



Floods, State, Dams and Dykes in Modern Times: Ecological and Socio-economic Transformations of the Rural World

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Organizing institutions: Francisc I. Rainer Institute of Anthropology Bucharest, New Europe College-Institute for Advanced Study and the Center of Risk Studies, Faculty of Geography, University of Bucharest

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THURSDAY, JUNE 18

9:30-11:30 Session 1

Moderator: Ștefan DORONDEL

James C. SCOTT (Yale University, USA): *The State and the History of Rivers: In Praise of Floods*

Michael M. CERNEA (Member of the Romanian Academy and Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, Washington DC): *Bangladesh: The State, Shifting Rivers, Floods, and Impoverishment Risks - Is Population Resettlement the Solution?*

Discussions

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

Parallel session of posters: *Bucharest – a Vulnerable City*

12:00-14:00 Session 2

Moderator: Tanya RICHARDSON

Dirk NOWACKI and Jürgen WUNDERLICH (Department of Physical Geography, Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main, Germany): *Palaeolake Sediments in the Lower Danube Valley Reflecting Palaeoecological Changes and Human Impact during the Holocene*

David J.H. BLAKE (Independent researcher, UK): *Exporting Dams, Polders and Pumps: Transforming Nature and Society through a Hydraulic Mission in the Thai Periphery*

Eckehard PISTRICK (Martin-Luther University Halle, Germany): *Rhetorics and Practices of Modernization - Albania's Hydropower Stations as Symbolic Constructions of Multiple Modernities*

Fillippo MENGA (Tallinn University, Estonia): *Big Is Better, Or How Governments Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Megaprojects*

Discussions

14:00-15:15 Lunch

15:15-17:15 Session 3

Moderator: Oana Ivan

Tanya RICHARDSON (Wilfried Laurier University, Canada): *Challenges to Soviet-Era Water Infrastructures in Ukraine: Restoring Ecologies between the Danube and the Black Sea*

Stelu ȘERBAN (Institute for South-East European Studies, Bucharest, Romania): *Communal Ecology and Natural Restoration on the Danube*

Cristian TETELEA (WWF Romania): *Programs of Nature Restoration Programs along the Lower Danube*

Heliodoro OCHOA-GARCIA and Stephan RIST (Center for Development and Environment, University of Bern, Switzerland): *Hydraulic Projects, State And Society: Water Conflicts And Sustainable Governance In Western Mexico*

Discussions

18:15 Dinner

FRIDAY JUNE 19

9:30-11:30 Session 1

Moderator: Oana MATEESCU

Sue TAPSELL (Middlesex University, London): *Taking Control: Empowering Communities for Local Flood Risk Management in the UK*

Heinz GUTSCHER (University of Zurich, Switzerland): *The Role of Affect in Communicating Flood Risks in Switzerland*

Iuliana ARMAȘ, R. IONESCU, and Cristina POSNER (Faculty of Geography, University of Bucharest): *Flood Risk Perception along the Lower Danube River*

Discussions

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

Parallel session of posters: *Bucharest – a Vulnerable City*

12:00-14:00 Session 2

Moderator: Iuliana ARMAŞ

Catherine ASHCRAFT (Department of Natural Resources and the Environment University of New Hampshire, SUA): *Negotiating Tradeoffs in Adaptive and Integrated Approaches to Flood Risk Management*

Predrag MILJKOVIC, Mirjana TODOSIJEVIĆ, Jelena BELOICA, Dragan ČAKMAK, Vukašin MILČANOVIĆ, Ratko KADOVIĆ, Snežana BELANOVIĆ SIMIĆ (Faculty of Forestry, University of Belgrade, Serbia): *Floods Impacts On Soil Properties And Local Community In River Kolubara Catchment*

Mariana NIKOLOV and Valentin NIKOLOV (National Institute of Geophysics, Geodesy and Geography and Geological Institute “St. Dimitrov”, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences): *Flood Risk from Small Dams in Bulgaria: Case Studies from Catastrophic Dam Abruption in Municipalities Tsar Kaloyan and Harmanli*

Eeva SINERJOKI (University of Turku, Finland): *Kokemäenjoki-River is the Most Challenging Flood Area in Finland - The Effects of Flood Protection on the Population, Building Instructions and the Leisure Use of The River*

Discussions

14:00-15:15 Lunch

15:15-17:15 Session 3

Moderator: Stelu ŞERBAN

Ştefan DORONDEL and Oana IVAN (Francisc I. Rainer Institute of Anthropology Bucharest, Romania): *The History and the Ethnography of a Flood: Power and Environmental (In)Justice in Romania*

Ali NOBIL AHMAD (Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, Germany): *Flood-Causality and Post-Colonial States: The 2010 Disaster In Pakistan’s Southern Punjab*

Töhötöm Árpád SZABÓ (Babeş–Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania): *Floods, Dikes, Ethnic Groups And States: The Political Anthropology of a Natural Disaster*

Oana MATEESCU (Faculty of Sociology, University of Bucharest, Romania): *Flooding After Deforestation: Evidentiary and Causal Textures in Vrancea’s Forest Commons*

Discussions

17:15-18:00

Discussions concerning a future publication

19: 00 Dinner

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

9:00-17:00

Field Trip in Kalimok-Brashlen, Northern Bulgaria, to visit a site along the Danube which was recently ecologically reconstructed. Presentation of the site by experts of the Rusenski Lom Nature Park