



Leibniz Centre for
Contemporary
History Potsdam

„Environmental Governance. Experience, Knowledge, Expectations since 1945“

Workshop, September 16 – 17, 2021

Leibniz-Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam

Organized by:

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Thursday, September 16

1 – 1:30 pm: **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

1:30 – 3:00 pm: **Session I: Ecological Knowledge**

Chair: Laura Kaiser, Potsdam

Christian Reiß, Regensburg: Ecology as a Verwaltungswissenschaft. Counting animals and plants in the BRD after 1945

Nils Güttler, Zürich: Bioindicators: Applied Ecology and Environmental Surveillance

3:00 – 3:30 pm: **Coffee Break**

3:30 – 5:00 pm: **Session II: Economic Instruments**

Chair: Thomas Lettang, Potsdam

Melina Antonia Buns, Oslo: Reinvesting in the Environment: Scandinavian Economists' Instruments for Environmental Governance and their Reframing of the 'Growth Paradigm'

Julian Schellong, Darmstadt: Organizing Atmospheric Scarcity: Techniques and Practices of CO₂ Trading

5:00 – 5:15 pm: **Break**

5:15 – 7:15 pm: **Session III: The Politics of Energy Transitions**

Chair: Rüdiger Graf, Potsdam

Thomas Lettang, Potsdam: "Saving energy without sacrificing comfort!" Market economy and administrative interventions into household energy consumptions in the Federal Republic of Germany, 1973-1989

Thomas Turnbull, Berlin: The RAND Corporation as an Environmental Think Tank: Systematising Energy Demand in the 1970s

Clarence Hatton-Proulx, Montréal: The Urban Governance of Energy Transitions. Lumber Yards and Gas Stations in Montréal, 1946-1960

7:30 pm: **Dinner**

Friday, September 17

9:00 – 11:00 am: **Session IV: Waste Management and Air Pollution Control**

Chair: Rüdiger Graf, Potsdam

Karolina Partyga, New York: Socialist Alchemy: Waste Recovery as a Solution to Economic and Environmental Problems in the Polish People's Republic, 1947-1989

Roman Köster, Freiburg: How to govern something you don't know? The Development of Waste Legislation in West Germany during the 1970s and 1980s

Eva Oberloskamp, München: Conflicts on Air Pollution Control in the United Kingdom, 1970s and 1980s

11:00 – 11:15 am: **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 1:15 pm: **Session V: Scientific Expertise and Regulation**

Chair: Nils Güttler, Zürich

Lena Joos, Bern: Environmental Knowledge and Governance in the Framework of the UN Conference on the Human Environment 1972

Felix Lieb, München: The Limits of "Marktsozialdemokratie": Ecological Concepts of the German SPD between Governmental Regulation and Individual Responsibility

Laura Kaiser, Potsdam: How to Make the Polluter Pay?: The Role of the German Advisory Council of the Environment in the Implementation of a Foundational Policy Principle, 1970s

1:15 – 1:30 pm: **Concluding Discussion**

1:30 – 2:30 pm: **Lunch**