



CONFERENCE

‘CULTURAL LANDSCAPES OF ENERGY’: CONSTRUCTING HISTORIES IN THE AFTERMATH OF ENERGY PRODUCTION

15–16 September 2022

Mining and Technology Park in Leipzig Neuseenland

Thursday 15.09.2022

13:00 – Transfer to the Mining and Technology Park in Leipzig Neuseenland

14:00-14:30 – Opening address

Gerald Riedel and Martin Baumert, Mining and Technology Park in Leipzig Neuseenland

Achim Saupe, Leibniz Research Alliance “Value of the Past”

Corinne Geering, Research Lab “Valorisation and Commodification”

14:30-15:30 – Panel I: Creating Landscapes I

Chair: Achim Saupe (Potsdam)

Sarem Sunderland (Zurich): The Imagination of a Reservoir: Social-Economic Constructions of Lake Sihl (1897–1937)

Andrew Demshuk (Washington, DC): Undermining Heimat in Leipzig’s Coalfields: Pollution, Prophecy, Demolition, and Memory before and after 1989

15:30-15:40 – Short break

15:40-16:40 – Panel II: Creating Landscapes II

Chair: Martin Baumert (Bochum)

Isabell Schmock-Wieczorek and Vincent Haburaj (Dresden): How Objects Define Places and Histories: Methodological Approaches for Object-Based Research in the Industrial Landscape of Kulkwitz, Saxony (Germany)

Lea Brönnner, Markus Otto and Heidi Pinkepank (Cottbus-Senftenberg): Identity, Power of Disposal and Heritagisation in the Lusatian Post-Open Cast Mining Landscape

16:40-17:00 – Coffee break

17:00-19:00 – Guided Walk in the Mining and Technology Park in Leipzig Neuseenland

19:15 – Transfer to Leipzig



Friday 16.09.2022

8:45 – Transfer to the Mining and Technology Park in Leipzig Neuseenland

9:30-11:00 – Panel III: Representing the Past

Chair: Kaja Schelker (Leipzig)

Leyla Sayfutdinova (St Andrews): Fire in the Land of Oil: Symbolism of Fire, Oil, and Nation in Baku Urbanscape

Merve Neziroğlu (Leipzig): 50 Years of Hydropower: A Field Trip to the Iron Gates in Romania

Jenny Hagemann, Fabian Jacobs and Lutz Laschewski (Bautzen/Cottbus): Contested Regional Identities: Including Minority Rights in the Creation and Historisation of Post-Mining Landscapes

11:00-11:15 – Coffee break

11:15-12:45 – Panel IV: Living with the Landscape

Chair: Sabine Stach (Leipzig)

Rune Frandsen (Zurich): Secondary Infrastructure Exposed: The Temporary Settlements of La Grande Dixence (1950-1962)

Agnes Tatzber (Vienna): Post Petrol Present: The Emergence and Decline of the Petroculture-Dependent Spaces in Neusiedl an der Zaya

Saara Mildeberg (Tallinn): Cultural Tourism in a Post-Industrial Adventure Land

13:00-14:30 – Lunch

14:30-16:00 – Panel V: Energy Leftovers

Chair: Corinne Geering (Leipzig)

Carolin Maertens (Munich): Living in Cultural Landscapes of Contamination. Persistent Toxicity and Reconciliation in East Germany

Hubert Tubacki, Aleksandra Lis, Kosma Lechowicz, Łukasz Afeltowicz, Jacek Gądecki and Joanna Suchomska (Poznań/Uppsala/Kraków/Toruń): Just Transition at the Margins of a Carbonscape: The Case of a non-Silesian Mining Town Brzeszcze

Gertjan Plets and Pim Huijnen (Utrecht): The Contested Hydrocarbon Landscapes of the Netherlands: Challenges and Opportunities for Remembering the Anthropocene

16:00-16:45 – Commentary and Concluding Discussion

Chair: Torsten Meyer (Bochum)

Commentary: Juliane Tomann (Regensburg)

17:00 – Transfer to Leipzig main station



The conference will be hosted as an in-person event on the premises of the Mining and Technology Park close to Leipzig, with an on-site exploration of the coal mining legacy in Germany and the post-industrial recultivation efforts. A shuttle from Leipzig will be provided.

No fees will be charged for participation in the conference. Registration is required as space is limited. Please register with Corinne Geering (corinne.geering@leibniz-gwzo.de) and Torsten Meyer (torsten.meyer@bergbaumuseum.de) until **7 September 2022**. We are planning a dinner together at the restaurant Gaststätte Kollektiv in Leipzig on Thursday, 15.9.2022; if you are interested in attending, please inform us accordingly.

This conference is organised by Corinne Geering (Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe, GWZO) and Torsten Meyer (Deutsches Bergbau-Museum Bochum, Leibniz Research Museum for Geo-resources) in cooperation with the Mining and Technology Park in Leipzig Neuseenland. It is supported by the research lab “Valorisation and Commodification” within the Leibniz Research Alliance “Value of the Past”.

