

Workshop

**Estimated Truths: Water, Science, and the Politics of Approximation**

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

**16 August 2017**

09:30-10:00 **Introduction**

10:00-10:45 *Debjani Bhattacharyya*  
**Soaking ecologies: swamps, law and the East India Company in Bengal**

*Coffee break*

11:15-12:00 *Azadeh Achbari*  
**Local waters, global ambitions**

12:00-12:45 *Angelo M. Caglioti*  
**Drought, approximated truths, and colonial planning at the origins of Italian Imperialism (1870-1896)**

*Lunch*

13:45-14:30 *Maurits Ertsen*  
**Leaving all the answers blank and getting 100. Hydrological (un)certainly in Dutch colonial irrigation**

14:30-15:15 *Daniel MacFarlane*  
**'As nearly as may be': Controlling water on the St. Lawrence and Niagara**

*Coffee break*

15:45-16:30 *Samer Alatout*  
**Osmotic power: water, politics, and the Israeli neocolonial regime of calculation**

*Dinner*

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09:30-10:15 *Sarah Dry*  
**Watery vapour, private individuals and the general condition of the atmosphere**

10:15-11:00 *Matthew Evenden*  
**Measuring pure water for war: The chlorination debate in Vancouver during the Second World War**

*Coffee break*

11:30-12:15 *Christy Spackman*  
**Informed taste: the sensory politics of identifying off tastes and odors in municipal water**

12:15-13:00 *Etienne Benson*  
**Random river: Stochastic models in mid-twentieth-century fluvial geomorphology**

*Lunch*

13:45-14:30 *Wilko Hardenberg*  
**Measuring zero at high sea: A quest for precision**

14:30-15:15 *Michael Reidy*  
**Glaciers, modeling, and spaces of uncertainty**

*Coffee break*

15:45-16:30 *Jessica Lehman*  
**Observing the ocean: knowledge and potential in the Anthropocene**

16:30-17:15 **Final discussion**