

# Beyond the Sea\*

\* Reviewing the manifold dimensions of water as barrier and bridge



**Saturday, 22 September 2012**

## **SESSION 5: POLITICAL IMAGINATION OF THE SEA**

9.00 – 10.30

Chair: **Alexander Drost** (University of Greifswald)

Discussant: **Alexander Wöll** (University of Greifswald)

**Marta Grzechnik** (University of Greifswald/  
University of Gdansk): *From Moat to Connecting Link –  
the Image of the Baltic Sea in Sweden in the Twentieth  
Century*

**Vsevolod Samakhvalov** (University of Cambridge): *The  
Holy Grail and the Promised Land: Black Sea as a  
Source of the Russian Exceptionality in the Soviet and  
Post-Soviet Discourse*

**Dan Tamir** (University of Zurich): *Mare Nostrum, Ha-  
Jam Ha-Gadol: The Centrality of the Mediterranean in  
Revisionist Zionist Thought and its Political Benefits  
Today*

## **SESSION 6: WEALTH, DANGER, MYSTERY – WATER IN ART AND LITERATURE**

11.00 – 12.30

Chair: **Olga Sasunkevich** (University of Greifswald)

Discussant: **Anti Selart** (University of Tartu)

**Boris Dunsch** (University of Marburg):

*“Why do we violate strange seas and sacred waters?”  
Readings of the Sea in Greek and Roman Poetry*

**Alexander Filyushkin** (St. Petersburg State University):  
*Image of Seas and Rivers as a Frontier between the  
different Worlds in Russian Medieval Chronicles*

**Lehti Mairike Keelmann** (University of Michigan):  
*Amber Rosaries, Baltic Furs & Persian Carpets: The  
Tallinn “Mary Altarpiece” as an Object of Hanseatic  
Conspicuous Consumption?*

## **General Information**

We are happy to welcome you to our conference  
„Beyond the sea – Reviewing the manifold dimensions of  
water as barrier and bridge”. The conference is  
organized by doctoral students from the universities of  
Lund, Tartu and Greifswald and is kindly supported by  
the International Research Training Group “Baltic  
Borderlands” and the German Research Foundation.

## **Conference venue**

Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald  
Martin-Luther-Straße 14  
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# Conference programme

## Conference aims

From the beginning of mankind water has played an essential role by dividing and connecting different landscapes, peoples, cultures and identities. Although water has been the object of research in studies on maritime borders, dimensions of inclusion and exclusion that go beyond the mere physical character of water have often been neglected. This interdisciplinary conference intends to approach water beyond its immanent quality as a physical boundary and focuses on the character of water as a means of social, cultural, political or economic division and connection. The aim of the conference is to discuss the different roles and functions ascribed to water and what we can learn about social and mental boundaries through engaging with it.

## Thursday, 20 September 2012

**Welcome, registration and conference folders**  
16.00

**Welcome address**  
18.00

**Michael North**, Speaker of IRTG 1540 Baltic Borderlands

**Alexander Wöll**, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy

**OPENING LECTURE**  
**18.15 - 19.30**

**Ines Dombrowsky**  
(German Development Institute, Bonn):  
*Conflict and Cooperation on International Rivers*

**Reception at Alfred Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg**  
**19.30**

## Friday, 21 September 2012

### SESSION 1: WILD AND VIOLENT? CULTURAL MEANINGS OF WATER

9.00 – 10.30

Chair: **Marta Grzechnik** (University of Greifswald)  
Discussant: **Ines Dombrowsky** (GDI, Bonn)

**Peter Borschberg** (National University of Singapore):  
*Water Spaces in South-East Asia: Straits and Rivers*  
**Tobias Ide** (University of Hamburg/Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research):  
*Scarce Water Resources as a Source of Violence? Three Analytical Perspectives and the Missing Discursive Link*  
**Mathias Niendorf** (University of Greifswald):  
*Water and Swamps – Eastern Europe’s “Wunderwaffe”?*

### SESSION 2: GOVERNANCE OF MARITIME SPACES

11.00 – 12.30

Chair: **Stefanie Otte** (University of Greifswald)  
Discussant: **Christer Pursiainen** (University of Helsinki)

**Stefan Ewert** (University of Greifswald):  
*Multilevel Governance in the Baltic Sea Region – some Considerations on an Unspecific Term*  
**Daria Gritsenko** (University of Helsinki) and  
**Tim-Ake Pentz** (University of Rostock):  
*Maritime Governance in the Baltic Sea Region: The EU’s Success Story?*  
**Magdalena Schönweitz** (Humboldt University, Berlin):  
*Cross-border Cooperation of Urban Areas – between Utopia and Reality*

### SESSION 3: SEAS AS CONTESTED LEGAL AND ECONOMIC SPACES

14.00 – 15.30

Chair: **Taavi Kelder** (University of Tartu)  
Discussant: **Rikard Bengtsson** (Lund University)

**Jan-Henrik Nilsson** (Lund University):  
*The Fourth Logistic Revolution: Implications for Territorial Change in the Baltic Sea Area*  
**Luis Lobo-Guerrero** (Royal Holloway, University of London):  
*Connectivity as the Strategization of Water Space: The Case of the Port of Hamburg*  
**Ole Sparenberg** (Saarland University):  
*Mining for Manganese Nodules: The Deep Sea as a Contested Space (1960s-1980s)*

### SESSION 4: MILITARIZATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF THE SEA – DIVISION OR UNITY?

16.00 – 17.30

Chair: **Heta Hurskainen** (University of Greifswald)  
Discussant: **Peter Borschberg** (National University of Singapore)

**Jens E. Olesen** (University of Greifswald):  
*Danish-Swedish Warship-Battles in the Baltic and the Central Role of the Island of Bornholm during the Seven Years War (1563-1570)*  
**Tilman Plath** (University of Greifswald):  
*Naval Strength and Mercantile Weakness. Russia and the Struggle for Participation in the Baltic Navigation during the 18th Century*  
**Magnus Ressel** (University of Bochum):  
*The First German Dream of the Ocean. The Project of the “Reichs-Admiralität” 1570/71*

### KEYNOTE LECTURE

**18.00 - 19.30**

**Christer Pursiainen** (University of Helsinki):  
*From Cooperation to Integration: Mission Impossible?*