

Friday, 27. September 2024

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of hydropower in the Alps after 1880



Picture: Pieve 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

09:20–10:30 Keynote

Vajont. A political ecology of an unnatural
disaster

*Marco Armiero, Autonomous University of
Barcelona*

Chair: Boris Previšič, University of Lucerne

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

11:15–11:55

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

12:00–12:35 Presentation 1

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

Luca Mocarelli, University of Milano-Bicocca

12:40–14:00 Lunch Break

14:00–14:35 Presentation 2

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*

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

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*

15:55–16:15 Coffee Break

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

17:00–17:35 Presentation 6

Total Development in a Federal State? Swiss
Hydropower Imaginaries after 1945

Sebastian De Pretto, University of Bern

17:40–18:15 Commentary and
Discussion

19:30 Dinner