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NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR EXILE STUDIES

ENVIRONMENTS OF EXILE
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 Er heiratet 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)

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