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 D-17489 Greifswald

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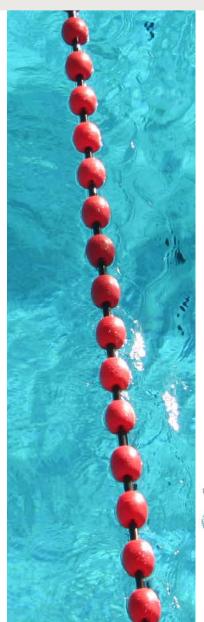
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Beyond the Sea*

* Reviewing the manifold dimensions of water as barrier and bridge







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 Alfried 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?