



**human development in landscapes**  
GRADUATE SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KIEL

**BIWEEKLY COLLOQUIUM**  
Wednesday, 22nd of October 5.00 pm

**REPRESENTATIONS OF LANDSCAPES AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
BEHAVIOUR IN ANCIENT GREEK HISTORIOGRAPHY**  
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The aim of this lecture is to present two variations of environmental problematic in Antiquity: relations towards nature during times of peace and the exploitation of nature during times of war. The fact that ideas on these subjects involve a sharp discrepancy between times of peace and times of war is already reflected in the works of Herodotus, Thucydides, Xenophon and Flavius Josephus. What I am aiming at in this lecture is not so much a pure history of ecology, but a reconstruction of the development of a human utilitarian theory towards nature. Nature was the first victim of violence during wars. Before man destroyed other human beings, he showed his violent character towards nature. In the following lecture I will deal with representations of landscape in ancient Greek historiography focusing on four central issues: climatic impact; problems of water supply; aspects of grain nutrition and grain conservation; techniques of recycling of raw materials.

**Venue: Seminar Room 204 Leibnizstraße 1, CAU Kiel**