

“Environmental Pasts and Futures”

Young Scholars Forum “Suppressed Pasts and Liberated Futures”
Panels “Beyond Dualism—Thinking Creatively Across Worlds”
Roundtables

8–10 July 2026

Evangelische Akademie Tutzing, Schlossstr. 2+4, 82327 Tutzing, Germany

Wednesday, 8 July

11:30–13:30 **Arrival and Registration**

13:30–14:00 **Conference Welcome and Introduction by Sonja Dümpelmann and Christof Mauch**

14:00–15:00 **Young Scholars Forum**

Tandems: “Suppressed Pasts and Liberated Futures” Lightning Talks

Lizzie Hobbs (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Senel Wanniarachchi (University of Oxford, London School of Economics and Political Science)

“Searching for the Beasts in the Archive as Abolitionist Praxis”

Ngoc Hoang (Independent Researcher)

“Living Boundaries: Human–More-than-Human Practices of Conservation in Postcolonial Vietnam”

Anisha Palat (Independent Researcher)

Ashni Dhawale (San Diego State University)

“Photographing the Wild: Ethology, Violence, and the Colonial Legacies of Capture”

Petra Steffen (TU Braunschweig)

Siran Liang (TU Braunschweig)

“Between ‘Data’ and Experience’: A Transdisciplinary Effort to Understanding Tibetan Grassland Changes”

15:00–15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30–16:30

Panel I: Natural and Supernatural Convergence in the Little Ice Age of Asia and Europe

Joana van de Löcht (University of Münster)

Chen ZHANG (Hong Kong Baptist University)

Yizhou WANG (Hong Kong Chu Hai College)

16:30–18:00

Roundtable I: Environmental Humanities, Institutions
Moderators: Sonja Dümpelmann and Christof Mauch

Dolly Jørgensen (University of Stavanger)

Catherine Rigby (University of Cologne)

Francesca Tarocco (Ca' Foscari University Venice)

Thaïsa Way (Dumbarton Oaks)

18:00–19:00

Dinner (for registered participants)

20:00

Reception for all (vouchers for participants)

Thursday, 9 July

08:00–09:00

Breakfast (for registered participants)

9:00–10:00

Panel II: Plantiness in the Plantationcene: Vegetal Bodies, Decolonial Knowledge, and Environmental Politics in Southeast Asia

Gaik Cheng Khoo (Sunway University)

Jennifer R. Morris (British Museum)

Jueling Hu (University of Amsterdam)

Syarifah Nadhirah (SOAS University of London)

10:00–11:00

Panel III: Developing Interactional Expertise to Move Beyond Dualism: Case Studies from India, Alaska, England, and Antarctica

Aishwarya Ramachandran (Ashoka Centre for a People-Centric Energy Transition)

Adrian Howkins (University of Bristol)

Ben Bobowski (Former Superintendent of Wrangell St. Elias National Park)

Steve Chignell (Independent Researcher)

11:00–11:30

Coffee Break

11:30–12:30

Panel IV: Dams, Displacements, Legacies: Reservoir Construction and Drowned Communities from a Multidisciplinary Perspective

Mererid Puw Davies (University College London)

Sebastian De Pretto (University of Bern)

Laurent Dissard (School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, EHESS)

Anna Koch (University College London)

12:30–13:30

Lunch (for registered participants)

13:30–14:30

Panel V: Pelicans, Fruits, and Pelts: Multispecies Entanglements in the Americas & Europe

Marian Leech (University of Pennsylvania)

Marcy Norton (University of Pennsylvania)

Vikram Tamboli (Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, UCLA)

Alexandro Solórzano (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro)

14:30–15:30

Panel VI: Extractive Technologies, Ecospirituality, and the Sustainability of the Mangrove Ecosystems in the Niger Delta and Mississippi Delta's Oilscares

Abosede Omowumi Babatunde (University of Ilorin)

Jackson Tamunosaki Jack (University of Groningen)

Anthony Chukwudumebi Obute (University of Tübingen)

Jemima O'Farrell (University of Galway)

15:30–16:30

Coffee Break

16:30–17:30

Panel VII: The Whale in the Room: Music, Language, and Meaning

Marie Comuzzo (Brandeis University)

David Rothenberg (New Jersey Institute of Technology)

Finley Woodson-Gammon (University of Nevada)

Alex South (Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, University of St Andrews)

18:00–19:00

Dinner (for registered participants)

20:00

Reception for all (vouchers for participants)

Friday, 10 July

08:00–09:00

Breakfast (for registered participants)

10:00–11:00

Panel VIII: Edges and Thresholds of Incorporation: Multispecies Ecologies of Absence, Flourish, and Speculation in Global Asia

Nga Shi Yeu (Stockholm University)

Rusana Novikova (University of California, Berkeley)

Gina Grace Song Lopez (Lund University)

Agathe Lemaitre (Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation)

11:00–11:30

Coffee Break

11:30–12:30

Panel IX: Fermenting Dualisms: Human–Microbial Relations Beyond the Environment/Technology Divide

Aaron Bradshaw (Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg)

Maya Hey (University of Helsinki)

Stephanie Sacco (Federal University of Paraíba)

Nikolai Siimes (University of Auckland)

12:30–13:30

Lunch (for registered participants)

13:30–15:00

Roundtable II: The Future of the Environmental Humanities—Trends and Themes

Moderators: Sonja Dümpelmann and Christof Mauch

Simon Richter (University of Pennsylvania)

Sverker Sörlin (KTH Stockholm)

Henriette Steiner (University of Copenhagen)

Sule Emmanuel Egya (Badamasi Babangida University)

15:00–17:00

Coffee Break and Lakeside Walk (optional)

17:00–19:00

A Celebration (Farewell event for Christof Mauch; for invited guests)