

Workshop

Estimated Truths: Water, Science, and the Politics of Approximation

MPIWG - Boltzmannstr. 22, 14195, Berlin - Room 265

16 August 2017

09:30-10:00 *Giacomo Parrinello*

Introduction

10:00-10:45 *Debjani Bhattacharyya*

Soaking ecologies: Swamps, law and the East India Company in Bengal

Coffee break

11:15-12:00 *Azadeh Achbari*

Local Waters, Global Ambitions: Dutch Participation in the Multinational Tide Experiment of 1835

12:00-12:45 *Angelo M. Caglioti*

From Liberal to Fascist Techno-Politics. The Hydro-Politics of the Horn of Africa between Italian and British Imperialism (1919-1939)

Lunch

13:45-14:30 *Maurits Ertsen*

Leaving all the answers blank and getting 100. Hydrological (un)certainty in Dutch colonial irrigation

14:30-15:15 *Daniel MacFarlane*

'As nearly as may be': Controlling water on the St. Lawrence River

Coffee break

15:45-16:30 *Sarah Dry*

An unruly skill: Approximation, the rainband and the politics of weather prediction in late-Victorian Britain

Dinner

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09:30-10:15 *Matthew Evenden*

Measuring pure water for war: The chlorination debate in Vancouver during the Second World War

10:15-11:00 *Christy Spackman*

Informed taste: The sensory politics of identifying off tastes and odors in municipal water

Coffee break

11:30-12:15 *Etienne Benson*

Random river: Quantification and indeterminacy in mid-twentieth-century U.S. fluvial geomorphology

12:15-13:00 *Michael Reidy*

Glaciers, modeling, and spaces of uncertainty

Lunch

14:00-14:45 *Wilko Hardenberg*

Measuring zero at high sea: A quest for precision

14:45-15:30 *Jessica Lehman*

Observing the ocean: Truth, variability, and potential in Anthropocene seas

Coffee break

16:00-16:45

Final discussion