6th International Conference of Critical Geography

"Crises: Causes, Dimensions, Reactions"

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Sessions of theme 3: Ecological crisis

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We want to discuss the questions, experiences and answers of a critical geography to the recent dynamics of society-nature relations in the context of globalization, neoliberalisation, growth of population and urban areas and there impacts on different scales and different global regions.

We, 9.30: Ecological crisis and environmental justice

Chair: Michael Mießner, University of Frankfurt / Main

- Ecological crisis as a crisis of societal relations to nature and of (re)production Daniela Gottschlich, Beate Friedrich, University of Lueneburg
- Global food crises
 Helin Burkay, Carleton University
- Climate change, environmental justice and social transformation in capitalism *Julian Kuppe*

We, 11.30: Performance on the art of dying in nuclear politics

Chair: Laura Pitkanen, University of Toronto

- The Art of Dying Laura Pitkanen, University of Toronto, Lisa Myers, Ontario College of Art and Design
- Going (Video)
 Gwen MacGregor, Toronto
- Roundtable Discussion

We, 14.00: Crisis of urban ecology

Chair: Carsten Felgentreff, University of Osnabrück

- Crisis of waste? Engaging waste in urban political ecology Nelson Ka-kiu Lee, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Sampson Yu-hin Wong, University of Manchester
- Socio-ecological movements in China Josef Baum, University of Vienna
- Territorial Ecologies: Tactics for the Lebanese Coastal Rivers' System Sandra Frem, MIT Cambridge

Thu, 11.30: Neoliberalisation of nature: knowledge production, governance, agents and practices

Chair: Stefanie Baasch, University of Kassel

- "Cracks" within the neoliberalisation of nature Sophie Wynne-Jones, Aberystwyth University
- Ecosystem services as eco-governmentality epistemic infrastructures of neoliberal nature *Niklas Hartmann, Lancaster University*
- Contested Water Knowledge and the ecological crisis Bettina Köhler, University of Vienna
- Political Ecology, "Natural" Disaster and Post-Disaster Reconstruction *Chen Yi-fong, National Dong-Hwa University, Taiwan*

Fr. 9.30: Climate change, agriculture, migration

Chair: Karen Bakker, University of British Columbia

- On the Political Ecology of Climate Change and Conflict *Kristina Dietz, Bettina Engels, Free University of Berlin*
- Gender and Production of Landscape in a Rural Kerala Region *Saju T.S., Sree Sankaracharya University, Kalady*
- Agricultural, ecological and mobility changes: saline intrusion and migration in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam *Olivia Dun, University of Sydney*

Fr, 14.00: Limits of growth and social transformations

Chair: Michael Flitner, University of Bremen

- Defining spaces of resilience and experimentation to learn to adapt to ecological risk
 Douglas K. Bardsley, University of Adelaide
- Stalin Plan for the transformation of nature Ferenc Gyuris, Universities of Heidelberg and Budapest

Sa, 9.30: The Agency of Nature: Posthumanist political ecologies and beyond

• round table discussion Chair: Karen Bakker, University of British Columbia, Participants: Sue Ruddick, University of Toronto, Michael Flitner, University of Bremen

Sa, 11.30: Ecological Crisis - What Follows?

• concluding discussion on options of political ecology studies Theme Chair: *Sybille Bauriedl, University of Kassel*