



**July 2-3, 2025**  
RCSC, University of Giessen

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Workshop:

**The Cabin in the Woods and Other Utopian Confinements.  
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**Program:**

Talk 20-30 Min. + discussion (=45 min).

**July 1, 2025**

13:00 Intro and Welcome (Kirsten von Hagen & Solvejg Nitzke)

Intro-Talk (Solvejg Nitzke)

13:30-15:00 Robert Winkler (Salzburg): In the Mood for Nature? Toward a Phenomenology of Being-in-the-Cabin

Caroline Rosenthal (Jena): Thoreaus Hütte und das digitale Phänomen des Cabin Porn

15:00-15:30 Break

15:30 – 17:00 Michael Bassler: The cabin as a racialized space: Uncle Tom, Jim Trueblood, Emmett Till

Mark Schmitt (HU Berlin): Don't Go in the Cabin! Corporeal Horror and Forbidden Places

17:00-17:15 Break

17:15-18:30 Lorenzo Lozzi Gallo, Pegaso Digital University: In þe forest eche day. A medieval representation of life in nature

Matthias Schmidt: From King Solomon to Tintoretto: In Search of a Biblical Shack

18:30 Dinner

**July 2, 2025**

9:00-10:30 Kylie Crane (Rostock): Bunkering Down: A Cabin Case Study

Jörg Metelmann (St. Gallen): From Isola to Isolation. A Berlin Utopology, or: The Production of Social Imaginary Spaces 1960-2020

10:30-11:00 Break

- 11:00 – 12:30 Nirina Ralantorarithimba (China/France): The cabin or "trano kely" in the literary space of Malagasy Francophone literature
- Kirsten von Hagen: 'Qualités requises pour survivre en forêt': Of huts and other dwellings in contemporary Francophone literature
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch (bagged incl. Discussion?)
- 13:30-15:00 Svenja Engelmann-Kewitz: "I did not wish to take a cabin passage", I want "Glamping under the Polar Lights": Icy Cabins and the Anthropocene
- Anna Tabouratzidis (independent scholar): From the Arboreal to the Maritime. The Neoliberal Utopia in 21st-Century Narratives of Retreat
- 15:00-15:30 Closing