Mapping Territories through Questionnaires: Some Observations about a Genre
Simona Boscani Leoni (Universität Bern)

Social Anthropology avant la lettre: The Perspective of Economic Enlightenment on Traditional Uses in Wetlands
Martin Stuber (Universität Bern)

Coffee Break

The Role of the Idea of Context in Luigi Ferdinando Marsili’s Conception of Natural History
Marta Cavazza (Università di Bologna)

Questionnaires, Parish Registers and Prize Competitions: The Zurich Physical Society’s Sources and Methods for Surveying the Territory
Sarah Baumgartner (Universität Bern)

Coffee Break

Creation of ‘Scientific’ Knowledge and the Colonial Exploration of the Himalaya, 1780-1850
Chetan Singh (Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla)

Making Governance Work: Paper and Natural History in the Early Nineteenth-Century Dutch Empire
Andreas Weber (University of Twente)

Conference Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks
Kaspar von Greyerz (Universität Basel)

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Thursday 21 September 2017

**Welcome and Introduction**
Simona Boscani Leoni (Universität Bern)

**Keynote Speech**
Revisiting Local Knowledge and the Indigenous in Eighteenth-Century Natural History: A Few Thoughts
Alix Cooper (Stony Brook University)

11.00-12.30

12.30-14.00  Lunch

This conference aims to analyse the exploration and "invention" of territories in a comparative perspective. Following the findings of historians emphasising the social and cultural practices of early modern natural history, the focus will be on collecting and exchanging, measuring and classifying information on territories of different scope. Thus, we are interested in discussing how various interests and means enabled the production of knowledge.

14.00-16.00  **Mapping the Americas**
Chair: Christian Büschges (Universität Bern)

Unstable Natural Knowledge: The Malaspina Expedition at the Edges of Spanish Colonial America (1789/1793)
Marcelo F. Figueroa (Universidad Nacional de Tucumán/CONICET)

Inalienable Truths: ‘Indian’ Informers in the Study of Spanish American Territory, ca. 1770-1900
Stefanie Gängler (Universität zu Köln)

16.00-16.30  Coffee Break

16.30-18.30  **Change and Continuity: The Bureaucracy of Knowledge in South America**
Irina Podgorny (Universidad Nacional de La Plata/CONICET)

**Enlightenment, Empire and Ethnology: Prince Maximilian Wied-Neuwied’s Expeditions to the New World**
Peter Hanns Reill (University of California, Los Angeles)

19.30  Dinner

Friday 22 September 2017

**Mapping Europe I**
Chair: Sophie Ruppel (Universität Basel)

**Knowing Flora Near and Far: Accumulating Knowledge on Plants in Eighteenth-Century Zurich**
Meike Knittel (Universität Bern)

11.00-11.30  Coffee Break

11.30-13.30  **Inventing the Healthy Alps: Farmers, Physicians and the Swiss Whey Cure of the Eighteenth Century**
Barbara Orland (Universität Basel)

**In Aspero Solo: Antonio Vallisneri’s Manuscript *Primi Itineris per Montes Specimen Physico-Medicum* (1705)**
Francesco Luzzini (MPIWG Berlin)

13.30-14.30  Lunch