

## Workshop

# Shifting Baselines, Altered Horizons Politics, Practice, and Knowledge in Environmental Science and Policy

MPIWG – Boltzmannstr. 22, 14195, Berlin – Room 265

### **Thursday, June 21**

9:15 - 10:00 **Introduction**

*Thomas Lekan, Sebastián Ureta, Wilko Graf von Hardenberg*

10:00 - 11:30 Cluster **The Ends of the Sea**

*Katherine Sammler (CSU Maritime Academy)*

The Rising Politics of Sea Level.

*Jessica Lehman (UW Madison)*

The Meaning of a Mean Ocean State: Encounters with Ocean Variability in the World Ocean Circulation Experiment, 1990-2002.

**Discussant Hardenberg**

11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 - 13:15 Cluster **Pleistocene Extinctions**

*Melissa Charenko (UW Madison)*

Pleistocene Extinctions: Debating the Anthropogenic Origins of Extinction.

*Thomas Andrews (University of Colorado)*

Shifting Baselines at the Dawn of North American Environmental History: Late-Pleistocene Migration, Domestication, Extinction, and Indigenization in Multi-Species Perspective.

**Discussant Lekan**

14:15 - 16:15 Cluster **Nostalgia and Novelty**

*Irus Braverman (SUNY Buffalo)*

Shifting Baselines in Coral Conservation.

*Shana Hirsch (University of Idaho)*

Anticipatory Practices: Shifting Baselines and Environmental Imaginaries of Ecological Restoration in the Columbia River Basin.

*Mohamed Rafi Arefin & Travis De Wolfe (UW Madison)*

Defining a Healthy Human Gut Microbiome: The Politics of Constructing Microbial Baselines.

**Discussant Ureta**

16:30 - 18:00 **Plenary Roundtable: Conservation in the Anthropocene**

with *Daniel Pauly (University of British Columbia)*

and *Allen Thompson (Oregon State University)*

**Discussant Lekan**

(in the Main Conference Room)

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#### **9:15 – 10:45 Cluster Embodiment and Affect**

*Lizzy Hare (Scripps College)*

Cultivating Knowledge, Producing Nostalgia: The Affective Life of the Ecological Baselines.

*Maxime Polleri (York University)*

Embodied Baselines: Experiencing Radiation Harm after Fukushima.

**Discussant *Lekan***

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

#### **11:00 – 13:00 Cluster The Politics of Baselineing**

*Abby Kinchy (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)*

Pipelines and Baselines: The Politics of 'Pre-Drilling' Environmental Measures in Shale Gas Territory.

*Javiera Barandarian (UC Santa Barbara)*

Baselines in Environmental Impact Assessments: Promoting Modernity.

*Salvatore Engel-Di Mauro (SUNY New Paltz)*

The Troublesome World of Soil Trace Element (TE) Contamination Assessment: Towards a Context-Sensitive Alternative.

**Discussant *Ureta***

12:00 - 14:00 Lunch

#### **14:00 - 15:30 Cluster Temporalities of Carbon**

*Josh Grace (University of South Carolina)*

When Small was Not Beautiful: Technology, Socialism, and Appropriateness in Independent Tanzania.

*Ingmar Lippert (Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin)*

Environment as Placeholder: On the Politics of Carbon Baselineing and its Contextual Temporal Practices.

**Discussant *Hardenberg***

15:45 – 17:15 **Concluding Discussion**