HISTORICAL FORMS OF SUSTAINABILITY – MODELS FOR THE FUTURE? COLLECTIVE FORESTS AND PASTURES SINCE 1700 IN A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

Locations: Sessions: Unitobler / Lerchenweg 36, 3000 Bern, Room F-121;
Dinner: Restaurant «toi et moi», Bahnhofplatz 2, 3011 Bern
Accommodation:
a) Bed and Breakfast «Am Pavillon», Pavillonweg 1a, 3012 Bern
b) Bed and Kitchen «Alfred», Muesmattstrasse 34, 3012 Bern

Directions from Bern main station to «Lerchenweg 36»: On the platform, walk towards Sector C and take the escalator which leads you to a wooden wave-formed gallery. Cross the street and take the bus at «Schanzenstrasse» in direction «Länggasse» (no. 12). Alight at «Mittelstrasse» or «Unitobler» (bus takes about two minutes). «Lerchenweg 36» is connected to the light blue «Unitobler» building via a glass shelter. The workshop will take place in room F-121, which is at the basement level right next to the stairs.

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Workshop
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PROGRAMME

22 November

14.15 Welcome and introduction of the organizers

14.45 Session 1 (Chair Jon Mathieu):
The role of the commons in agricultural and forest modernisation (part 1)
Niels Grüne: Public ownership and individual possession – the contested spread of common arable in South-West Germany (c. 1750-1850)
Philipp Scheitenberger: Civil cooperation and lordly regulation of the reconstruction of Kisslegg after the fire of 1704
José-Miguel Lana Berasain: Villages, valleys and federations. Sustainability and the historical articulation of the commons at several scales
Oscar Gaspari: Environmental protection, commons and politicians in Italy (1861-1953)

16.05 Coffee break

16.35 Session 2 (Chair Tobias Haller):
The role of the commons in agricultural and forest modernisation (part 2)
Karina Liechti: Negotiating the implementation of new national policies – institutional change and resilience by the example of the Sarnen corporations
François-Xavier Viallon: Reinforcing the position of common property institutions in the management of natural resources. Some insights from the case study of Val d’Anniviers, Switzerland
Iain MacKinnon: Experiments in progress: domestic colonisation of the Scottish Highlands and the beginnings of modern development ideology and practice
Chris Short / Bjorn Egil Flo / Julia Aglionby: Upland commons in England and Norway – assessing the transformational capacity of both adaptive governance and multi-stakeholder platforms in changing legislative and policy environments

17.55 Short break

18.10 Jon Mathieu: Robert McNetting and Elinor Ostrom on Alpine Commons. A Historical View

18.30 Tobias Haller: The International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) and the SNF-project SCALES

18.50 End (Dinner together, offered to speakers and chairs by the University of Bern)

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8.30 Session 3 (Chair Christian Rohr):
Land use intensities and the organisation of space
Raphaël Lachello: Collective forest sustainability under high demand – French alpine forest, domestic needs and metallurgic industry during the XIXth century
Giulia Beltrametti: Geometry of wood. Usage practices and conflicts of access to common resources in the relief of a geomter (Lagaria, 20th century)
Martin Stuber: The organization of space in forest and pasture in the longue durée - some insights from the case study of the alpine city Chur, Switzerland
Sarah Baumgartner: Mapping the commons. Some remarks concerning opportunities and challenges of GIS-based spatial reconstructions of historic common property

9.50 Coffee break

10.10 Session 4 (Chair Karina Liechti):
Rituals of balance
Jesper Larsson: The local courts as arenas for sustainable management of forests and pastures
Rahel Wunderli: The citizen assembly as part of the commons’ political culture – the example of the Korporationsgemeinde in Altdorf, Switzerland

10.50 Short break

11.00 Group and plenary discussions
- on the feasibility and potential of the proposed approaches
- on further research cooperations and questions of project financing

12.45 End

Presentations: 15 minutes of presentation and 5 minutes of discussion each.

Organizers: Rahel Wunderli and Martin Stuber (Institute of History, University of Bern); Research Project SCALES (Sustainable Commons Adaptations to Landscape Ecosystems in Switzerland)
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