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Conference

**Nature Protection, Environmental Policy and Social Movements in Communist
and Capitalist Countries during the Cold War**

May 29 – 30, 2015

Conveners:

Astrid Mignon Kirchhof (Georgetown University, Washington DC),
John McNeill (Georgetown University, Washington DC),

Thursday, May 28

6:30 pm

Informal Dinner for all participants who have already arrived in Washington. Meeting point at the German Historical Institute (GHI). Short tour through the house. Address: 1607 New Hampshire Ave NW Washington DC 20009-2562.

Friday, May 29

9:00 am – 9.30 am

Opening Remarks

Astrid Kirchhof

John McNeill

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Panel 1: Experts and Scientists

Chair: Kate Brown (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Eagle Glassheim (University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada)

The Internationalization of Czechoslovak Environmental Discourse in the 1970s and 1980s

Michael Dupuy (Institut d'Histoire Moderne et Contemporaine, Paris, France)

Acid rain: An Issue between East and West

Scott Moranda (SUNY, Cortland, New York, USA)

A Brief Moment of Balance? Meat Consumption, Grassland Management, and Postwar Germany's Socio-ecological Metabolism

11:00 am – 11:30 am

Coffee Break

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Panel 2: Impact of Economy on Environmental Politics

Chair: Astrid Kirchhof (Georgetown University, Washington)

Hendrik Ehrhardt (Technical University Berlin, Germany)
Keeping the air clean? Environmental politics, Utility companies and Social Movements in Western Germany since the 1970s

Wilko von Hardenberg (University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin, USA)
A boom without Guidance. Environmental Policies of Cold War Italy

Viktor Pal (Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria)
Craving for Growth. Water Pollution and Water Protection in East-Central Europe during the Cold War

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Lunch

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Panel 3: National Environmental Politics

Chair: David Painter (Georgetown University, Washington DC)

Brian Leech (Augustana College, Illinois, USA)
Energy and Environmentalism during the 1970s and 80s: The View from the U.S. West

Jacob Darwin Hamblin (Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, USA)
An American Miracle in the Desert: Environmental Crisis and Nuclear-Powered Desalination in the Middle East

Simo Laakkonen (University of Turku, Finland)
An Eastern Pioneer of Environmental Protection?
Water Pollution and Protection in the German Democratic Republic

Laurent Coumel (Centre D'études des Mondes Russe, Caucasiens et Centre Européen, Paris, France)
East-West Competition and the Attempts to Create a Soviet Eco-Power on Water Resources (1960-1980s)

4.30 pm – 5 pm

Coffee Break

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Panel 4: Cold War Effects on National and International Politics

Chair: John McNeill (Georgetown University, Washington DC)

Jan-Henrik Meyer (New York University, Berlin, Germany)

Relevant Others? Perspectives across the Cold War Divide and the Rise of European Environmental Policy

Rachel Rothschild (Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA)

Transnational Air Pollution and Environmental Diplomacy

Astrid Kirchhof (Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA)

Fighting for Recognition of Sovereignty: the GDR's Nature Conservation Policy in an International Arena

7.00 pm

Conference Dinner

Saturday, May 30

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Panel 5: Environmental and Peace Movement I

Chair: Hartmut Berghoff (German Historical Institute, Washington)

Melanie Arndt (Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg, Germany)

Chernobyl Transnational. The Impact of the Nuclear Disaster on Social and Environmental Movements in Eastern Europe and the United States

Stephen Milder (Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA)

From anti-nuke to Ökopax: Anti-Reactor Activism and the Emergence of a Mass Peace Movement in West Germany, 1975 – 1983

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Coffee Break

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Panel 6: Environmental and Peace Movement II

Chair: Stephen Brain (Mississippi State University, Mississippi)

Julie Ault (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA)

Protesting Pollution: Environmental Activism in East Germany and Poland, 1980-1990

Hrovje Petric (University of Zagreb, Croatia)

Nature Protection, Environment Thought, and Environmental Social Movements in Socialist Yugoslavia

11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Coffee Break

12.00 p m – 12.30 pm

Summary

John McNeill

Discussion with participants

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