



Call for Paper and Poster Proposals

Workshop: (De-)Constructing Biodiversity

Location: Georg-August University, Göttingen, Germany

Date: 23-24 September 2011

The Workshop (De-) Constructing Biodiversity will take place in September 2011 and addresses the multidisciplinary research opportunity on biodiversity. Participants of the workshop will discuss concepts of biodiversity in three different panels with experts from respective fields. The three panels are as follows:

1. *Different perspectives on biodiversity*

In this initiatory panel we invite scholars from different disciplines such as social sciences, economics, life-sciences and philosophy as well as environmentalists to deconstruct their concepts of biodiversity, research traditions as well as their theoretical and epistemological foundation.

2. *Communication of biodiversity*

Biodiversity has been the central discourse element for environmental politics since the 1980s. The loss of biological diversity had increased media coverage since the later part of 20th century. Mass media has been a platform for communicating scientific and political debate on the issue of biodiversity. But speakers coming from various backgrounds and with different aspirations tend to communicate biodiversity differently.

3. *Power in negotiating biodiversity.*

In the last panel biodiversity-related problems regarding negotiation and power will be discussed. Biodiversity can be regarded as both a natural resource as well as a source of power in scientific and political discourse. Different actors see biodiversity with different perspectives which depend on different interests. Some of these actors are more powerful and may dominate others. In (re)constructing power-relations actors permanently negotiate biodiversity.

Oral Presentations

We kindly invite proposals for papers in English, addressing any of the questions of these three panels. For individual papers, please send a 300 word abstract, together with your contact details and a brief CV to the conference contact person Nazmus Sadath at: nsadath [at] gwgd.de

Posters

We also invite proposals for posters in English addressing any of the concerns of these three panels. For individual posters, please send a 200 word abstract, together with your contact details and a brief CV to the conference contact person Nazmus Sadath at: nsadath [at] gwgd.de

For further information see the workshop website: <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/209803.html>

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is July 15th, 2011.