



RURALITY AND FUTURE-MAKING

Comparative Perspectives from Europe, the Middle East, and the Mediterranean

May 22 – 24, 2019

University of Cologne

Venue: Conference Room, Seminar Building 106

Conference Timetable

Wednesday, May 22

Arrival and Registration (from 12:00)

13:30-14:00 Introduction by the Organizers

14:00-15:30 Panel I: Development & Infrastructures

- »The mountain is our capital: Politics of future-making in the Swiss Alps«
Danaé Leitenberg (Bern)
- »A lost urban: Reconstructing the port of Martil«
Rosa Norton (Berkeley)
- »Environmental movement and Horon dance between the rural and the urban in Turkey«
Sevi Bayraktar (Los Angeles)

Closing Panel Discussion moderated by Martin Zillinger

Coffee Break (30 minutes)

16:00-17:30 Panel II: Connectivities & Mobility

- »Young people and future-making between Zanzibar and Oman«
Franziska Fay (Frankfurt)
- »Revaluation of Land in Kurdistan«
Katharina Lange (Berlin)
- »Towards a rural modernity: Rethinking the rural-urban divide in Kurdistan, Turkey«
Clémence Scalbert Yucel (Exeter)

Closing Panel Discussion moderated by Andreas Streinzer

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

17:45-19:15 GSSC Public Lecture

»Connectivity and its discontents: The Sahara, second face of the Mediterranean?«

Judith Scheele (Paris/Berlin)

From 19:15 Reception with Vernissage

»São Teotónio na drome« (Barbara Wimmer)



Thursday, May 23

09:30-11:00 Morning Lecture

»Between the Alps and the Mediterranean: Reflections on the representations of the rural world«

Dionigi Albera (Marseille)

Coffee Break (30 minutes)

11:30-13:00 Panel III: Ecologies

- »Back to modernity: How changing narratives of rurality have shaped a region's institutionally contested space«
Erik Blasor (Cologne)
- »(Re)making Mediterranean forests: Exploring an ecological 'regionalism' in times of climate change and regional separation«
Julia Schumacher (Potsdam/Berlin)
- »Collapsing scales: Making rural futures in the face of global problems«
Felix Lussem (Cologne)

Closing Panel Discussion moderated by Simon Holdermann

Lunch Break (90 minutes)

14:30-16:00 Panel IV: Contested Identities

- »The (un-)making of Kurdish peasant subjectivities during four decades of shifting rurality in Iraqi Kurdistan«
Schluwa Sama (Exeter)
- »Rurality between pasts and futures in post-war contexts in Europe«
Ana Aceska (Wageningen)
- »Between urban and rural imaginaries: Geographies of dispossession and indigenous futures in Palestine«
Fadia Panosetti, & Francesco Amoroso (Brussels/Exeter)

Closing Panel Discussion moderated by Katharina Lange

Coffee Break (30 minutes)

16:30-18:00 Panel V: Imaginaries & Experimental Ethnography

- »São Teotónio na drome: Documented stories between locality and globalization«
Barbara Wimmer (Regensburg)
- »A sensory ethnography in Zayanderood in Isfahan Iran«
Mahoo Movahedi (Bern)
- »Rurality as a national counter-narrative: Case of the Islamic Republic of Iran«
Vedran Obucina (Regensburg)

Closing Panel Discussion moderated by Michaela Schäuble

20:00 Conference Dinner in an Italian-German brewery "Birreria"



Friday, May 24

09:30-11:00 **Morning Lecture**

»Ordinary uncertainties: Remembering the past and imagining the future at times of rupture and mobility«

Frances Pine (London)

Coffee Break (30 minutes)

11:30-13:00 **Panel VI: The Rural as Reserve**

- »Back to the future? Lived time and the production of anti-cosmopolitan sentiments in an Austrian alpine village«
Annika Lems (Halle)
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- »Village and tribal virtuality: The rural hinterland as strategic resource for future-making in the Eastern Nile Delta of Egypt«
Christoph Lange (Cologne)

Closing Panel Discussion moderated by Jelena Tosnic

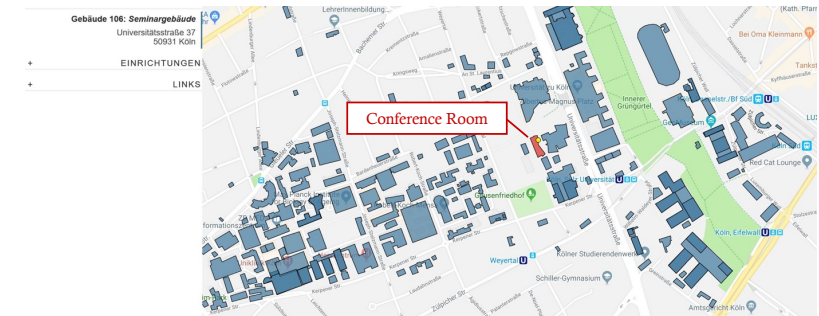
Lunch Break (90 minutes)

14:30-15:30 **Final Discussion & Farewell**

16:00-17:00 Meeting of the GAA Regional Groups



The venue is located close to the University main building. It can easily be reached by public transportation with tram line 9 (direction "Sülz"). The stop is called "Universität".



See also online: <https://lageplan.uni-koeln.de/#!106>

Connections for public transport can be checked on the website: <https://auskunft.kvb-koeln.de/kvb/cgi/page/eingabeRoute?lang=UK>

The Conference Dinner will be at the brewery "Birreria – Duexer Botschaft"
Am Weidenbach 24, 50676 Köln
<https://birreria-koeln.de/kontakt/>

