

DR. AGNES LIMMER

born 1 March 1983; German nationality

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 4/2018 Program Manager

Institute for Advanced Study, Technical University of Munich (TUM-IAS), Munich, Germany
Overall Coordination of the Project “Agriculture–Water Management–Climate Change. New Perspectives for Agriculture and the Environment”; Science Communication; Office Management for the Institute for Earth System Preservation (IESP e.V.).

8/2017-3/2018 Visiting Scholar

Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society (RCC), Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (LMU), Munich, Germany
Individual and Collaborative Research; Academic and Journalistic Writing

6/2015-9/2017 Local Representative in China

LMU International Office, Munich Germany
Representation at Official Events; Academic and Professional Networking; Overseas Support of the International Office’s Activities

9/2013-8/2017 Assistant Professor

Department of World History, Renmin University of China (RUC), Beijing, China
Teaching BA and MA courses in World Environmental History; Individual and Project Historical Research; Outreach and Communication, Project and Event Coordination for the RUC Center for Ecological History (CEH)

9/2009-8/2013 Research and Communications Associate

Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, LMU

Other Affiliations

Associate, CEH; China Affiliate, RCC (2013-2017); Visiting Scholar, RCC (8/2014); Guest Lecturer, “Proposal Writing.” DAAD China (2016-2017); Visiting Lecturer, University of the Armed Forces, Neubiberg, GER; Visiting Lecturer, College for Economics and the Environment (HfWU), Nürtingen, GER

EDUCATION

7/2013 PhD American Cultural History, RCC/LMU

Interdisciplinary PhD Program “Environment and Society” ; Dissertation: “Literature–History–Nature: Reflexions on Environmental Justice and Environmentalism in 19th Century Social Novels”

7/2009 M.A. Modern History, LMU

6/2007 First State Examination in Educational Sciences, LMU

6/2003 University Entrance Examination, Christoph-Probst Gymnasium, Germany

Professional Specialisation

Scientific Management for Post-Docs Trainings. TUM horizons (since 2018); Certification “Self-, Leadership, and Teaching Competence for PhD-Students.” LMU Center for Leadership and People Management (2010-2013); Researcher Training *Advancing Theory and Method in the Environmental Humanities*. Sigtuna Foundation and KTH Stockholm, Sigtuna, SE (10/2011); Bosch Foundation Archival Seminar for Young Historians *American History in Transatlantic Perspective*. German Historical Institute, Washington, DC (9/2011); Chinese Language and Culture. Henan University, CN (9/2007-12/2007)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

European Union Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship 2017; ESEH Travel Grant 2017 (450 EUR); RUC Teaching Material Award 2015 (5.000 RMB); RUC Young Teacher’s Starting Grant 2014 (50.000 RMB)

OTHER SKILLS

Languages

German (native), English (advanced), Chinese-Mandarin (intermediate), French (intermediate), Latin (intermediate), Italian (beginner)

IT and Computing

Microsoft Office (user), Open Office (user), iWork (user), LaTeX (user), CMS Fiona (certified), Microsoft CMS OLE DB (user), CMS TYPO 3 (user), Adobe Fireworks (user), iPublisher (user), ILIAS (user), Piazza (user), nb.mit.edu (user)

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICES

Professional Memberships

Association for East Asian Environmental History (AEAHE), Australia & New Zealand Environmental History Network (EHN), European Association for the Studies of Literature, Culture and the Environment (EASLCE), European Society for Environmental History (ESEH)

Professional Academic Engagement

Reviewer: *Ecozon*®, *ISLE*, *Environmental History*, *Transfers*, *Water History*; Advisory Board: H-Net *Enviro-Health*; CEH Outreach and Communications Fellow (2013-2017); ESEH Archival Grant Committee (2015-17); ESEH Travel Grant Committee (2013)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Agnes Limmer. *Umwelt im Roman. Ökologisches Bewusstsein und Literatur im Zeitalter der Industrialisierung*. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht 2018.

Peer-Reviewed

Johanna I. Höffken and Agnes Limmer. Smart and eco-cities in India and China. In *Local Environment* 24.7 (2019): 646-661.

Agnes Limmer-Kneitz. Wilhelm 'Kassandra'. Raabes *Pfisters Mühle* (1883) im Spiegel der Umweltgeschichte. In *Internationales Archiv für Sozialgeschichte der Deutschen Literatur* 43.1 (2018): 1-24.

Agnes Kneitz. Quantifying Ocean Currents as Story Models. Reflections on Global History including China. In *Global History and New Polycentric Approaches. Europe, Asia and the Americas in a World network System (XVIth-XIXth Centuries)*, edited by Manuel Perez Garcia and Louis de Sousa. Palgrave-Macmillan 2017, pp. 219-238.

