



**Book of Abstracts**

Climate Change as System Change:

**INTER-AMERICAN  
PERSPECTIVES**



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## Conference Program

**March 2, 2023**

Time		Location
9.00-13.00	AYA (Austria's Young Americanists) Writing Workshop for MA/PhD students Lead: <b>Sandra Tausel</b> (University of Innsbruck, Austria)	Center for Inter-American Studies (Elisabethstr. 59/2, 8010 Graz)
13.00-14.30	Lunch break for workshop participants	Center for Inter-American Studies

17.00-19.00	Conference Opening <b>Roberta Maierhofer</b> (University of Graz, Austria)  Keynote Decarbonizing the Americas: Toward a Hemispheric Energy Humanities after Oil <b>Georgiana Banita</b> (University of Bamberg, Germany)	Meerscheinschlössl (Mozartgasse 3, 8010 Graz)
19.00	Opening Reception	Meerscheinschlössl

**March 3, 2023**

Time		Location
9.00-10.30	Panel I: <b>Eco-Imaginaries</b> <i>Chair: Nicole Haring</i>  Assemblage Thinking and Environmental Humanities: Towards a Dynamic Understanding of the Anthropocene <b>Rosario Arias</b> (University of Málaga, Spain)  Oliver Sacks and the Environmental Self <b>Marta Cerezo</b> (UNED, Spain)  The Great Ohio Desert and The Great Concavity: David Foster Wallace's Explorations in Climate and System Change <b>Pia Masiero</b> (Ca' Foscari University, Italy)	Meerscheinschlössl
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break	Meerscheinschlössl
11.00-12.30	Panel II: <b>Landscapes and Extractivism</b> <i>Chair: Barbara Ratzenböck</i>  <i>How Much of These Hills are Gold</i> and Extractivist Disaster <b>Elisa Bordin</b> (Ca' Foscari University, Italy)  Undermining the American Western Imagination <b>Michael Fuchs &amp; Christian Quendler</b> , University of Innsbruck, Austria)	Meerscheinschlössl
12.30-13.30	Lunch	Meerscheinschlössl
13.30-15.00	Panel III: <b>Evidence and Imagination</b> <i>Chair: Nicole Haring</i>	Meerscheinschlössl

	<p>Sustainability Studies and Gender: A Case Study of GREEN Teams  <b>Yasemin Besen-Cassino</b> (Montclair State University, USA)</p> <p>Listening to the Climate Silence: An Analysis of Public Opinion on Anthropogenic Climate Change in the United States  <b>Nickolas Bartel</b> (Washington &amp; Jefferson College, USA)</p>	
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break	Meerscheinschlössl
15.30-17.00	<p>Panel IV: <b>De-Constructing Climate Change</b>  <i>Chair: Anamari Slemensek</i></p> <p>Indigenous Epistemes: Other-Perceptions of Nature and their Potential Contribution to the Environmental Crisis  <b>Itxaso Garcia Chapinal</b> (Bielefeld University, Germany)</p> <p>The System in Question: Re-Thinking the Social from the Americas  <b>Julia Roth</b> (Bielefeld University, Germany)</p> <p>The Weather in Thoreau: Different Dimensions of Climate (Change) in <i>Walden</i>  <b>Robert Winkler</b> (Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, Austria)</p>	Meerscheinschlössl
18.00	Mayor's Reception	City Hall Graz

**March 4, 2023**

<b>Time</b>		<b>Location</b>
9.00-10.30	<p>Panel V: <b>Eco-Imagaries II</b> <i>Chair: Nicole Haring</i></p> <p>Eco-Imagaries of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century: Sarah Orne Jewett's "The White Heron" as an Intergenerational Narrative of Resistance <b>Roberta Maierhofer</b> (University of Graz, Austria)</p> <p>Thornton Wilder's Un-Aristotelian Warning; <i>The Skin of Our Teeth</i> as Climate Play <b>Réka M. Cristian</b> (University of Szeged, Hungary)</p>	Meerscheinschlössl
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break	Meerscheinschlössl
11.00-12.30	<p>Panel VI: <b>Speculative Climate Fiction</b> <i>Chair: Barbara Ratzenböck</i></p> <p>Nalo Hopkinson's "Broad Dutty Water" as a Reflection of the Social Inequalities of Climate Change" <b>Giselle Liza Anatol</b> (University of Kansas, USA)</p> <p>The Environmental Paradox of Robotics. A Reading of <i>Klara and the Sun</i> by Kazuo Ishiguro <b>Adriana Kiczkowski</b> (UNED, Spain)</p>	Meerscheinschlössl
12.30-14.00	Conference Closing & Lunch	Meerscheinschlössl