

## New Materiality: Things – Environment – Human-Animal Relations

The event is the third within a series of workshops that are organized by the research group “Rural Societies” at the GWZO and provided in cooperation with the interdisciplinary network “Love – Work – Violence”. This forum actively tries to transcend conventional boundaries of epochs and wants to discuss the output and limits of theoretical perspectives in connection with profound empirical studies. Love, work and violence are keywords for this endeavor. They allow the group to translate theoretical concepts into different empirical contexts. The network offers several possibilities of working formats and cooperation in the field of rural studies.

At the centre of this year’s workshop are different approaches that address conceptualizations and constructions of materiality. The workshop attempts to combine two working formats or procedural methods. The first part of the meeting is dedicated to the discussion of concepts and different theoretical approaches whereas the second examines their applicability and heuristic strength on the basis of empirical studies. A collection of theoretical readings on the one hand, as well as presentations of empirical studies carried out by network colleagues on the other, serve as the basis for our discussions.



Radosław Drożdżewski (Zwiadowca21), Pseudo Traffic Sign, Warning! European Bison's Land near Białowieża (Pseudoznak drogowy Uwaga! Kraina żubra w okolicy Białowieży), 2012 © commons.wikimedia

Front: Unknown Artist, Girl with a Sickel, (Dziewczyna z sierpem), 19th century, The National Museum in Warsaw

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## Workshop

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## Thursday, March 16, 2017

14.00–14.15

Welcome and Introduction

14.15–15.00

Keynote

Eunice Blavascunas (Whitman College, Walla Walla)

**Humans and Non-Humans: Theoretical and Methodological Debates in Humanities**

Comment: Claudia Kraft (Universität Siegen)

## Approaches

15.15–18.45 (with coffee break)

Chair: Christian Lübke (GWZO, Leipzig)

Article-based discussions on

**Things – Environment – Human-Animal Relationships**

Presentations

Maria Hetzer (Universität Siegen)

Barbara Klich-Kluczewska (UJ, Kraków)

Margareth Lanzinger (Universität Wien)

Ewelina Szpak (PAN, Warszawa)

18.45–19.30 Coffee Break with Refreshments

19.30–21.00

Reflections

Ute Raßloff (Berlin)

Mikołaj Szoltysek (MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.)

Anna Dobrowolska (UW, Warszawa)

Dietmar Müller (GWZO, Leipzig)

## Friday, March 17, 2017

9.00–9.45

Introduction: Ernst Langthaler (Johannes Kepler Universität Linz)

## Questions and Problems

Chair: Sabine von Löwis (CMB, Berlin)

9.45–10.30

Markus Krzoska (JLU Gießen)

**Sense and Non-sense of Non-human Agency: Examples from Białowieża**

Comment: Matthias Kaltenbrunner (Universität Wien)

Discussion

10.30–11.15

Alina Strugut (Toronto)

**EU Rural Tourism and the Commodification of Nature and Local Subsistence Livelihoods: Lessons from Gura Raului, Romania**

Comment: Olga Linkiewicz (PAN, Warszawa)

Discussion

11.15–11.30 Coffee Break

Chair: Jaśmina Korczak-Siedlecka (PAN, Warszawa)

11.30–12.15

Iurii Zazuliak (NANU, L'viv)

**Making Boundaries and Uses of Physical Landscape in Galicia (Red Ruthenia) during the 15th – 16th Centuries**

Comment: Michael G. Müller (MLU Halle-Wittenberg)

Discussion

12.15–13.00

Matthias Hardt (GWZO, Leipzig)

**Overcoming the Mountains: Cultivating the Country (Landesausbau)**

Comment: Tomasz Wiślicz (PAN, Warszawa)

Discussion

13.00–13.45 Lunch

Carl Kuntz, A Young Herdsman with a Cow and a Goat, Standing at a Lakeside (Junge Viehhirtin mit einer Kuh und einer Ziege, an einem Seeufer stehend), before 1830 © commons.wikimedia



Franc Anton Steinberg, Deer Hunting on a Frozen Lake (Lov na srnjad na zamrznjenem jezeru), 1758, National Museum of Slovenia

13.45–14.45

Conclusions

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