Workshop

**Climate Change Adaptation and History: An Interdisciplinary Conversation**

September 11, 2018, Workshop at Bielefeld University, Building X, Department of History, Room A2-103

**Conveners:** Eleonora Rohland (Bielefeld University), George Adamson (King’s College London), Matthew Hannaford (University of Lincoln)

**Invited Guests/Participants:** Rowan Jackson (University of Edinburgh), Sarah Davies (Aberystwyth University), Christian Rohr (University of Bern), Bas van Bavel (University of Utrecht), Thomas Labbé (University of Bourgogne), James Jeffers (Bath Spa University)

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Program

Tuesday, 11.09.2018

9.00-9.15 Welcome and Intro (with coffee): George Adamson, Matthew Hannaford, Eleonora Rohland

9.15-10.15 Rowan Jackson (University of Edinburgh): “Climate-Adaptation and History: How can we start to construct a Transdisciplinary Research Framework?”

11.15-12.15 Sarah Davies (Aberystwyth University): “How can locally specific Weather Histories contribute to Climate Change Adaptation? Examples from the TEMPEST Database of UK Historical Weather Extremes.”

12.15-13.30 Lunch Break

13.30-14.30 Christian Rohr (University of Bern): "Local Knowledge and Disaster Memory in Pre-Modern and Present-Day Societies and their Impact on Climate Change Adaptation."

14.30-15.30 Bas van Bavel (University of Utrecht): "Understanding the Interplay between Social Structures and Formal Institutions: Using History as a Laboratory."

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00-17.00 Thomas Labbé (University of Bourgogne): "The Construction of the Vulnerability Concept in Disaster and Development Studies and its Use by the Historians of Climate: Paradox and Necessity (?)"

17.00-18.00 James Jeffers (Bath Spa University): "Developing Historically Informed Adaptation Research: Reflections on Challenges and Opportunities."

18.00-18.30 Summary

19.30 Conference Dinner