

## WATER IN HISTORIC GARDENS AS AN AESTHETIC CATEGORY AND NATURAL RESOURCE – SPANNING A BRIDGE FROM WEST TO EAST

A Symposium of the Interdisciplinary Research Group "Historic Gardens and Climate Change"

**Tuesday, 19th June 2018, 2 pm – 7.30 pm**

Einstein-Hall, Jägerstraße 22-23, 10117 Berlin

The admission is free, registration is required until 13th June 2018 at: [www.bbaw.de/symposium-wasser](http://www.bbaw.de/symposium-wasser)



Wörlitz Gardens – Fastigiate poplar trees after storm damage in June 2017, Photo: K. David

In historic gardens and parks, water is both an essential aesthetic category as well as an indispensable natural resource.

Water appears in a wide range of forms: outstretched lakes, bubbling fountains or gentle ponds. Exploring a garden from its waterways optimally complements a stroll through the grounds – something visitors still love to do up to the present day.

Furthermore, historic gardens, traditionally created as a "Gesamtkunstwerk", embracing architecture, architectural staffages and monuments within a natural setting, are highly dependent on the supply of water for very different types of vegetation. Hence, the increasing number of drought events in the growing season and extreme summer heat as well as rapidly sinking groundwater tables may seriously affect the vitality of plants and trees. Likewise, raising groundwater can also be a major threat by impeding trees to grow roots into the deeper soil, hence, losing anchorage and thus becoming more susceptible to windthrow during storms.

This international symposium provides an opportunity to discuss such impacts and possible solutions to safeguard our historic parks and gardens with experts from Eastern Europe, with special focus on their relevance and applicability to the region of Berlin-Brandenburg.

## PROGRAMME

**2 pm – 2.15 pm**  
**Introduction**

**Christoph Markschies**

Vice-President of the Academy,  
HU Berlin

**4.55 pm – 5.15 pm**  
**Discussion**

**Chair: Bernd Hillemeier**

Member of the Academy,  
TU Berlin

**2.15 pm – 2.45 pm**  
**The water system of the 18th century garden  
in Bogoroditsk (Tula region)**

**Alexandra Veselova**

Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg

**5.15 pm – 5.45 pm**  
**Hydrosystem of the gardens of the  
Russian Museum in St. Petersburg,  
its transformation and impact**

**Vela Portugalskaya**

The State Russian Museum,  
St. Petersburg

**2.45 pm – 3.05 pm**  
**Discussion**

**Chair: Michael Rohde**

Stiftung Preußische Schlösser und Gärten  
Berlin-Brandenburg

**5.45 pm – 6.05 pm**  
**Discussion**

**Chair: Ulrich Cubasch**

FU Berlin

**3.05 pm – 3.35 pm**  
**Water fantasy in the Neva delta:  
a variety of water devices in the gardens  
of St. Petersburg XVIII - XX centuries**

**Andrej Reyman**

St. Petersburg

**6.05 pm – 6.35 pm**  
**Aesthetics and sustainability  
in the Russian water parks, from the  
Baroque to 21st century**

**Boris Sokolov**

Russian State University  
for the Humanities, Moscow

**3.35 pm – 3.55 pm**  
**Discussion**

**Chair: Adrian von Buttlar**

TU Berlin

**6.35 pm – 6.55 pm**  
**Discussion**

**Chair: Hans-Georg Frede**

Member of the Academy,  
Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

**3.55 pm – 4.25 pm**  
**Coffee break**

**4.25 pm – 4.55 pm**  
**On the social aesthetics of water  
and steam in the landscape gardens  
of 19th century Berlin**

**M. Norton Wise**

University of California, Los Angeles

**6:55 pm – 7.30 pm**  
**Concluding discussion**

**Chair: Christoph Markschies**

Vice-President of the Academy,  
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### Weitere Informationen

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