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 pm – 12.30 pm  **Summary**  
John McNeill  
Discussion with participants  

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