Agnes Kneitz. Polluted Thames – Declining City: London as an Ecosystem in Charles Dickens' *Our Mutual Friend*. In *Rivers Lost, Rivers Regained*, edited by Martin Knoll, Uwe Lübken, and Dieter Schott. Pittsburgh UP 2017, pp. 216-234.

Agnes Kneitz. German Water Infrastructure in China: Colonial Tsingtao 1898-1914. In *NTM. Journal of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine* 24.4 (2016): 421–450.

Agnes Kneitz. Pfister's Spill? Narratives of Failure in and around Wilhelm Raabe's 1883 Eco-Novel. In *Ecozon@* 7.1 (2016): 178-198.

Agnes Kneitz. 'As if the river was not meat and drink to you!' Social Novels as a Means of Framing 19th Century European Environmental Justice. In *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* 22 (2015): 47-62.

Agnes Kneitz and et al. From Ecocriticism and Environmental History to the Environmental (Post-)Humanities: Mapping Common Ground. In *Environmental Humanities* 5 (2014): 261-276.

Non-Peer-Reviewed

Agnes Kneitz. What is it about this "Anthropocene." A Conversation with Donald Worster. In *The Contemporary West. Transformations of the Anthropocene* 35.1 (2018): 6-21.

Agnes Kneitz. Roundtable contribution "Science and Environmental History." In *Journal of Ecological History* 2 (2017).

Agnes Kneitz. Review of Cameron Muir *Broken Promise of Agricultural Progress: An Environmental History*. In *Environmental History* 23 (2017): 481–483.

Agnes Kneitz. Review of Cameron Muir *Broken Promise of Agricultural Progress: An Environmental History*. (农业进步的破碎梦: 一环境历史). In *Journal for Ecological History (生态史研究)* 1 (2016): 183-185.

Agnes Kneitz. Green dreams. Integrating agriculture in China's metropolises. In *Global Environment. The Country and the City* 9.1 (2016): 254-269.

Agnes Kneitz. Econovels: The Concept of Environmental Justice in the Nineteenth Century Social Novel. In *From exploitation to sustainability? Global perspectives on the history and future of resource depletion*. *Nova Acta Leopoldina* 114 (2013): 185-186.

Agnes Kneitz and Marc Landry. Introduction – On Water: Perceptions, Politics, Perils. In *RCC Perspectives* 2012, no. 2: 5-6.

Agnes Kneitz. Polluted Waters. In *On Water: Perceptions, Politics, Perils*. *RCC Perspectives* 2012, no. 2:

71-76.

Agnes Kneitz. How Well Does Risk Society Speak Beyond Global North. In *Revisiting Ulrich Beck's Risk Society. RCC Perspectives* 2011, no. 6: 23-26.

Editorship

Agnes Kneitz (ed.). Roundtable "The Uses of Environmental History." In *Journal of Ecological History* 1 (2016): 145-176.

Agnes Kneitz (ed.). *Global Environment. The Country and the City* 9.1 (2016).

Agnes Kneitz and Marc Landry (eds.). *On Water: Perceptions, Politics, Perils. RCC Perspectives* 2012, no. 2.

Agnes Kneitz and Lawrence Culver, et al (eds.). *Revisiting Ulrich Beck's Risk Society. RCC Perspectives* 2011, no. 6.

Blog-Entries

Agnes Kneitz. Beijing's 21st Century Pollution, in: *H-Enviro-Health-Discussions*, 27 May 2017, <<https://networks.h-net.org/node/114427/discussions/181268/beijings-21st-century-pollution>>.

Agnes Kneitz. Reports from „Historikertag 2012“: Umweltgeschichte, in: *H-Soz-u-Kult*, 21.02.2013, <<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/forum/id=2033&type=diskussionen>>.

Under Review / In Progress

H-Enviro-Health Classics Review of *Dumping in Dixie*; with Christian Zumbrägel: Waterpower Romance. The Cultural Myth of Dying Watermills; Human Animals in the Stockyards District: Thinking about Environmental Justice in and around *The Jungle. An Environmental History of Qingdao, China, 1898-1914*.

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Electives (at RUC)

A Brief History of Western Civilisation European Art History (with Sophie Chow); American Environmental History; Science in History; Big History. From Before the Palaeolithic to Now (with David Pickus and James Williams); Food and Empire; Urbanisation and Social Change through the Lens of Environmental Humanities

Graduate Compulsory (at RUC)

Western Civilisation Documents. Philosophy and History of Science; Nature and Human Nature - Readings in Western Civilisation (with David Pickus); Nature - Ethics - Politics. Readings in Western Civilisation Europe in the 19. Century

Intensive Seminars, Undergraduate Electives (at University of Armed Forces)

Koloniale (Um-)Welten (Colonial Environments); Einführung in die Umweltgeschichte des 19. & 20. Jahrhunderts (with Franziska Torma); Geschichte(n) im Raum. Eine Einführung in die Umweltgeschichte an Hand von Raumkonzepten (with Franzika Torma); China und seine Umwelt. Eine Heranführung an Geschichte und Politik der Gegenwart; One Belt, One Road. Handelt die neue Seidenstraße mit altem Wein in neuen Schläuchen?

