

Everything flows - New Research on the Rhine as an Economic Area

Conference, 11.-13. June 2026,
Philipps-Universität Marburg/Staatsarchiv Marburg, Germany

organized by: Prof. Dr. Ralf Banken (Frankfurt), Prof. Dr. Christian Kleinschmidt (Marburg),
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Thursday, 11.6.

18.00-20:00

Welcome: Christian Kleinschmidt (Marburg)

Keynote : *Bob H. Reinhardt* (Idaho/USA): Drowned Towns and Broken Ecosystems:
Dams and the Disruption of Human and Natural Systems from the Rhine to the
American West and Beyond

20.30: Joint dinner

Friday, 12.6.

Section I: Dealing with the environmental challenge on the Rhine

9:30-10:30

Keynote : Guido Thiemeyer (Düsseldorf): The Rhine as an incubator of international
law: 1815–present

Coffee Break

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10.30-12.00

Christian Zumbrägel (Bielefeld): Fish vs. Power – Hydropower, Species Conservation, and the Migratory Life of the Rhine Salmon in the 19th and 20th Centuries

Eva-Maria Roelevink (Freiberg)/Ulrich Paetzel (Essen): The Emergence of the being Green. The EmerscherGenossenschaft and the clean Water of the Rhine

Joep Schenk (Utrecht): Comment

12.00-13.30: Lunch break

Section II: Taxation and the Rhine

13.30-15.00

Sebastian Knake (Bayreuth): Was there a Rhenic zone of corporate taxation in the interwar period?

Johannes Marquardt (Frankfurt): Opportunities and problems of corporate taxation during the period of Economic Miracle. The self-financing-policy in Western Germany during the 1950ies as an example

Christian Marx (München): Comment

15.00-15.30: Coffee Break

15.30-16.00: Short lecture: The Marburg State Archives as “Central Collection Point” 1945

19.00: Joint dinner

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Saturday, 13.6.

Section III: Colonial Trade

9.30-11.00

Magnus Ressel (Hagen): Competition for colonial goods from Amsterdam at the Upper Rhine. Karlsruhe versus Strasbourg in the 18th century

Daniel Menning (Tübingen): The Rhine and the Rise of Colonial Goods in Southwestern Germany, 1650-1800

Ralf Banken (Frankfurt)): Comment

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

Section IV: Chemical-Pharmaceutical industry

11.30-13.00

Toine Peters (Utrecht): The Chemistry of Change: Dyes, Drugs and the Quest for Magic Bullets

Michael Schneider (Düsseldorf): Companies in the chemical and pharmaceutical industry in the interwar period

Jeroen Euwe (Rotterdam): Comment

Ben Wubs (Rotterdam): Concluding Remarks

13.00: Small lunch, end of the conference

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