to as the ‘anthropocene’ – the centuries spanning from the beginning of the Industrial Revolution to our present, during which human beings are generally thought to have become a major geological force – contributions both ascertain and interrogate assumptions of human primacy: drawing on theoretical approaches that dramatize the agency of non-human actors – theories from actor-network theory to the ‘ontological turn’ that reconceptualise the relationship between the human and non-human as symmetric, symbiotic and dissoluble – they also revisit the capacity of ‘the commoditized’, i.e. plants and animals, to act and affect commodity chains and natural resource extraction. [Further Information...](#)

Venue: Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, Apostelnkloster 13-15, 50672 Cologne

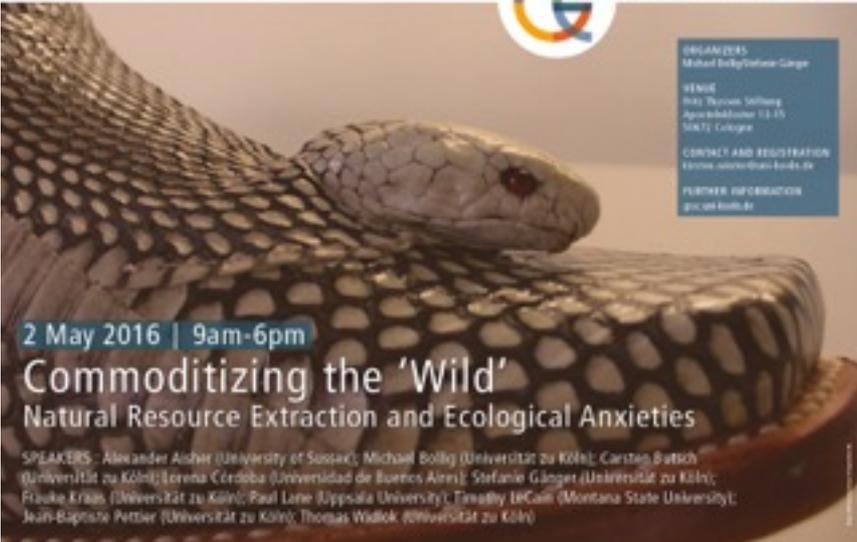
Organizers: Professor Dr Michael Bollig (Anthropology, University of Cologne) Dr Stefanie Gänger, Assistant Professor (Juniorprofessorin) (History, University of Cologne)

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2 May 2016 | 9am-6pm

Commoditizing the 'Wild'

Natural Resource Extraction and Ecological Anxieties

SPEAKERS: Alexander Aisher (University of Sussex); Michael Böllig (Universität zu Köln); Carsten Butsch (Universität zu Köln); Lorena Córdoba (Universidad de Buenos Aires); Stefanie Gänger (Universität zu Köln); Frauke Kraus (Universität zu Köln); Paul Lane (Lippula University); Faraghy Ibram (Montana State University); Jean-Baptiste Pottier (Universität zu Köln); Thomas Wadolk (Universität zu Köln)

ORGANIZERS: Michael Böllig/Gabriele Gänge

VENUE: RAI Weyden-Sitzung
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Overview Public Lecture Summer 2016

GSSC Public Lecture 2016

VENUE: Morphomat, Weyertal 59, 50937 Köln
TIME: 17:45-19:15

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13.04.	Reclaiming Earth: Soil, Death and Birth in Southern African Ecologies LEZZY WASH (UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN)
20.04.	"Seed is a Food for the Kingdom of Heaven": Ideologies, Policies, and Practices of Agrarian Progress in South Africa's Rural Reserves, 1930-1961 AGUA TROIANI (UNIVERSITY OF KAPPA)
27.04.	Contemporary Dynamics of Social Relationships and Residential Practices among the San Hunter-Gatherers in Central Kalahari DANIEL MARIJANNA (UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE)
04.05.	The Cultural Transmission of Social Exclusion: a View from Madagascar DANIËL ROBERT (UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES)
11.05.	The Settlement of Madagascar by Speakers of an Indonesian Language: Making Sense of the Multidisciplinary Evidence ALEXANDER K. ADJIAN (UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE)
25.05.	The Age of Mobility... as a Distinct Brochure or a Lived Experience? WOLFGANG SCHLÖSSER (UNIVERSITÄT ZÜRICH)
31.05.	Translating Chinese Tourists Abroad: Language, Culture and the De-centering of Global Mobility JERRY WANG (UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG)
08.06.	Competition or Diversity? Forfeiting European Expansion, 1492-1650 BRIAN GORE (DURHAM UNIVERSITY U.K.)
15.06.	Multiple, Peripheral or Alternative? Modernism as a Global Process MONICA ZEMER (HELSINKI UNIVERSITY)
22.06.	Indigeneity, Afropolitan and Colonial: Are There South Africans? DUNCAN WILSON (UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE)
29.06.	Crisis Colonization: Resource Extraction, Mobile Crime and the Violent Frontiers of Saving Nature MARCUS WILSON (UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE)
13.07.	Urban Transitions and Emerging Health Challenges in the Global South: Indian Experiences SUNANDA SINGARAYER (UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE)
20.07.	Politische Geographie und Geopolitik der Ressourcenexzesse ANDREW WOODWARD (UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON)

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