



International Conference

CLIMATE CHANGE

&

SOCIAL SCIENCES



What's going on? What's to be done?



Freie Universität Berlin

February 02 - 04, 2023

Lateinamerika-Institut, Room 201
Rüdesheimer Str. 54-56, Berlin 14197

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Climate change has become a key-theme of our time. While there is enough scientific knowledge and great public awareness, governments and citizens lack behind in tackling the crisis. Meanwhile, we know that the climate crisis requires not only an ecological transformation, but also a profound project of **social change**, known as socio-ecological transformation. In this conference, our concern relates directly to the societal and political dimension of climate change. What is and should the state and particularly the political system be doing? What to expect from economic actors, societal organizations, social movements and Non-Governmental Organizations, as well as citizens in this regard? What has been and can be the contribution of the social sciences to the proper consideration and to face up to this looming threat? We bring together scholars working with these issues in order to explore climate change in this broad, theoretical perspective.

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FEBRUARY 02 - THURSDAY

06:00 - 06:30 pm

Welcome Address

- **Stephanie Schütze** (Freie Universität Berlin)
- **José Maurício Domingues** (IESP-UERJ and Anneliese Maier Research Award 2018-2023, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation)
- **Renata Motta** (Universität Heidelberg)
- **Marco Antonio Teixeira** (Freie Universität Berlin)

06:30 - 08:30 pm

PANEL 1 – Social science and climate change: why does social science matter to climate science?

Chair: **Sérgio Costa** (Freie Universität Berlin)

- *Critical Theory and Climate Change, Collective Subjectivity and Developmental Trends* – **José Maurício Domingues** (IESP-UERJ and Anneliese Maier Research Award 2018-2023, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation)
- *The Tragedy and Salvation of Climate Research* - **Myanna Lahsen** (Linköpings Universitet)

08:30 pm - **Reception**



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FEBRUARY 03 - FRIDAY

09:30 - 12:00 am

PANEL 2 – Conflicts, control, and climate crisis

Chair: **José Maurício Domingues** (IESP-UERJ and Anneliese Maier Research Award 2018-2023, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation)

- *Climate Change, Control and Society – Sustainability Impossible?* - **Frank Adloff** (Universität Hamburg)
- *Greening Bourdieu. How eco-social mentalities help to understand social and political conflicts over climate change* – **Martin Fritz** (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena) and **Dennis Eversberg** (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena)
- *To win, we will also lose: social and material conflicts in the ecological transition* - **Sabrina Fernandes** (Universidad de Guadalajara)

12:00 am - 01:30 pm – **Lunch**

01:30 - 03:30 pm

PANEL 3 – International regimes, governance, and climate change

Chair: **Maria Cecília Oliveira** (Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies)

- *The Anthropocene, the Climate Emergency, and International Relations from a Brazilian perspective* - **Carlos R. S. Milani** (Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro)
- *Neoliberal Climate Governance in the Paris Era: A Critical Reading of Recent Discourses on Mitigation, Adaptation and Finance* - **Angela Oels** (Universität Augsburg) and **Florian Steig** (Universität Wien)

03:30 - 04:00 pm – **Coffee Break**

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FEBRUARY 03 - FRIDAY

04:00 - 06:30 pm

PANEL 4 – Transitions and transformations

Chair: **Isadora Cardoso** (Freie Universität Berlin)

- *Transformative adaptation: towards a re-politicization of adaptation research* – **Kristina Dietz** (Universität Wien)
- *Climate change, agrarian struggles and popular feminisms: The contributions of Marcha das Margaridas to a socio-ecological transformation* – **Renata Motta** (Universität Heidelberg) and **Marco Antonio Teixeira** (Freie Universität Berlin)
- *Climate contentious politics, just socioecological transitions, and emerging conceptions of social change* – **Breno Bringel** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain & IESP-UERJ, Brazil)

FEBRUARY 04 - SATURDAY

09:30 - 10:00 am – **Welcome Coffee**

10:00 - 12:00 am

Wrap-up PANEL

Chair: **Renata Motta** (Universität Heidelberg), **Marco Antonio Teixeira** (Freie Universität Berlin), **José Maurício Domingues** (IESP-UERJ and Anneliese Maier Research Award 2018-2023, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation)

- Working group meeting of panelists to discuss the conference outcomes
- Discuss conference publication
- Potential collaborations
- Next steps

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