

## Articulations of the Nonhuman Turn in Theory, Literature and the Arts

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Scholars from a variety of fields will engage in an exchange of ideas on the animate world of earth-bound beings including animals, trees, rocks, water, wind, rivers, bacteria, viruses, and other possible agents that are part of the planet we all share.

### Organizers:

Babette Tischleder and Jane Desmond

Hosted by: North American Studies Program,  
Department of English (SEP)

## Contact & Information

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### Venue: Historic Observatory

Geismar Landstraße 11, 37083 Göttingen

### Hotel Eden

Reinhäuser Landstraße 22A, 37083 Göttingen

### Restaurant: Chennai Masala

Rote Straße 11, 37073 Göttingen (Altstadt)

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Station to hotel: lines 21, 140, 154 and 155 from the station (Bahnhof) to Hiroshimaplatz/Neues Rathaus.

Station to observatory: lines 21 and 154 from the station (Bahnhof) to Leibnizstraße.

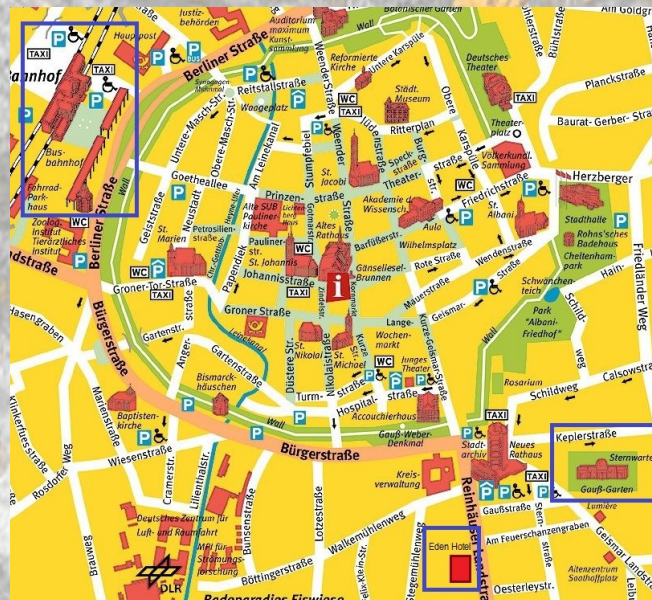
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Symposium: 23-24 June 2022

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Thursday, June 23

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13:00

Welcome at the Historic Observatory

13:30

Jane Desmond and Babette Tischleder  
Introduction: Articulations of the Nonhuman  
in an Animate World

Session I

14:00

Zaia Alexander (Potsdam)  
Who is Afraid of Virginia's Snails

14:45

Susanne Opfermann (Frankfurt/Main)  
"The Sound of Spiders Breathing" - Imagining  
the Worlds of Other Beings

15:40

Anthony Obute (Tübingen)  
Offspring of a Hermaphrodite: Black Atlantic's  
Entanglement with the Niger River

16:25

Greta Gaard (River Falls, Wisconsin)  
Female Protagonists and *Trans\*Corporealities*  
in Coetzee, Jewett and Mathews: Multispecies  
Identity as Narrative Ecology

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17:10

Lea Espinoza Garrido (Wuppertal)  
Responsible Relationality/Relational Responsibility  
in a More-than-Human World

18:00

Babette Tischleder (Göttingen)  
Nonhuman Worlding: In the Eyes of the Beholder?

18:40

Jane Desmond (Urbana-Champaign)  
Wrap-Up of First Session

20:00

Dinner at Chennai Masala

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Session II

9:30

Birgit Spengler (Wuppertal)  
Bark

10:15

Gesa Mackenthun (Rostock)  
Trapped? Biodeterminist and Fellow-Species  
Stories of Human-Plant Interactions

11:10

Lisa Bölinger (Göttingen)  
The Fictionalization of Elephant Research  
in Barbara Gowdy's *The White Bone*

12:00

Jane Desmond (Urbana-Champaign)  
Sensory Ecology and Technologies of Bodily  
Translation Across Species

12:50

Maria Moss (Lüneburg)  
The Salmon Diary and 'Hab' dich lieb':  
Who's Writing, Who's Talking?

13:30

Closing Discussion with all Participants:  
The Nonhuman Turn Reconsidered