Conference at the GHI, June 12-14, 2008

Civilizing Nature:
National Parks in Transnational Historical Perspective

Conveners:

Bernhard Gissibl, University of Mannheim
Sabine Höhler, German Historical Institute
Patrick Kupper, ETH Zürich
Program

Thursday, June 12

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

Friday, June 13

8:30 – 9:00 am  Breakfast at the GHI

9:00 – 9:30 am  Introduction
Bernhard Gissibl, Sabine Höhler, Patrick Kupper

9:30 – 11:00 am  Panel 1: What’s in a Park? Unpacking Yellowstone, Repacking Yellowstone
Chair: Bernhard Gissibl

Judith L. Meyer (Missouri State University)
Re-packing the Yellowstone Model: Historical Geography and Transnational Transfer of an Ideal

Melissa Harper and Richard White (University of Queensland, University of Sydney)
The “Nationalisms” of the First National Parks: Was the Australian Model Different?

11:00 – 11:30 am  Coffee Break

11:30 am – 1:00 pm  Panel 2: Imperial Natures – Parks and Empires I
Chair: Patrick Kupper

Caroline Ford (University of California, Los Angeles)
Landscape Reclamation and the Creation of “National Parks” in French Colonial Africa

Jeyamalar Kathirithamby-Wells (Cambridge University)
Malaysia’s Taman Negara National Park: Interconnections between Nature, Political Culture, and Development
1:00 – 2:30 pm  
Lunch

2:30 – 4:00 pm  
Panel 2: Imperial Natures – Parks and Empires II  
Chair: Uwe Luebken (GHI)  
Henny van der Windt (University of Groningen)  
*Dutch Connections: Four Continents and Five Lives of the National Park*  
Anna-Katharina Wöbse (University of Bielefeld)  
*Framing the Heritage of Mankind: National Parks on the International Agenda*

4:00 – 4:30 pm  
Coffee Break

4:30 – 6:00 pm  
Panel 3: Local Adaptations – Parks from below  
Chair: Catherine A. Christen (Smithsonian Institution)  
Brad Martin (Northwestern University)  
John Schelhas (Tuskegee University)  
*When Global Conservation Meets Local Livelihoods: People and Parks in Central America*

**Saturday, June 14**

8:30 – 9:00 am  
Breakfast at the GHI

9:00 – 11:00 am  
Panel 4: Nations and Natures: Parks and Political Regimes  
Chair: Karen Oslund (Towson University)  
Emily Wakild (Wake Forest University)  
*A Revolutionary Civilization: National Parks, Transnational Exchanges, and the Construction of Modern Mexico*
Carolin Roeder (University of Kent)
Protecting the Nature, Preserving the Nation? Slovenia’s Triglav National Park as a Mental Habitat for the National Identity

Indra Candanedo (University of Essex)
La Amistad International Park: Global Ideas Nationally Transformed

11:00 – 11:30 am  Coffee Break

11:30 am – 1:00 pm  Panel 5: Creating the Pristine: The Science and Technology of National Parks I
Chair: Sabine Höhler

Marcus A. Burtner (University of Arizona)

Etienne Benson (MIT)

1:00 – 2:30 pm  Lunch

2:30 – 4:00 pm  Panel 5: Creating the Pristine: The Science and Technology of National Parks II
Chair: Bernhard Gissibl

Michael Lewis (Salisbury University)
National Parks, Tiger Reserves, and Biosphere Reserves in Independent India

Matthew Chrulew (Monash University)
Precivilizing Nature: Restoration and Resurrection at Pleistocene Park

4:00 – 4:30 pm  Coffee Break
Round Table: Consigning National Parks to History – Conclusions and Perspectives
Chair: Patrick Kupper

Jane Carruthers (University of South Africa)
Christof Mauch (LMU Munich)
John R. McNeill (Georgetown University)

Conference Dinner
Jury Hotel, Restaurant dupontgrille
1500 New Hampshire Ave. NW

Field Trip (optional) to Rock Creek Park