

The increasingly critical impact of climate change has placed human interaction with nature on the political agenda. This reflects the realization that humans are in the process of destroying their own livelihoods. While politics, however, is primarily concerned with stopping the destruction, in contemporary natural philosophy thought is being given to a fundamentally different way of dealing with nature.

In addition, attention has recently been drawn, especially in the sociology of knowledge, to the profound shock that the current climate crisis means for human's self-understanding in modernity. Common to the various answers to the shaking of the human self-understanding is that they want to remeasure the relationship between humans and their environment, things, nature and technology. Such a remeasurement exceeds political action, since in the history of European-Western philosophy the sphere of the political has itself always been understood in distinction to nature.

This is where intercultural criticism must start and confront the current struggle for a renewal of the understanding of nature with the thinking of non-European cultures and epochs. In recent years, corresponding work has been done, above all, in confrontation with Buddhism and in the recognition of Latin American and African experiences.

The conference would like to tie in with these works, but also to allow further experiences of nature from other cultural traditions to have their say. In addition, the importance of an intercultural experience of nature will be explored. If the relationship between human beings and nature presents itself differently in the various approaches, then it is more than just a matter of different conceptualizations of nature. Then human reality as a whole is affected and therefore the question of the relation of the different approaches to each other arises. The answer to this question directly concerns the political dimension of nature.

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THE POLITICAL DIMENSION OF NATURE: AN INTERCULTURAL CRITIQUE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
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4TH - 6TH JUNE 2021 - UNIVERSITY OF TÜBINGEN

Keynotes

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Meera Baidur | Hiroshi Abe | Jason Wirth |
Seyyed Hossein Nasr | Angela Roothaan |
Michael Hampe | Dalia Nasser

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Moderation: Dorothee Kimmich (University of Tübingen)

Moderation: Rolf Elberfeld (University of Hildesheim)

Moderation: Georg Stenger (University of Vienna)

9:30¹ - Welcome and Introduction to the Conference
10:00 by Niels Weidtmann, President of GIP (University of Tübingen)

10:15 - James Ogude (University of Pretoria)
11:15 *Ubuntu and the Principle of Co-Agency: Reflection on nature-human nexus in African ecology*

11:30 - Philippe Descola (Collège de France, Paris)
12:30 *Cosmopolitics of the Earth*

9:00 - Meera Baindur (Manipal University Jaipur)
10:00 *Nature as matter of beings and the politics of matter in Indian traditions and thought*

10:15 - Hiroshi Abe (University of Kyoto)
11:15 *Der Mensch als politisches Wesen auf Basis der Natur?*

11:30 - Angela Roothaan (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
12:30 *Where Politics and Philosophy Intersect – Deconstructive, Postcolonial, Indigenous Approaches to Nature*

10:00 - Dalia Nasser (University of Sydney)
11:00 *Alexander von Humboldt – The Aesthetic Foundations of Ecology, and Why That Matters Today*

11:15 - Michael Hampe (ETH Zürich),
12:15 Olivier Del Fabbro (ETH Zürich)
State of Nature - War against Nature: From Hobbes to Latour

14:30 **Section 1**
Nature in non-Western Traditions
mod. Elise Coquereau-Saouma (University of Vienna)

Section 2
Religions and Nature
mod. Markus Wirtz (University of Cologne)

14:30 **Section 3**
Politics of Nature
mod. Eveline Cioflec (University of Tübingen)

Section 4
Decolonial Approaches to Nature
mod. Abbed Kanoor (University of Tübingen)

14:30 **Section 5**
Alternative Approaches to Nature
mod. Anke Graness (University of Hildesheim)

Section 6
Phenomenology of Nature
mod. Hora Zabbarjadi-Sar (University of Tübingen)

14:35 - Cédric Molino-Machetto (Université Toulouse Jean-Jaurès)
Ibn Khaldûn: politics and nature, a biological anthropology of power and violence

Munjed M. Murad (Harvard Divinity School)
Developing/Discovering Theories for the Study of the Non-Human in Islam and Christianity

14:35 - Ana Vieyra (Emory University)
15:20 *Valuing nature without naturalizing value*

Zaida Olvera (AU of Mexico State / NAU of Mexico)
A Philosophical Approach to the Concept of the Nature Reserve: The Problem of Spatial Exclusion

14:35 - Louise Müller (Leiden University)
15:20 *Sophie Olúwolé's classical Yoruba philosophy and its significance for a new critical feminist non-binary philosophy of nature*

Irene Breuer (Bergische Universität Wuppertal)
Natural and Cultural/Political Lifeworlds in Conflict: The Uruguayan Writer Mario Benedetti and the Limit Experience of Exile

15:25 - Silvia Donzelli (Universities of Bielefeld and Hamburg)
16:10 *African environmental ethics and politics*

Michael Reder (Hochschule für Philosophie München)
Für eine relationale und (inter-)kulturelle Politik der Natur. Über liberale Klimapolitik und ihre Begrenzungen aus interkultureller Perspektive

15:25 - Juan Ignacio Chávez (Pontifical Catholic University of Peru)
16:10 *National Futures: Science, literature, and cartography in Argentina and Peru*

Massimiliano Lacertosa (University of Warwick)
The perspective of the myriad things (wanwu) in the Zhuangzi and the possibility of a non-anthropocentric vision of nature

15:25 - Matthias Kramm (Wageningen University)
16:10 *Nature in Maori philosophy – the case of the Whanganui River*

Claus Dierksmeier (University of Tübingen)
Animals as Persons? On K.C.F. Krause's Phenomenology of Nature

16:15 - Hanna McGaughey (Universität Trier)
17:00 *A (Modern) Reflection of (Japanese) Nature*

Fernando Wirtz (Universität Tübingen)
Myth and Nature in Miki Kioyshi and Kosaka Masaaki

16:15 - Alexander Stingl (IAS Warwick)
17:00 Gilles Lhuillier (ENS Rennes)
Discussing Rights of Nature, Human Rights, and Earth Transnational Law on the example of Blue Economy legal cases

Pius Mosima (University of Bamenda)
African 'consensus democracy' and nature: an intercultural approach to the politics of conservation

16:15 - Patricia D. Reyes (University of Twente)
17:00 *The post-anthropocentric social and its contracts: Indigenous Place-thought meets digitally mediated climate activism*

Mikhail Belousov (RANEP, Moscow)
Husserl vs Galileo: the naturalism critique overturned

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18:00 - Rita Segato (University of Brasilia):
19:00 *to be announced*

18:00 - Seyyed Hossein Nasr (George Washington University)
19:00 *The Significance of Nature in Human Life – Spiritually, Intellectually and Socio-Politically*

18:00 Jason Wirth (Seattle University)
Nishitani Keiji and Ecological Economy

19:00 *Closing Remarks by Niels Weidtmann*