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
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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)
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**