

## **Aesth/Ethics in Environmental Change**

Invitation to a transdisciplinary workshop about  
the aesthetics, ethics, art, religion and ecology of the environment

arranged by

the European Forum for the Study of Religion and the Environment,  
Religious Studies, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim,  
Biological Station of Hiddensee, University of Greifswald,  
Environmental Ethics, University of Greifswald

Hiddensee, 24-28 May 2010



Aesth/Ethics in Environmental Change is an international workshop joining ethics, arts, religion and science in an attempt to reach a combined and deeper insight in nature, landscape and its changes. We invite scholars from different disciplines to participate in this workshop on the beautiful island of Hiddensee!

**The following questions will be addressed:**

- What does the perception and awareness of the environment and ourselves within it contribute to our understanding of and dealing with nature? How can arts widen our perception of nature?
- How are aesthetics and ethics connected to each other in habitats, places and spaces? Can both be entangled into an integrated "aesth/ethics"? Can such a view be incorporated in the aims of nature conservation?
- How and where to seek, find and express the Sacred in nature? How are worldviews, values, rituals, visions, belief systems and ideologies at work within the human ecology?
- How can humans in general encounter an accelerating and expanding environmental (incl. climatic) change? How can they perceive, experience, reflect and adapt to it?
- How can aesthetics, ethics, religion and ecology transcend contemporary political modes of environmental protection? How could they catalyze a truly transdisciplinary environmental science?



**Schedule:**

The workshop will alternate between lectures, seminars, discussions, practical art work and excursions, and it will offer varying options to let the island itself intervene.

Scholars and postgraduate students from all faculties and regions around the world are welcome to attend the workshop, and we expect all to stay during the whole workshop. The numbers of participants is limited to 30 persons. The early bird catches the worm: Please register as soon as possible (using the attached registration form)! Basic accommodation will be provided to every accepted participant.

**Island of Hiddensee**

The island of Hiddensee is situated west of the island of Rügen in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. Hiddensee is about 19 km<sup>2</sup> in size with around 1,100 inhabitants. The island is completely situated within the Nationalpark Vorpommersche Boddenküste. Its beautiful nature including shorelines and shallow water, coastal dunes, heathlands, coastal meadows, dry grasslands and forests, attracts not only tourists, but also biologists!

**Keynote speakers:**

- Sigurd Bergmann, Religious Studies/Theology, Trondheim, Norway  
<<http://www.ntnu.no/arv/english/staff/sb>>
- Irmgard Blindow, Ecology, Hiddensee, Germany  
<<http://www.uni-greifswald.de/~biostat/eng/index.htm>>
- Emily Brady, Geography, Edinburgh, UK  
<<http://www.geos.ed.ac.uk/homes/ebrady/>>
- Forrest Clingerman, Theology, Ohio, USA  
<<http://onu.academia.edu/ForrestClingerman>>
- Thomas Jaspert, LandArt artist, Bokel, Germany
- Konrad Ott, Environmental Ethics, Greifswald, Germany  
<<http://umwethik.botanik.uni-greifswald.de/>>
- Thomas Potthast, Ethics in Science, Tübingen, Germany  
<[http://www.izew.uni-tuebingen.de/izew/home\\_potthast.html](http://www.izew.uni-tuebingen.de/izew/home_potthast.html)>
- George Steinmann, Artist, Bern, Switzerland  
<<http://www.george-steinmann.ch/>>
- Heike Strelow, Curator, Writer and Art Historian, Frankfurt/M., Germany  
<<http://www.galerieheikestrelow.de/>>
- Celia Deane Drummond, Theology and Religious Studies, Chester, UK  
<http://cke.chester.ac.uk/trs/celia.html>

**Call for papers:**

Oral presentations (15 min) and posters are invited on the conference theme. Abstracts (no more than 200 words) should be sent by 15 February of 2010 by e-mail to: [marie.ulber@gmx.de](mailto:marie.ulber@gmx.de)

**Costs:**

The congress fee (40 €) includes abstract volume, coffee / cakes and one barbeque evening.  
Accommodation: 52 € (single or double room); 20 € (dormitory).

**Access to Hiddensee:**

You can reach Hiddensee by plane to Berlin or Hamburg and / or train to Stralsund or Bergen / Rügen. From Stralsund, you can reach Hiddensee by ferry. From Bergen, you can take a bus to Schaprode and a ferry from there.

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**Cordially welcome!**

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