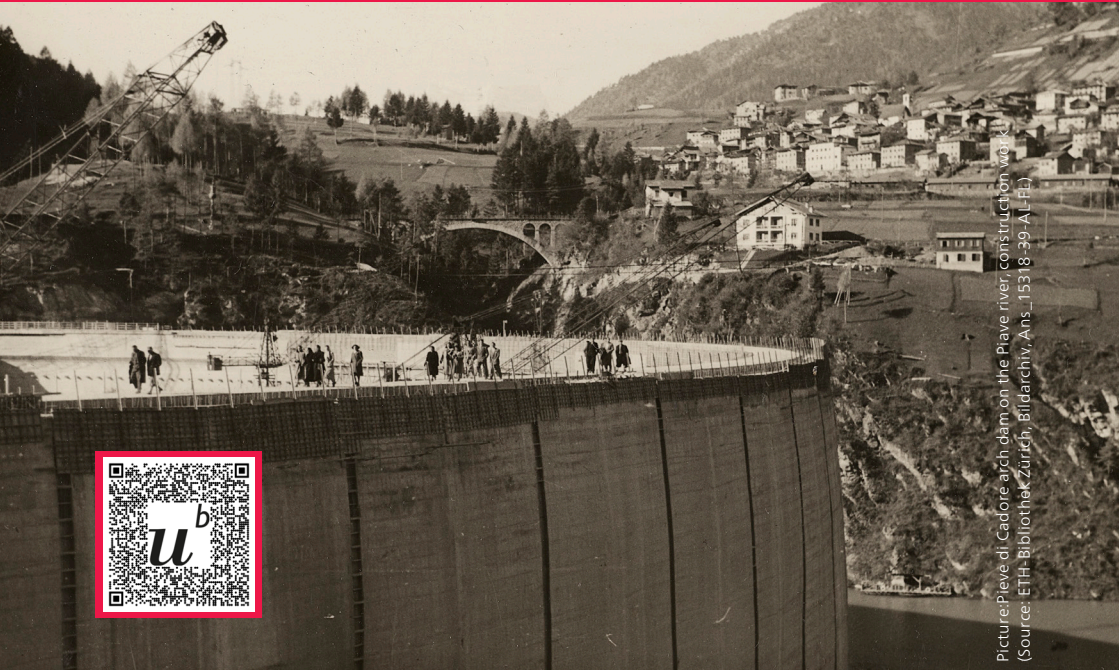


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Picture: Pevce di Cadore arch dam on the Piave river, construction work  
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**08:30–09:15**

Welcome and Introduction – Christian Rohr  
and Sebastin De Pretto, University of Bern

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**09:20–10:30** Keynote

Vajont. A political ecology of an unnatural  
disaster

*Marco Armiero, Autonomous University of  
Barcelona*

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**10:30–11:00** Coffee Break

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**11:15–11:55**

Currents of Empire: Reflections on  
Hydroelectricity in Europe's Colonies  
*Corey Ross, University of Basel*

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**12:00–12:35** Presentation 1

The Émosson dam and powerplants seen  
from the French side: some insight on how  
to deal with contested cross-border  
hydroelectric infrastructures, 1955-1976  
*Anne-Sophie Nardelli-Malgrand, University  
of Savoy Mont Blanc*

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**12:40–14:00** Lunch Break

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**14:00–14:35** Presentation 2

Hydropower in Valtellina between gains  
and losses: the attitude of local  
communities (20th century)

*Luca Mocarelli, University of Milano-Bicocca*

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**14:40–15:15** Presentation 3

Hydroimperialism in the Habsburg  
Monarchy: Carniola and its hydropower  
infrastructure between 1880 and 1918  
*Sara Šifrar Krajnik, University of Bern*

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**15:20–15:55** Presentation 4

Dams and barrages on rivers in Slovenia:  
Benefit or burden

*Matija Zorn and Blaž Komac, Anton Melik  
Geographical Institute*

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**15:55–16:15** Coffee Break

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**16:20–16:55** Presentation 5

From Wildfluss to a Landscape of Energy  
Storage: Socio-Environmental Impacts of  
Bavaria's Walchenseewerk Reservoir  
*Marc Landry, University of New Orleans*

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**17:00–17:35** Presentation 6

Total Development in a Federal State? Swiss  
Hydropower Imaginaries after 1945  
*Sebastian De Pretto, University of Bern*

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**17:40–18:15** Commentary and  
Discussion

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**19:30** Dinner