

# Encounters with Wolves: Dynamics and Futures

27–29 June 2018

Serbški institut, Dwórnišćowa 6, 02625 Budyšin  
Sorbian Institute, Bahnhofstraße 6, 02625 Bautzen

The return of wolves to middle and central Europe since the 1990s has been accompanied by excitement that has been growing as wolf numbers are increasing. Lausitz is the core area of the returning German wolf population and therefore a place that will give us the opportunity to feel the atmosphere while getting to know perspectives and research from a variety of different European contexts. The main goal of the conference is to exchange experiences on international as well as interdisciplinary levels. We are eager to learn about the developments and dynamics of the encounter of wolves and humans (and sheep, and deer etc.) in European countries.

With the overall focus on dynamics and futures we intend to move beyond the narratives of conflict with the aim of opening a space for the discussion of possible scenarios in the future. We are interested in the different perspectives that our disciplines and research fields may contribute.

The conference is organized by three institutions representing three different research contexts: the research project **The Return of Wolves: Cultural-anthropological studies dealing with the process of wolf-management in the Federal Republic of Germany** funded by the German Research Foundation, located at the University of Würzburg and conducted by Prof. Dr. Michaela Fenske; the research project **Wolves – Knowledge and Practice: Ethnographies of Wildlife Management in Switzerland**, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, located at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, and conducted by Prof. Dr. Bernhard Tschöfen; and by the Sorbian Institute in Bautzen, represented by Dr. Susanne Hose, that will host the conference.



**Conference location in Bautzen**  
městno zarjadowanja w Budyšinje  
**Sorbian Institute, Bahnhofstraße 6**  
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## Organizers · zarjadowarjo



## Wednesday, 27 June 2018

14.30 Opening and welcome

15.00 **Irina Arnold**, University of Würzburg, Germany  
& **Marlis Heyer**, University of Würzburg, Germany:  
“Chased by Wolves: Multispecies Politics in Motion”

16.00 Coffee break

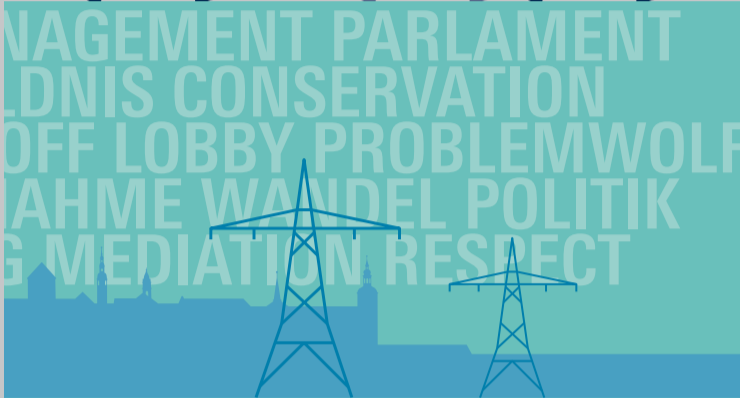
16.30 **Emilia Wiczorkowska**, University of Silesia, Katowice, Poland:  
“Wolves in Poland: the situation of the species trapped between the imagination and reality”

17.00 **Heta Lähdesmäki**, University of Turku, Finland:  
“The Memory of a Shared Past. From Human-Wolf Conflicts to Co-existence”

19.30 Dinner



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University of Zurich Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies  
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## Friday, 29 June 2018

9.00 **Manuela von Arx**, KORA, Switzerland  
& **Ilona Imoberdorf**, University of Zurich, Switzerland:  
“How to communicate wolf? – Development of a concept for regional authorities”

10.00 **Elisa Frank**, University of Zurich, Switzerland:  
“Follow the wolves: reflecting on ethnographic tracing and tracking”

10.30 **Nikolaus Heinzer**, University of Zurich, Switzerland:  
“Amongst Wolves? Reflections on the relations to the field in a cultural-anthropological research project”

11.00 Coffee break

11.15 Discussion and summary

12.00 End of the conference



## Thursday, 28 June 2018

9.00 **Håkon B. Stokland**, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway:  
“Return of the wild wolves? 50 years of efforts to reintegrate wolves into modern Norwegian society”

9.30 **Michael Gibbert**, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland:  
“From the Wicked Wolf to the Wicked Problem: Tackling Wolf Management in Grisons/Ticino”

10.00 Coffee break

10.15 **Robert Hearn**, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom:  
“Between Glances and Chances with Wolves: meditating and mediating human and animal relations and representations at the Centro Uomini-Lupi in the NW Italy”

10.45 **Aleksandër Trajçe**, University of Roehampton, London, United Kingdom; PPNEA, Albania:  
“The wolf in Albania: a vagabond vigilante”

11.15 Lunch break

13.00 **Bus shuttle** to Rietschen  
“Excursion through the UNESCO biosphere reserve Upper Lausitz Heath and Pond Landscape”, Guided tour through the exhibition ‘Wolves on our doorstep’ and meeting with the experts of the bureau ‘Wolves in Saxony’

17.45 Dinner

19.00 **Public film screening** “Germany’s Wild Wolves – as they really are” (2012), Sebastian Koerner, and panel discussion with the filmmaker, Michaela Fenske, Michael Gibbert and Susanne Hose.  
Moderation: **Jana Piňosová**, Sorbian Institute, Bautzen, Germany