



Picture: *Landschaft mit Bergwerk* by Herri met de Bles (about 1485/1510 - about 1555), Alte Galerie /Universalmuseum Joanneum GmbH, Graz

# 62nd STUDY WEEK "ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURES FROM THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD TO THE PRESENT"

## 22 - 24 September 2021

### *Online Conference*

The conference is devoted to the relationship between environment and infrastructure from the early modern period to the present.

#### Organizing Committee:

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# PROGRAM

## WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

### 14.15-14.30 (CEST) | Welcoming Remarks

**Christoph Cornelißen** (University of Frankfurt a.M. – FBK-ISIG)

### 14.30-15.15 (CEST) | Opening Lecture

**Helmuth Trischler** (Deutsches Museum – Rachel Carson Center, Munich), *The Anthropocene as a Provocation to Environmental History*

### 15.30-18.30 (CEST) Session | Urban Metabolism and the Transformation of Hinterlands: Ecology and Technology

Chair: **Katia Occhi** (FBK-ISIG)

**Georg Stöger** (University of Salzburg), *Urban Environmental Infrastructure in the East Alpine Region, Sixteenth to Eighteenth Century*

**Claudio Lorenzini** (University of Udine), *Between “Stues” and “Çates”: Infrastructures for Timber Transport between Disbursement and Flow. The Case of Friuli in the Early Modern Period*

**Sabine Barles** (University of Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris), *The Infrastructural Dimension of Urban Metabolism*

**Christoph Bernhardt** (Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Erkner), *The Rise and Fall of the “Car-Friendly City” in Twentieth-Century Europe – the Case of Berlin in a Transnational Perspective*

## THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2021

### 9.30-12.30 (CEST) Session | Energy Systems: Resources, Actors, Conflicts

Chair: **Claudio Ferlan** (FBK-ISIG)

**Jean Baptiste Fressoz** (EHESS, Paris), *Energy History: From Transition to Cumulation and Symbioses, 19th-20th centuries*

**Katja Bruisch** (Trinity College, Dublin), *Place Matters: Revisiting Soviet Electrification*

**Astrid Mignon Kirchhof** (Humboldt University, Berlin), *Uranium Stories: Making the Wismut Narrative Visible*

**Elisabetta Bini** (University of Naples), *Defending the Environment? Conflicts over Water Resources in the Italian Nuclear Program (1975-1987)*

### 15.00-18.00 (CEST) Session | The Multiple Scales of Enviro-Technical Systems: Spatial and Temporal Features

Chair: **Giacomo Bonan** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

**Giacomo Parrinello** (Sciences Po, Paris), *Water as Infrastructure and the Scalar Mismatch: Po River Basin, 19th-20th centuries*

**Frédéric Graber** (Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin – EHESS, Paris), *The Long-lasting Relationship between Environment, Infrastructure and Participation*

**Simone Müller** (Rachel Carson Center, Munich), *Hazardous Travels: Structures and Dynamics of the Global Waste Economy*

**David Edgerton** (King's College, London), *Cumulation not Transition? Some Thoughts on the Material History of the Twentieth Century*

## FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2021

### 14.30-17.30 (CEST) Session | Hybrid Landscape: Infrastructures of Water Control

Chair: **Lavinia Maddaluno** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

**Matteo Di Tullio** (University of Pavia), *Coping with Water: Economy, Ecology, and Conflicts in Early Modern Lombardy*

**Tim Soens** (University of Antwerp), *Seawalls Reworked: Envirotech, Climate Change and Labor on the North Sea Coast before 1900*

**David Gentilcore** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), *Decadent Infrastructure? Representations of Water Provision and Management in the Kingdom of Naples in the Early Nineteenth Century*

**Joana Gaspar de Freitas** (University of Lisbon), *Building Environments: A Historical View on Dunes as Envirotechnical Landscapes*

### 17.45-18.30 (CEST) | Conclusion

Chair: **Christoph Cornelißen** (University of Frankfurt a.M. – FBK-ISIG)

**John R. McNeill** (Georgetown University), *Concluding Remarks*