Conference at the GHI, February 21-23, 2008:

Managing the Unknown:

Natural Reserves in Historical Perspective

Conveners:

Uwe Luebken (GHI)
Frank Uekötter (Deutsches Museum, Munich)
Program

**Thursday, February 21**

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  Opening reception at the GHI

**Friday, February 22**

8:30 am – 9:15 am  Breakfast at the GHI

9:15 am – 9:30 am  **Introduction**
                   Uwe Luebken, Frank Uekötter

9:30 am – 11:00 am  **Panel I: Marine Reserves I**
                    Chair: Frank Uekötter

   Ole Sparenberg (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)
   *The Perception and Use of Marine Biological Resources under National Socialist Autarky Policy*

   Frank Uekötter
   *Soils as Reserves: Some Impromptu Remarks*

11:00 am – 11:30 am  Coffee Break

11:30 am – 12:15 pm  **Panel II: Marine Reserves II**
                      Chair: Frank Uekötter

   Carmit Lubanov (Tel Aviv University)
   *The Dead Sea Reserves: Is It the Regional History of the Death of Foretold or the Challenge of International Community for a Sustainable Future*

12:15 pm – 2:00 pm  Lunch
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
Panel III: Forests  
Chair: Joachim Radkau (Universität Bielefeld)  

Susan Herrington (University of British Columbia)  
The Forests of Canada: Seeing the Forests for the Trees  

David Schorr (Tel Aviv University, Israel)  
Forest Law in the Palestine Mandate: Colonial Conservation in a Unique Context  

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm  
Coffee Break  

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm  
Panel IV: Traditional and Expert Management  
Chair: Deborah Fitzgerald (MIT)  

Stefanie Rixecker (Lincoln University, New Zealand)  
Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Maori Customary Fisheries Management in Aotearoa/New Zealand: How Contemporary Environmental Management Benefits from Traditional Practices  

Hugh S. Gorman (Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Michigan)  
Managing Resources versus Managing a Commons: Sustainability and Societal Interactions with the Nitrogen Cycle  

Saturday, February 23  

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

9:00 am – 10:30 am  
Panel V: Energy Problems in the 1970s  
Chair: Uwe Luebken  

Rüdiger Graf (Ruhr-University Bochum)  
Who Was Shocked by the Oil Price-Shock? Petroknowledge and the Estimates of Oil Reserves in the Western World Before 1973/74  

Cornelia Altenburg (Bielefeld University)  
Energy-Resources and the Nuclear Debate in the 19702 in Germany
10:30 am – 11:00 am  Coffee Break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Panel VI: War, Empire, and Strategic Resources

Chair: Sabine Höhler (GHI)

Mark R. Finlay (Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, Georgia)
Managing Strategic Resources: The Struggle for a Natural Rubber Reserve in the American West

Kuang-chi Hung (Harvard University)
An Empire of Gardens: Information Processing, Territorial Governance and the First Botanical Garden in Japan

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  Lunch

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  Panel VII: Tigers and Treatises

Chair: John R. McNeill (Georgetown University)

Ranjan Chakrabarti (Jadavpur University, India)
Managing the Unknown and the New Unknown: An Environmental History of the Sundarbans

Alena Drieschova (International Water Management Institute, Sri Lanka)
The Role of Uncertainties in the Design of International Water Treaties: An Historical Perspective

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm  Coffee Break

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Final Discussion

Chair: Uwe Luebken, Frank Uekötter

Introductory Remarks:
Deborah Fitzgerald
John R. McNeill
Joachim Radkau

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm  Conference Dinner

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