BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR EXILE STUDIES

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REFUGEES, NATURE, AND REPRESENTATIONS

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Thursday, September 23, 2021

9.30-10 am  Welcome – Helga Schreckenberger (President of the North American Society for Exile Studies, University of Burlington / Vermont)
Opening remarks – Swen Steinberg (Queen’s University, Kingston, and Carleton University, Ottawa / Ontario)

10-11 am  ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIONS IN EXILE WRITING 1

Thomas F. Schneider (Remarque Center for Peace, Osnabrück)
Hades, Lethe or Locus amoenus: The role of nature in Erich Maria Remarque’s writings on European Exile

Helga Schreckenberger (University of Burlington / Vermont)
Channeling the American Pioneer: Alice Herdan-Zuckmayer’s Die Farm in den Grünen Bergen / The Farm in the Green Mountains

11-11.15 am  Break

11.15-12.15 pm  ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIONS IN EXILE WRITING 2

Werner Nell (University of Halle)
Relations to and the Impact of Nature in Critical Views on Modernity from Exile: Siegfried Kracauer and Albert Salomon

Jörg Thunecke (New York)
Deadly volcanic activities on Sicily: Hermynia Zur Mühlen’s anti-Fascist novel Erheiratet nicht für Geld / He does not Marry for Money (1932/33)
12.15-12.30 pm  Break

12.30-13:30 pm  **REFLECTIONS OF EXILE ENVIRONMENTS BETWEEN IDENTITY AND ATTRIBUTION**

Kirsten Krick-Aigner (Wofford College / South Carolina)
*Exile and the Longing for Heimat in the Representation of the Natural World in Bettina Bauer-Ehrlich’s Children’s Books*

Margit Franz (Karl Franzens University Graz)
*“There, Where the Pepper Grows.”* From exoticizing descriptions to practical implementations in Asian and African exile countries

13.30 pm  End of day 1

13.45-15 pm  Business Meeting of the North American Society for Exile Studies (optional / for members)

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**Friday, September 24, 2021**

9.30-11 am  **REFUGEES, KNOWLEDGE AND NATURE IN CANADA**

Martin Bemmann (University of Freiburg)
*The Unlikely Career of Leon J. Koerner: Transcontinental Transfers of Economic and Environmental Knowledge as Key to Entrepreneurial Success and Societal Integration, 1938/39-1955*

Swen Steinberg (Queen’s University, Kingston, and Carleton University, Ottawa / Ontario)
*Knowledge in Flight? Hungarian Foresters, the Uprising in 1956 and the Sopron Forest School at UBC Vancouver*

Amanda Leslie / Asher Goldstein (University of Edinburgh / Linköping universitet)
*Naturalizing citizenship: Canada’s national parks and the promotion of imaginaries of citizenship on Indigenous land*

11-11.15 am  Break

11.15-12.45 pm  **EXILE AS ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCE**

Natalie Eppelsheimer (Middlebury College / Vermont)
*Of Droughts, Diseases, and Safaris: German Exiles as Farmers in Kenya*

Reinhard Andress (Loyola University Chicago)
**The Halo of the Jungle:** Narrating the Exile Experience of the Aron Family in Ecuador

Marlen Eckl (Hofheim/Ts.)
“Europe in the jungle.” The agricultural settlement of Rolândia, a place of refuge in the interior of Brazil

12.45 pm  
End of day 2

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**Saturday, September 25, 2021**

9.30-11 am  
**INDIVIDUAL PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTS OF EXILE**

Jacqueline Vansant (University of Michigan-Dearborn)
“Freilich ist das Leben hier absolut kein leichtes, aber ... ”: A Youth's Reflections on Exile, Emigration, and the Environment in the Middle East, 1939-1943

Hadwig Kraeutler (Vienna)

Zlata F. Phillips (New York State University at Albany)
**Monkey Business: Paddling the Amazon, Pedaling in France to Spanish border, and Publishing for children around the world**

11-11.15 am  
Break

11.15-12.15 pm  
**EXPELLEES AND DEPORTEES IN NEW ENVIRONMENTS**

Avi Sharma (Technical University of Berlin)
**Our homes were “cold as an ice-block” and “hot as an oven”.** On the seasonal experience of displacement in refugee camps in Germany and India ca. 1945/50

Hilla Peled-Shapira (Bar-Ilan University, Israel)
**Between Moscow and Baghdad: Climate and the Image of the City in the Works of Iraqi Writers in Exile**

12.15-12.30 pm  
Conclusion

12.30 pm  
End of conference / get together