

Ruptures, Transformations, Continuities. Rethinking Infrastructures and Ecology

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Organizations, institutions as well as everyday life are permeated and characterized by a variety of interests and objectives regarding sustainability. They all relate to sustainability as a strong normative point of reference. However, this complexity of interests and goals associated with the concept of sustainability inevitably gives rise to conflicts, incompatibilities as well as contradictory and paradoxical effects. Looking at ruptures, transformations and continuities, the conference aims to explore the meaning of infrastructures in the context of the ecological crisis and its implications for the multiple futures of sustainability.

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Wednesday, Nov 24

14:00-16:00 KollegLecture
Sheila Jasanoff (Harvard University, USA):
Spaceship or Stewardship: Imaginaries of Sustainability in the Information Age

Thursday, Nov 25

9:30-10:00 Welcome

10:00-11:20 Keynote
Lara Monticelli (Copenhagen Business School, Denmark): "Sustainability" of What? Capitalism and the Viability of Transformative Infrastructures

11:20-11:50 Coffee Break

11:50-13:10 Diverse Forms of Organizing

Joschka Moldenhauer, Simon Micken & Philipp Thimm (University of Cologne, Germany): On the role of cooperatives as actors in regional development with regard to the creation and design of stable and sustainable infrastructures

Simone Schiller-Merkens (University Witten-Herdecke, Germany): Organizing toward an Alternative Economy: Challenges and Opportunities of Scaling Up Prefigurative Organizing

13:10-14:10 Break

14:10-15:30 Politics and Welfare

Vincent Gengnagel (Europe University of Flensburg, Germany) & **Katharina Zimmermann** (Hamburg University, Germany): The European Green Deal – An inclusive moonshot for a climate-neutral yet prospering continent?

Francesco Laruffa (University of Geneva, Switzerland): Rethinking Welfare Infrastructures for the Social-Ecological Transformation: From Employment to the Capability to Take Care of the World?

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-18:00 Practices of Care & More-than-Human Entanglements

Réka Gál (University of Toronto, Canada): Space Trouble: Insights for Sustainable Environmental Practices on Earth

Mathilda Rosengren (Malmö University, Sweden): When infrastructures and ecological actors meet – disruptions and connectivities of Malmö' urban willow tree

Salina Suri (Harvard University, USA): Stranger Tides: Investigating the Restoration of Good Relations with Transcontinentally-Entangled Ecologies

Friday, Nov 26

9:00-10:20 Finance and Digital Technologies

Muhammad Amir Ingratubun (IPB University, Bogor, Indonesia): Ethical Development Funding? Dutch Curse on Indonesia: The Case of Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan Projects.

Tina Beigi (McGill University, Canada) & **Michael Picard** (University of Edinburgh, UK): The great digital Transformation. A political economy of biophysical, digital and financial extraction in North America

10:20-10:50 Coffee break

10:50-12:10 Energy

Gregor Kungl (University of Stuttgart, Germany): Transferability of Infrastructural Path Dependence – A Comparison of Electricity and Mobility Systems

Simone Schleper (Maastricht University, Netherlands): Caribou Crossings: The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, ecological indicators, and wildlife as stakeholders in the Anthropocene

12:10-13:10 Break

13:30-14:30 Crisis

Lisa Suckert & Timur Ergen (MPIfG, Cologne, Germany): Can “crises” promote transitions toward sustainable infrastructures? The case of the first oil crisis and the role of multilayered interpretative struggles

Silja Klepp (Kiel University, Germany): A permanent crisis: Coastal protection in Sicily

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-16:00 Wrap up & Discussion

**16:00-17:20 Keynote Dominic Boyer (Rice University, USA):
Infrastructural Futures in the Ecological Emergency**

17:30 Closing

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