

11.30 am Panel 4: Mobilizing New Resources for the Public Good

Chair: Lucía Lewowicz (Universidad de la República Oriental de Uruguay, Montevideo)

Helge Wendt (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin)

Humboldt and the 19th-century American Energy Crisis

Ulrich Päßler (Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin)

The Invisible Hand of Nature? Humboldt's Concept of Dynamic Equilibrium between Natural Research, Universal History and Political Economy

12.30 pm Lunch Break

2.00 pm Panel 5: Networks of Persons and Objects between Europe and Latin America

Chair: Peter Birle (IAI SPK, Berlin)

Darina Martykánová (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

Transatlantic Careers: Foreign Engineers in Latin America, Latin American Engineers all around the World

Sandra Carreras (Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut SPK, Berlin)

On Humboldt's Path? German-speaking Experts in South America

Carlos Sanhueza Cerda (Universidad de Chile, Santiago)

A Cosmos Under Construction. Alexander von Humboldt and the Global Circulation of Knowledge

3.30 pm Coffee Break

4.00 pm Final Discussion

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Circulation of State-Knowledge in Europe and Latin America

Alexander von Humboldt
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Program

Convenors:

Helge Wendt (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science)

Jakob Vogel (Centre Marc Bloch)

Barbara Göbel (Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut SPK)

December 4, 2019



Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut SPK,
Potsdamer Str. 37

7.00 pm

Welcome by **Barbara Göbel**
(Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut SPK, Berlin)

Keynote Lecture by **Jorge Cañizares Esguerra**
(University of Texas, Austin):

**On Epistemological Colonialism:
from Humboldt to the Present (and Back again)**

December 5, 2019



Centre Marc Bloch,
Friedrichstraße 191

9.00 am

Registration

9.30 am

Jakob Vogel (Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin) and
Helge Wendt (Max Planck Institute for the
History of Science, Berlin)

Introduction to the Conference

Lothar Schilling (Universität Augsburg)

**State Reform by Circulating Knowledge.
Remarks on an Enlightened Concept**

10.30 am

Coffee Break

11.00 am

**Panel 1: State Experts
and the Economic Development**

Chair: Fidel José Tavarez Simó
(Freie Universität Berlin)

Nuria Valverde Pérez (Universidad Autónoma
Metropolitana, Cuajimalpa)

**In Pursuit of (Public) Goods: Civil Servants,
Knowledge and the Alternative Futures of
the Spanish Empire**

Gabe Paquette (University of Oregon, Eugene)

**Linkages between Political Economy and Statecraft
in the Spanish and Luso-Brazilian Worlds (Jovellanos,
Malaspina, Souza Coutinho and Silva Lisbon)**

Jakob Vogel (Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin)

**State Knowledge in the Times of Economic Liberalism.
Alexander von Humboldt, Jean-Baptiste Boussingault
and the „Latin American Mining Boom“ of the 1820s
and 1830s**

12.30 pm

Lunch Break

2.00 pm

**Panel 2: Creating Knowledge
for the Independent Nation States**

Chair: Birgit Aschmann
(Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Fabrizio Prado (William & Mary, Williamsburg)

**Networks of Knowledge and Revolution in Rio
de la Plata and Brazil: the Emergence of the Banda
Oriental (1777–1822)**

Eduardo Torres Cuevas (Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba
José Martí, Habana)

**El nacimiento de las ciencias modernas en Cuba.
El efecto Humboldt**

3.30 pm

Coffee Break

Clément Thibaud (École des Hautes Études en Sciences
Sociales, Paris)

**Humboldt and the Ilustrados of New Granada:
From Natural Laws to Constitutional Invention**

Lina M. del Castillo (University of Texas, Austin)

**Broken Polity, Forgotten Science: Humboldt's
Scientific Network in the Shaping and Fragmenting
of the Gran Colombian Republic, 1820–1830**

H. Glenn Penny (University of Iowa, Iowa-City)

**Harnessing Humboldt: German Science and
State-Building in Central America in the Second
Half of the 19th century**

December 6, 2019



Max Planck Institute
for the History of Science,
Boltzmannstr. 22

9.30 am

**Panel 3: The Atlantic World
as a Crossroad of Experts**

Chair: Sebastian Jobs
(Freie Universität Berlin)

Pierre Nobi (Sciences Po, Paris)

**Rediscovering America, Rediscovering Yellow
Fever. Alexander von Humboldt's Study of the
Vómito Negro of Veracruz in the Context of the
Circulation of Medical and State Knowledge in
the Atlantic World (1790s–1820s)**

Alexander van Wickeren (Universität zu Köln)

**From the Spanish to the Napoleonic Empire?
Alexander von Humboldt, Agricultural Enlighten-
ment and Tobacco Cultivation around 1800**

José Enrique Covarrubias (Universidad Nacional
Autónoma de México, Ciudad de México)

**Humboldt's Knowledge about Land and People
in the North-West regions of New Spain**

11.00 am

Coffee Break