



PLANETARY SPACES SUMMER WORKSHOP

# SHRINKING SPACES & TOXIC ZONES

Climate Change, Long-term Catastrophes & Adaptation

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Lake Chad as seen from Apollo 7  
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The workshop “Shrinking Spaces & Toxic Zones” is an urgent call to ‘think planetary’ as it delves into the long term environmental catastrophes of Fukushima nuclear disaster and the shrinking of Lake Chad. Can these spaces be restored to their former state? Do these catastrophes lead to inevitable territorial and mental conflicts? Are there strategies of adaptation available to these realities? What can we learn from more-than-humans about such adaptations?

### Thursday, 01.06.2023 | Shrinking Spaces: From Mega-Chad to Lake Chad

From once Mega-Chad to present day Lake Chad, Oladosu explores the development of a shrinking space embodied in its name - an ecological catastrophe exacerbated by climate change that has created conflict in the region over the dwindling sustenance of livelihood.

- 09:30 Transport from Giessen
- 11:00 Presentation & Discussion: “Using Earth Observation to Restore Shrinking Planetary Spaces: A Case Study of Lake Chad”  
Adenike Oladosu - Hybrid event
- 14:00 Lecture: “Why is Lake Chad Prone to Conflict and Climate Change?”  
Patrick Flamm (Peace Research Institute)
- 16:00 “Climate Change, Long-term Catastrophe, and Mental Illness”  
Adenike Oladosu | Jason Waite | Claudia J. Ford (SUNY, Potsdam)
- 20:00 Exhibition Opening & Reception

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### Friday, 02.06.2023 | More-Than-Humans’ Adaptation to Toxicity: From Fukushima to Hessen

As we accelerate toward planetary toxicity, how can we learn from more-than-human adaptations to damaged environments? Waite takes us on an exploration observing the behaviour of the same more-than-human species in Hessen and in the Fukushima Exclusion Zone.

- 09:00 Film Screening & Discussion: “Understanding More-Than-Humans: Rauschholzhausen to Fukushima”  
Jason Waite | Kieran O’Mahony (Czech Academy of Sciences)
- 11:00 Collective Drawing Workshop: “Imagining More-Than-Human Infrastructure”
- 14:00 Outdoor Walk
- 15:00 Exhibition open for viewing [to be continued at Kunsthalle Giessen on 06.07.2023]
- 17:00 Closing & Transport back to Giessen

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