

Panel 5 Exploiting and Conserving Resources (Chair: Thomas Bohn)

- 5:45 p.m. Introduction
Thomas Bohn (Gießen)
- 5:50 p.m. Resource or Reserve? Players, Interests
and Changes in the History of Białowieża
National Park
Julian Mühlbauer (Gießen)
- 6:10 p.m. „International Society for the Protection of
the European Bison“ after World War I as a
Trial for a Synenergistic Use of Resources
Markus Krzoska (Gießen)
- 6:30 p.m. Ambivalences of German occupation –
exploitation and conservation in the First
and Second World Wars
Aliaksandr Dalhouski (Gießen)
- 6:50 p.m. Discussion
- 7:00 p.m. Final Commentary (Ulrike Plath)



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Knowledge about Resources
Challenges of the Exploration and
Exploitation of Resources
in East Central Europe in the 19th and 20th Centuries

Marburg, April 18th and 19th, 2013

Conference Programme

Thursday, April 18th, 2013

1:00 p.m. **Welcoming Words**
Heidi Hein-Kircher (Marburg)

1:15 p.m. **Introduction**
Christian Lotz (Marburg)

Panel 1 Knowledge about the Exploitation of Resources

(Chair: Heidi Hein-Kircher)

1:30 p.m. **Between Cameralism and Natural Sciences. Efforts for Exploitation of Natural Resources in Hungarian Mining, ca. 1800 – 1850**
Peter Konečný (Banská Štiavnica)

2:15 p.m. **Geology and Real-Estate. Opening up Limestone Deposits in the 19th Century.**
Sebastian Haumann (Darmstadt)

3:00 p.m. **The birth of the Estonian oil-shale industry**
Erki Tammiksaar (Tartu)

3:45 p.m. Coffee break

4:00 p.m. **Regions of resource improvement? Czechoslovak mountain areas in an agricultural perspective**
Martin Zückert (München)

4:45 p.m. **Slovakia as Eldorado of strategic raw materials in the first half of the 20th century**
Roman Holec (Bratislava)

5:30 p.m. **Farmland and people as essential resources of the Second Republic of Poland in the concepts of polish agrarians**
Tadeus Janicki (Poznań)

6:15 p.m. **Hay: from resource to problem**
Kadri Tüür (Tartu)

7:00 p.m. Discussion

Friday, April 19th, 2013

Panel 2 Transnational Exchanges and Debates about Resources

(Chair: Christian Lotz)

9:00 a.m. **The german influence on economic appraisal and land use of bogs, fens and mires in Estonia and Finland, circa 1880-1940**
Esa Ruuskanen (Oulu)

9:45 a.m. **The scientific study of soil as a natural resource. Russia, Germany and the U.S., 1880-1930**
Jan Arend (München)

10:30 a.m. **The Neman river in the international relations in Eastern Europe, 1920s-1930s**
Maria Pavlova (Moskow)

11:15 a.m. Coffee break

Panel 3 Imagining and Describing Resources

(Chair: Ulrike Plath)

11:30 a.m. **„Pol'za“ for Russia: The Benefit of the Baltic Provinces for the Empire According to Russian Late 19th Century Regional Studies**
Karsten Brüggemann (Tallinn)

12:15 p.m. **Historicizing the Notion of Resources. Descriptive Statistics in East-Central Europe in the First Half of the 'Long' Nineteenth-Century**
Borbála Zsuzsanna Török (Konstanz)

1:00 p.m. Discussion

1:30 p.m. Lunch break

Panel 4 Academic and Traditional Knowledge about Resources

(Chair: Martin Zückert)

2:15 p.m. **Conflicts between the Traditional and Scientific Knowledge of Forests in Eighteenth-Century Transylvania**
Dorin-Ioan Rus (Graz)

3:00 p.m. **Creating the Commons: Dialogues between Community, Nation and State in the Management of Natural Resource in Hungary, 1848-1918**
Robert Gray (Keele)

3:45 p.m. **Experts, state and local users of natural resources: changes in their relations in Imperial and Soviet Russia**
Julia Lajus (St. Petersburg)

4:30 p.m. **Hidden energies. Public and arcane knowledge on nuclear technology in the Soviet Union**
Veronika Wendland (Marburg)

5:15 p.m. Discussion

5:30 p.m. Coffee break