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MUD MATTERS: A POST HUMANIST APPROACH TO THE LONG TERM EFFECTS OF FLOODINGS



INSTRUCTOR

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Anna is an anthropologist and she obtained her Ph.D. in 2021 (Zurich ISEK, Switzerland). Her dissertation concentrates on how the river Euphrates in southeast Turkey, through a dam, transformed from being a natural part of the ecosystem into a water-supply resource, and how this transformation affected the local socioecology and the relation people have with the river. She situated the hydroelectric dam infrastructure in a network of hydro-social relations that display a mutually co-constitutive connection between people, water, and land in discussing the production of place, and gathered knowledge on how social and ecological environments are entangled in this production process. Currently, she is working as a postdoctoral researcher on the 2021 floodings in the Netherlands through the perspective of river mud, applying a post-humanist approach to disasters and climate change. Her research interests are the anthropology of water, ecology and development, climate change, post-humanism, and multi-species ethnography.

OVERVIEW

This workshop explores transformations of socioecological relations in flood-prone locations from the perspective of river mud– a flood's material reminder and remainder. Mud is considered an informer, transformer, and deformer of socio-ecological relations within riverscapes. An approach to flood-prone landscapes that is attuned to the persistent materialities after a flood and the ways these impinge on nature-culture relationships will be developed. By adopting a post-humanist lens combined with anthropological research methods a new perspective on the understanding of daily life in flood-prone areas will be developed and will ultimately help students in the study of preparedness for floodings.

KEY WORDS

Mud, Post-humanist, Flooding, Nature-Culture Relationship, Materiality

AVAILABILITY

12 Seats