

The transdisciplinary conference deals with the role of rivers in the production of spaces from a cultural studies and humanities perspective. For a long time, rivers have merely been regarded as objects of scientific observation and technical control of nature. They were described, measured and mapped in great detail. However, rivers are not just passive landscape elements, but they are themselves actively involved in the constitution of spaces or spatial cultures. Furthermore, rivers have the special feature that they are constantly changing and yet remain the same. One could even say that change is the only constant of a river. This fundamental changeability of the river opens up a number of possibilities for connection, because it means that the corresponding spatial cultures are kept mobile and changeable as well. The conference therefore addresses the question of what organizing capacities are produced by the river and what efforts are required in order to constitute rivers as spatial units.

The conference is organised by the research network *Fluid Spaces* at the University of Düsseldorf. The participating disciplines include the Institute of History, Romance Studies and Art History.



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Flowing Spaces

Rivers as Generators of Spatial Dynamics

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Conference program

Wednesday (11 May)

17:00 Welcoming speech

17:30 Opening lecture **Susanne Rau** (Erfurt)
Flüsse und Räume. Zu Geschichte und Potential einer Beziehung

Official reception

Thursday (12 May)

Thematic section 1: History and Geography

Moderation: Guido Thiemeyer

09:00 **Anton Tantner** (Wien)
Der Wiener Donaukanal als Ankunftszone und Ort von Konflikten, 1700-2021

09:45 **Michael Abeßer** (Freiburg i. Br.)
„Three different people, equally bound by water“ - Cossacks, Armenians and Russians in the Lower Don Region of the 18th and 19th century.

Coffee break

Thematic section 2: Cartography and Spatial Perception

Moderation: Achim Landwehr

11:00 **Herbert Karner** (Wien)
Celeberrimi Tractus Danubiani: die Donau und ihre ikonologische Bedeutung in der frühneuzeitlichen Kartographie

11:45 **Felix Schürmann** (Erfurt)
Maps in the Restructuring of the Lower Congo, c. 1860-1900

Poster-Session 1

12:30 **Tatjana Kohler** (Frankfurt/Oder)
„Deti moi — meine Kinder!“. ‚Mütterchen Wolga‘ in der russlanddeutschen Kulturgeschichte.

12:45 **Phi Nguyen** (Lausanne)
Liquid Skein: Hué's Sacred River and Its Latent Urban Dynamics

Lunch break

Thematic section 3: Art History

Moderation: Andrea von Hülsen-Esch

14:30 **Julia Trinkert** (Düsseldorf)
Flüsse als Ordnungskategorien. Eine methodische Standortbestimmung zur Kunstgeografie.

15:15 **Arne Leopold** (Düsseldorf)
Material-Strömungen im 13. Jahrhundert. Zum Transfer künstlerischer Techniken und Materialästhetik an geschnitzten Kästen entlang des Rheins

Coffee break

Themenblock 4: Literature and Media

Moderation: Ursula Hennigfeld

16:30 **Christian von Tschilschke** (Münster)
Der lateinamerikanische Flussfilm: Topographie und Medialität.

17:15 **Melanie Stralla** (Wuppertal)
Grenzüberschreitungen und neue Räume in Frédéric Mistral's ‚Pouèmo dóu Rose‘ (1897)

Poster-Session 2

18:00 **Henriette Terpe** (Köln)
Der umgekehrte Fluss: Mário de Andradas ‚A meditação sobre o Tietê‘

18:15 **Maike Teubner** (Erlangen-Nürnberg)
David Larsson: ‚Diagram over Ångermanälven River‘ – Der Fluss als Kreuzungspunkt privater und gesellschaftlicher Geschichte

Dinner invitation

Friday (13 May)

Thematic Section 5: Anthropology and Environmental History

Moderation: Gero Faßbeck

09:00 **Millie Creighton** (Vancouver)
Rivers Delineating Space, Place, Social Relations, Life and Death in a Japanese Mirrored World View

09:45 **Christian Zumbrägel** (Berlin)
Aale auf Reisen – Fischwanderungen an Rhein und Weser durch Zeit und Raum

Coffee break

Posters-Session 3

11:00 **Sabrina Kirschner** (München)
Zwischen Juqueri, Tamanduateí, Tietê und Pinheiros: São Paulo & das Wasser als urbane Herausforderung

11:15 **Caitlin Kraemer & Hannah Strothmann** (Berlin)
Flüsse als Bewegungsräume: Schwimmen und Rudern in Berlin

11:30 **Final discussion**
Rivers as Generators of Spatial Dynamics

Lunch & departure