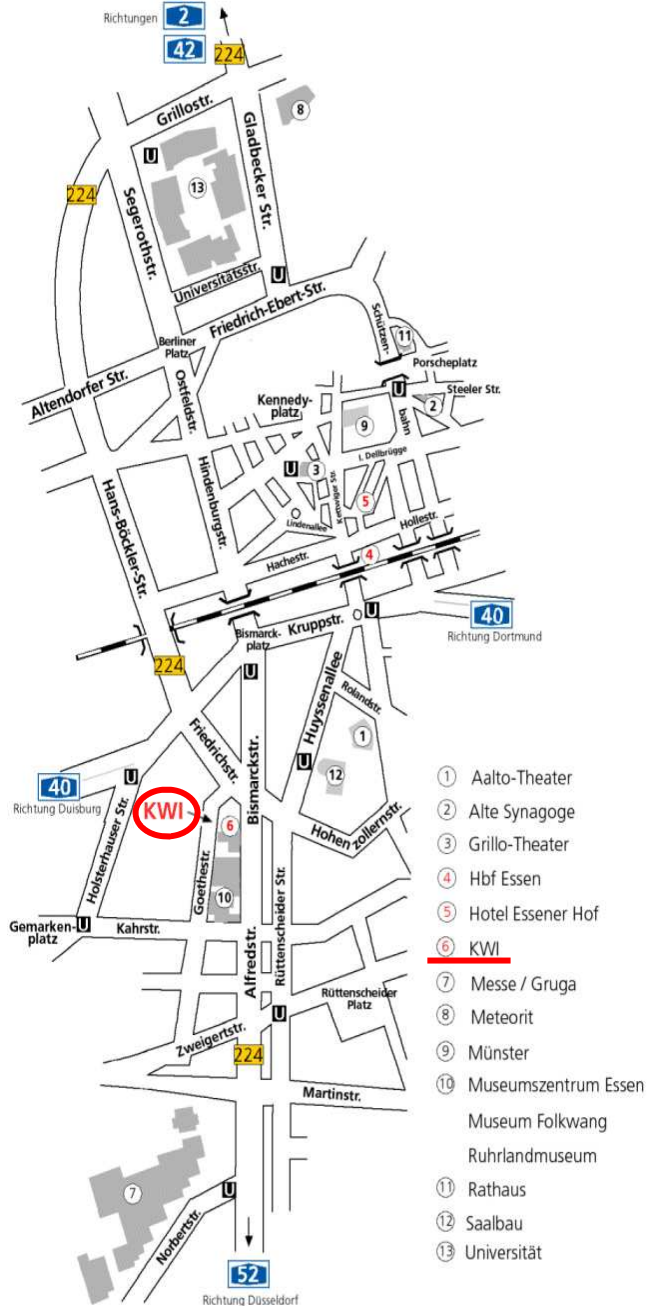


## Directions



From Essen HBF is a free bus to the Folkwang museum, just next to the KWI

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The conference focuses on China's role in this crisis. It also takes a look into Chinese history, in order to locate possible roots of the problem and explore ways to alternative attitudes towards nature.

## Programme

### Friday , 25th of June 2010

14.30-14.45

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

Carmen Meinert (KWI) and Heiner Roetz (Ruhr-University Bochum)

14.45-15.15

#### **Chinese “Unity of Nature and Man”: Myth or Reality?**

Heiner Roetz (Ruhr-University Bochum)

15.15-15.45

#### **Current Discourses on Climate in China—Political Strategies or Assemblages of ‘Nature’?**

Maximilian Mayer (University of Bonn)/ Christian Ellermann (Oxford)

15.45-16.30 Discussion

16.30-16.45 Tea break

16.45-17.15

#### **Lessons from the Past? Historical Climatology and its Importance for Understanding Climate Change Impacts**

Eva Sternfeld (TU Berlin)

17.15-17.45

#### **Landscapes of Identity—Landscapes for Consumption: Famous Sights in Linfen, Then and Now**

Andrea Janku (SOAS, London)

17.45-18.00 Tea break

18.00-18.30

#### **Manipulating the Yellow River and the State Building of the Northern Song Dynasty**

Ling Zhang (Harvard University)

18.30-19.15 Discussion

### Saturday , 26th of June 2010

10.00-10.30

#### **Buddhism and Deep Ecology in Chinese Text and Context**

Xue Yu (*Scholar in Residence* at the KWI in cooperation with the Goethe Institute, Chinese University of Hong Kong)

10.30-11.00

#### **Attitudes Towards Nature in East Asian Mahāyāna Buddhism: Some Random Historical Reflections**

Jörg Plassen (Ruhr-University Bochum)

11.00-11.45 Discussion

11.45-12.00 Tea break

12.00-12.30

#### **Sacred Peaks and Cherished Soil—Historical Roots and Contemporary Manifestations of Daoist Environmental Ethics**

Volker Olles (University of Leipzig)

12.30-13.00

#### **Implementation Gap as a Constraint for Environmental Policy**

Thomas Heberer (University of Duisburg-Essen)

13.00-13.45 Discussion