

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR EXILE STUDIES

ENVIRONMENTS OF EXILE REFUGEES, NATURE, AND REPRESENTATIONS

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| VENUE | Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario |
| FORMAT | Online, link circulated in advance |
| DATE | September 23-25, 2021 |
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>>> All times: **Eastern Standard Time**, please keep the time difference in mind

Thursday, September 23, 2021

9.30-10 am Welcome – Helga Schreckenberger (President of the North American Society for Exile Studies, University of Burlington / Vermont)
Opening remarks – Swen Steinberg (Queen's University, Kingston, and Carleton University, Ottawa / Ontario)

10-11 am **ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIONS IN EXILE WRITING 1**

Thomas F. Schneider (Remarque Center for Peace, Osnabrück)

Hades, Lethe or Locus amoenus: The role of nature in Erich Maria Remarque's writings on European Exile

Helga Schreckenberger (University of Burlington / Vermont)

Channeling the American Pioneer: Alice Herdan-Zuckmayer's *Die Farm in den Grünen Bergen* / *The Farm in the Green Mountains*

11-11.15 am Break

11.15-12.15 pm **ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIONS IN EXILE WRITING 2**

Werner Nell (University of Halle)

Relations to and the Impact of Nature in Critical Views on Modernity from Exile: Siegfried Kracauer and Albert Salomon

Jörg Thunecke (New York)

Deadly volcanic activities on Sicily: Hermynia Zur Mühlen's anti-Fascist novel *Er heiratet nicht für Geld* / *He does not Marry for Money* (1932/33)

12.15-12.30 pm Break

12.30-13:30 pm **REFLECTIONS OF EXILE ENVIRONMENTS BETWEEN IDENTITY AND
ATTRIBUTION**

Kirsten Krick-Aigner (Wofford College / South Carolina)

**Exile and the Longing for Heimat in the Representation of the Natural World in
Bettina Bauer-Ehrlich's Children's Books**

Margit Franz (Karl Franzens University Graz)

**"There, Where the Pepper Grows." From exoticizing descriptions to practical
implementations in Asian and African exile countries**

13.30 pm End of day 1

13.45-15 pm Business Meeting of the North American Society for Exile Studies
(optional / for members)

Friday, September 24, 2021

9.30-11 am **REFUGEES, KNOWLEDGE AND NATURE IN CANADA**

Martin Bemmann (University of Freiburg)

**The Unlikely Career of Leon J. Koerner: Transcontinental Transfers of Economic
and Environmental Knowledge as Key to Entrepreneurial Success and Societal
Integration, 1938/39-1955**

Swen Steinberg (Queen's University, Kingston, and Carleton University, Ottawa /
Ontario)

**Knowledge in Flight? Hungarian Foresters, the Uprising in 1956 and the Sopron
Forest School at UBC Vancouver**

Amanda Leslie / Asher Goldstein (University of Edinburgh / Linköping universitet)

**Naturalizing citizenship: Canada's national parks and the promotion of
imaginaries of citizenship on Indigenous land**

11-11.15 am Break

11.15-12.45 pm **EXILE AS ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCE**

Natalie Eppelsheimer (Middlebury College / Vermont)

Of Droughts, Diseases, and Safaris: German Exiles as Farmers in Kenya

Reinhard Andress (Loyola University Chicago)

***The Halo of the Jungle*: Narrating the Exile Experience of the Aron Family in Ecuador**

Marlen Eckl (Hofheim/Ts.)

“Europe in the jungle.” The agricultural settlement of Rolândia, a place of refuge in the interior of Brazil

12.45 pm End of day 2

Saturday, September 25, 2021

9.30-11 am **INDIVIDUAL PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTS OF EXILE**

Jacqueline Vansant (University of Michigan-Dearborn)

“Freilich ist das Leben hier absolut kein leichtes, aber ... ”: A Youth’s Reflections on Exile, Emigration, and the Environment in the Middle East, 1939-1943

Hadwig Kraeutler (Vienna)

Engaging (with) environments: Some essentials. The museologist, writer, art historian Alma S. Wittlin (b. Lviv/Ukraine, 1899; d. Palo Alto/CA, 1991)

Zlata F. Phillips (New York State University at Albany)

Monkey Business: Paddling the Amazon, Pedaling in France to Spanish border, and Publishing for children around the world

11-11.15 am Break

11.15-12.15 pm **EXPELLEES AND DEPORTEES IN NEW ENVIRONMENTS**

Avi Sharma (Technical University of Berlin)

Our homes were “cold as an ice-block” and “hot as an oven”. On the seasonal experience of displacement in refugee camps in Germany and India ca. 1945/50

Hilla Peled-Shapira (Bar-Ilan University, Israel)

Between Moscow and Baghdad: Climate and the Image of the City in the Works of Iraqi Writers in Exile

12.15-12.30 pm Conclusion

12.30 pm

End of conference / get together