



**German Historical Institute  
Washington, D.C.**

**Conference at the GHI, October 9-11, 2008:**

**Nature's Accountability:**

**Aggregation and Governmentality in the History of  
Sustainability**

**Conveners:**

**Sabine Höhler, GHI, Washington, DC / German Museum Munich  
Rafael Ziegler, Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin / University of Greifswald**

# Program

## Thursday, October 9

6:30 – 8:30 pm      Opening Reception at the GHI

## Friday, October 10

8:30 – 9:00 am      **Breakfast at the GHI**

9:00 – 9:30 am      **Introduction**  
Sabine Höhler, Rafael Ziegler

### **Section 1: Aggregating, Accounting, Capitalizing**

9:30 – 11:00 am      **Panel 1: Forests**  
Chair: Rafael Ziegler (University of Greifswald)

**Richard Hölzl** (University of Göttingen)  
*Streamlining Sustainability: German Scientific Forestry in the Early Industrial Age, 1830-1880*

**Brett Bennett** (University of Texas)  
*Accounting for Cultures of Conservation and Deforestation in Southeast Asia, 1855-1900*

11:00 – 11:30 am      **Coffee Break**

11:30 am – 1:00 pm      **Panel 2: Land**  
Chair: Jonas Scherner (GHI)

**Emily Pawley** (Chemical Heritage Foundation)  
*A Husbandry of Atoms: Quantification, Accounting, and Nutritional Value in American Agricultural Improvement, 1835-1860*

**Jeremy Vetter** (Dickinson College)

*Capitalizing on Grass: Environmental Knowledge, Political Economy, and the Making of the Sustainable Cowboy in the American West*

1:00 – 2:30 pm

**Lunch**

2:30 – 4:00 pm

**Panel 3: Fish**

Chair: Uwe Spiekermann (GHI)

**Dean Bavington** (Nipissing University)

*From Hunting Fish to Managing Populations: Maximum Sustainable Yield, Domestication, and the Destruction of the Newfoundland Cod Fisheries*

**Paul Erickson** (Wesleyan University)

*Markets and Models of Population in Twentieth-Century Environmental Sciences*

4:00 – 4:30 pm

**Coffee Break**

## **Section 2: Sustainability/Governmentality**

4:30 – 6:00 pm

**Panel 4: Functions, Models, and Systems**

Chair: Cornel Zwierlein (University of Bochum)

**Eva Lövbrand and Johannes Stripple** (Lund University)

*Earth System Governmentality: Critical Notes on Science in the Anthropocene*

**Timothy W. Luke** (Virginia Tech)

*Developing Planetary Accountancy: Fabricating Nature as Stock, Service, and System for Green Governmentality*

## **Saturday, October 11**

8:30 – 9:00 am      **Breakfast at the GHI**

9:00 – 11:00 am      **Panel 5: Production, Commodification, Consumption**

Chair: Jens Lachmund (University of Maastricht)

**Nayna Jhaveri** (Colgate University)

*Accounting for Material Flows: Governing Sustainable Consumption in the United States*

**Karen Hébert** (Yale University)

*The Conundrums of Quality: Producing Singularity and Salmon in Bristol Bay, Alaska*

**Sajay Samuel** (Pennsylvania State University)

*The Fishy Business of Eco-Economics*

11:00 – 11:30 am      **Coffee Break**

### **Section 3: Participation, Compensation, Substitution**

11:30 am – 1:00 pm      **Panel 6: Development, Sustainability, and Insurance**

Chair: Jeremy Vetter (Dickinson College)

**Cornel Zwierlein** (University of Bochum)

*Coping with Future Piles of Ashes: The Introduction of Fire Insurances as a Part of Cameralist Sustainability Politics*

**Rafael Ziegler** (Centre Marc Bloch/University of Greifswald)

*Crooked Wood, Straight Timber: Kant, Development, and Taking Nature into Account*

1:00 – 2:30 pm      **Lunch**

2:30 – 4:30 pm

**Panel 7: Trade and Trade-Off**

Chair: Sabine Höhler (GHI/German Museum Munich)

**Sidharth Sihag, Tejasvi Purusharth** (NALSAR University of Law)  
*Marching Forward without Gazing Backward: Relieving the Institutions of Environmental Screening of the Baggage of the Past. A Case Study of the Mass Movements of MKSS and NBA in India*

**Mart Stewart** (Western Washington University)  
*Climate Change Policy, Carbon Trading, and Accounting for Air*

**Jens Lachmund** (University of Maastricht)  
*From Conservation to Compensation: The Science and Politics of Urban Nature Management*

4:30 – 5:00 pm

**Coffee Break**

5:00 – 6:00 pm

**Final Discussion: Nature's Accountability**

8:00 – 10:00 pm

**Conference Dinner**