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Concluding Conference of the DFG Research Network

Environmental Crisis and the Transnational Imagination:

Transnational Dimensions of the Local

Universität Augsburg, 20-22 Feb 2017

Monday, February 20

- 15.00-15.30 Welcome
- 15.30-17.00 Opening Keynote
David J. Alworth (Harvard), "Site Reading: Fiction, Art, Social Form"
- 17.30-18.00 Reading the Global in the Local
Roman Bartosch (Cologne), "Petrofiction and the Crude Side of Cultural Ecology"
Timo Müller (Augsburg/Regensburg), "Road Building in the Caribbean Novel: Postcolonial and Environmental Perspectives"
- 18.00-19.00 Discussion
- 19.15 - DINNER -

Tuesday, February 21

- 9.30-10.00 Elemental Histories, Transnational Politics
Jens Soentgen (WZU Augsburg), "Hot Air: The History of Carbon Dioxide"
Natascha Sojc (Augsburg), "Environmental Perspectives in Archaeology"
- 10.00-11.00 Discussion
- COFFEE BREAK -
- 11.30-12.00 Transnational Intersections in Local Germany
Axel Goodbody (Bath), "Local Colour in German Climate Fiction: 'Die Meisen von Uusimaa singen nicht mehr'"

- Annika McPherson (Augsburg), "Colonial Trade and the Representation of Cultural Differences: Augsburg's 'Postcolonial' Legacies"
- 12.00-13.00 Discussion
- LUNCH BREAK -
- 14.30-15.00 Conceptualizing Local and Transnational Spaces
Reiner Keller (Augsburg), "Transnational Discursive Spaces: A Challenge to Environmental Discourse Analysis"
Matthias Schmidt (Augsburg), "Past and Present Imaginations of a Forest in Kyrgyzstan (Central Asia)"
- 15.00-16.00 Discussion
- COFFEE BREAK -
- 16.30-17.00 Alternative Realities
Ingrid Gessner (Regensburg), "Locally Global: Imagining the Anthropocene in Augmented Reality Installations"
Alexandra Ganser (Vienna), "Nature's Nation in Outer Space: Global and National Discourses of Planetary Settlement in Christopher Nolan's *Interstellar*"
- 17.00-18.00 Discussion
- 19.30 - DINNER -

Wednesday, February 22

- 9.30-10.15 Perspectives on Climate
Catrin Gersdorf (Würzburg), "Climate, Cosmopolitanism, and the Formation of the American Republic"
Discussion
- COFFEE BREAK -
- 10.30-12.00 Closing Keynote
Greg Garrard (U of British Columbia), "Understanding Climate Scepticism: Global Talking Points, Local Singularities"
- COFFEE BREAK -
- 12.15-13.00 Concluding Discussion