Undergraduate Electives (at HfWU)

Eroberung der Natur. Ökologische Hintergründe zur Lösung aktueller Umweltprobleme.

CONFERENCE and WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION (selected)

Local Organizing Committee

Violated Earth -Violent Earth. Causes and Effects of Human´s Misbehavior and Nature´s Power. TUM Science and Study Center, Raitenhaslach. March 2019.

Landwirtschaft-Wasserwirtschaft-Klimawandel (Agriculture–Water Management–Climate Change). Kloster Seeon, GER. March 2019.

Knowing Nature. The Changing Foundations of Environmental Knowledge. RUC. May 2017.

Transitions of the Earth. Graduate Student Workshop in Environmental History. RUC. May 2016.

Manufactured Landscapes: Nature and Technology in Environmental History. RUC. May 2015.

The Country and the City: Connecting People and Their Places in Environmental History. RUC. June 2014.

ESEH Conference. LMU. August 2013.

Panels and Roundtables

Perspectives for Environmental Justice in European Environmental History, *ESEH Conference.* University of Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, Versailles. July 2015.

Thinking Critically About Global Environmental Justice, *World Congress of Environmental History.* University of Minho, Guimaraes. July 2014.

Ecocriticism, Environmental History, and the Prospects of an Environmental Historicism, *ESEH Conference.* LMU. August 2013.

From Ecocriticism and Environmental History to the Environmental (Post-)Humanities: Mapping Common Ground, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm. September 2013.

CONFERENCE PAPERS and TALKS (selected)

Same, Same, but Different. Animal and Human Bodies in Chemical Solution. *International Conference of the RUC Young Scholars' Writing Salon.* RUC. October 2017.

Tsingtao's Forest Park as Culture Yard for More Than Arboreal Species. *ESEH Conference.* University of Zagreb, Zagreb. July 2017.

Planting Land: Trees as a Sustainable Design Element in German Qingdao. *ASEH Conference.* University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL. March 2017.

Human Animals in the Chicago Union Stockyards. A History of Environmental Justice, Migrant Workers, and Middle-Class Activists. *Center for Global Development Studies,* Shanghai University, Shanghai. November 2016.

What do Charles Dickens and Upton Sinclair Have in Common? On Environment, Health and Urban Roosting. *Conference Honouring Donald Worster.* RUC. June 2016.

Same, Same, but Different. Animal and Human Bodies in Chemical Solution. *International Conference of the RUC Young Scholars' Writing Salon.* RUC. October 2016.

The Janus-Head of Public Hygiene. Episodes from China's Kiaochow as German Protectorate, 1897-1914. *ASEH Conference.* University of Washington, Seattle, WA. March 2016.

Green Island in the Sun. German Visions for Qingdao, 1897-1914. *LMU-China-Network Scientific Forum.* LMU. November 2015.

Sewers and Railroads. Transforming Colonial Landscapes of Kiautshou, 1897-1914. *AEAEH Conference.* Kagawa University, Takamatsu, JP. October 2015.

- 'To flee or not to flee.' Human Responses to Unjust Environmental and Ecological Pressure. *Environmental Justice, 'Collapse' and the Question of Evidence*. Franklin University Switzerland, Lugano. September 2015.
- No Junk Sinking in ShanTung. German Water Infrastructure in Kiaotshou, 1897-1914. *ESEH Conference*. University of Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, Versailles. July 2015.
- Global Oceanic Currents and their Way into Global Navigation. *Global History Network Conference*. Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Beijing. April 2015.
- Roundtable "The Future of Environmental Justice." *ASEH Conference*. Georgetown University, Washington, DC. March 2015.
- Émile Zola's *Germinal* (1885). A European Example for Public Health Struggles in Workers Communities. *Ethnic and Environmental Change in China's Southwestern Frontier: A Global Perspective*. Yunnan University, Kunming, CN. August 2014.
- 'Sugar Water:' Transforming Landscapes in Late 19th Century Brunswick. *World Congress of Environmental History*. University of Minho, Guimaraes. July 2014.
- Anticipating Collapse – Novels as Gate to Historical Ecological Perception. *Understanding Ecology through the Humanities*. ETH Zurich, Zurich. June 2014.
- Pfister's *Spill*? Narratives of Failure in and around Wilhelm Raabe's 1883 Eco-Novel. *EASLCE/ NIES Conference*. Tartu University, Tartu, ES. May 2014.
- Mapping the Environmental Humanities: Method and Context. *Research Center for the Social Sciences and Humanities*. National Chung H'sing University, Taichung, CN. November 2013.
- Framing Historical Environmental Justice through Social Novels. *ESEH Conference*. LMU. August 2013.