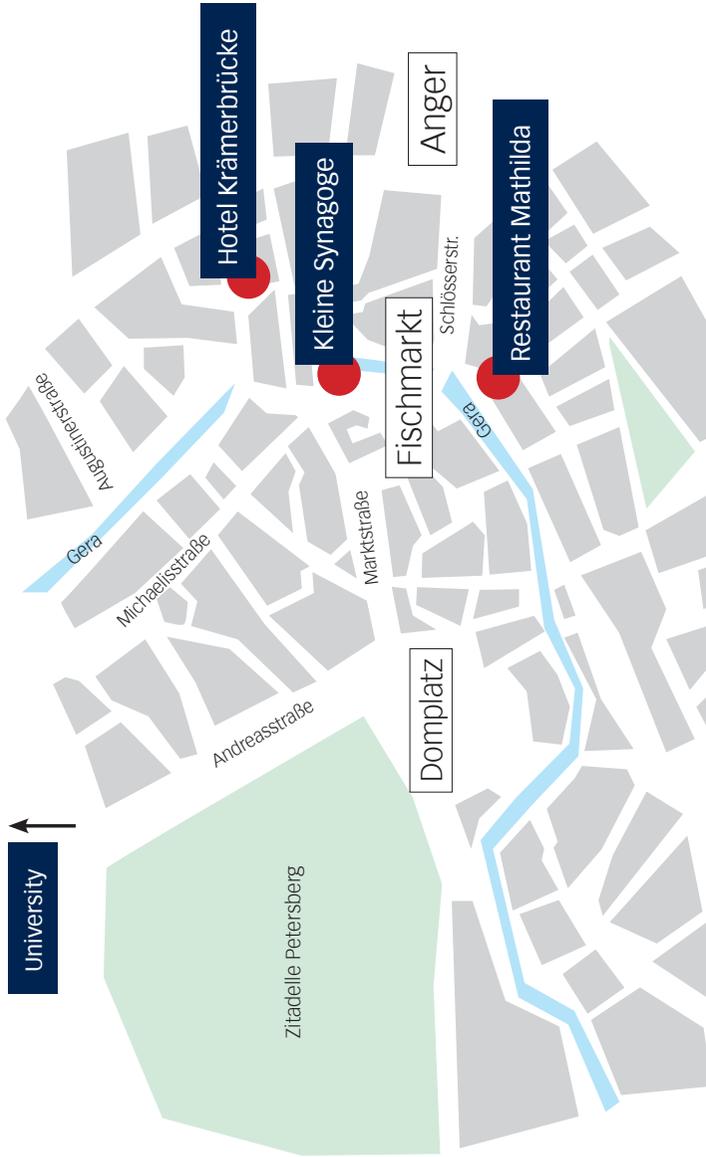


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Workshop  
**Tracking Contemporary  
Metabolisms – Historicizing  
Ecological Epistemologies**  
11./12. Dezember | Kleine Synagoge,  
An der Stadtmünze 5, Erfurt

“Following” elements, things, actants, and references as they move, connect, interact, and enfold has become a watchword in social theory, anthropology, history and environmental humanities. Regardless if the production of knowledge, the sustainability of industries, the organization of logistics, the ecologies of carbon, the question of energy or the recycling of waste is at stake – the activity of tracing, tracking, sensing seems a common denominator for rethinking ecologies and governing economies alike.

In this context, the notions of circulation, metabolism and connectivity occupy a central position. They become the novel ontologies for linking material existence, the social fabric, and the making of knowledge.

In this workshop, we are interested in discussing and exploring this intermingling of ecological epistemologies, visions of control and ontologies of circulation and metabolism. For this purpose, we seek to create a conversation between historians of science on the one hand and anthropologists, sociologists and geographers on the other. Our aim is to link the critical impact of genealogies of circulation and metabolism with contemporary concerns of the environmental humanities.

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**Tuesday**

- 13:30** | **Ute Tellmann,  
Bernhard Kleeberg und  
Andreas Folkers**  
Introduction
- 14:15** | **Orit Halpern**  
“Planetary Bet”  
Comment: Sven Opitz
- 15:15** | **Canay Ozden-Schilling**  
“Electrical Engineers and  
Neoliberal Thinkers”  
Comment: Ute Tellmann
- 16:15** | **Coffee Break**
- 16:45** | **Diana Russ**  
“Energio-Materialist Economics  
in the Early Soviet Union”  
Comment: Bernhard Kleeberg
- 17:45-18:45** | **Lea Bühlmann:**  
“Historicizing Homeostasis with  
Georges Canguilhem”  
Comment: Barbara Orland
- 19:30** | **Dinner**  
at Restaurant Mathilda,  
Barfüßerstraße 1-2, 99084 Erfurt

**Wednesday**

- 9:30** | **David Bond**  
“Anthropological Reflexions on  
the Negative Ecologies of Fossil  
Fuels”  
Comment: Andreas Folkers
- 10:30** | **Isabell Schrickel**  
“To protect the environment at  
the lowest cost: Acid Rain and  
the Origins of Integrated  
Assessment Modeling”  
Comment: Franziska Dahlmeier
- 11:30** | **Coffee Break/Early Lunch**
- 12:00** | **Sven Bergmann**  
“Slimy Aggregations in the Sea:  
The Plastisphere”  
Comment: Cecile Stehrenberger
- 13:00** | **Roundtable**  
“History meets Contemporary  
Social Sciences/Anthropology”  
Barbara Orland, Lea Bühlmann,  
Sven Opitz
- 14:00** | **Concluding Remarks**  
Bernhard Kleeberg,  
Ute Tellmann, Andreas Folkers