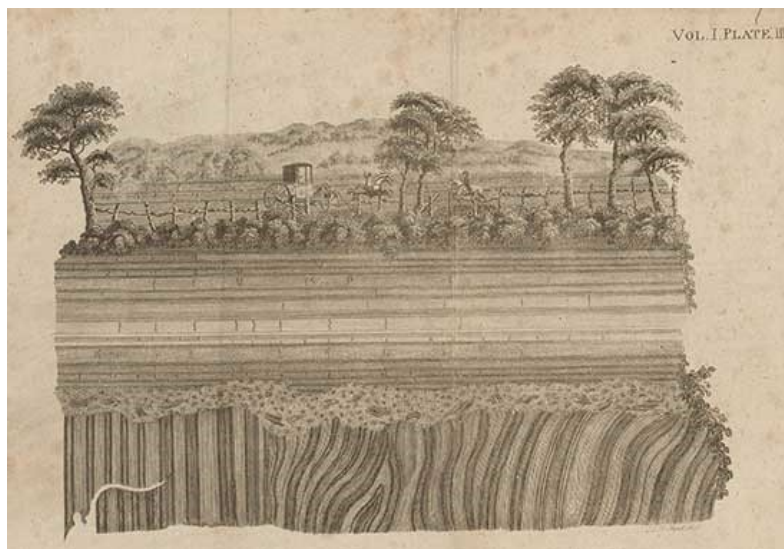


Soil – Dirt – Earth: Ecologies below Ground, 1750–1850

22 – 24 June 2023, University of Passau

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John Clerk, “Unconformity at Jedburgh”, engraving incl. in James Hutton, *Theory of the Earth* (1795)

Location: ITZ Building, Seminar Room 017 (<https://www.uni-passau.de/en/international/campustour/itz-building/>; please open the link and scroll down for a map of the campus)

Wednesday, 21 June

19:00 Conference Warming, Restaurant Paulusbogen (Rindermarkt 2, 94032 Passau)

Thursday, 22 June

9:30 Welcome and Introduction (Katharina Boehm, Paul Hamann-Rose, Frederike Middelhoff)

10:00-11:00 Susan Oliver (Essex): Life below Ground: James Hutton, Theories of the Earth, and Imagined Animals

11:00-12:00 Timothy Attanucci (Mainz): Earth as (Once) Living Environment: George Cuvier’s Fossil Reconstructions

12:00-12:15 Coffee



- 12:15-13:15 Oliver Völker (Frankfurt): “Travelled Materials”: Earth, Soil, and Economic Productivity in Hutton and Lyell
- 13:15-14:30 Lunch
- 14:30-15:30 Philipp Erchinger (Düsseldorf): Grave Culture: Wordsworth’s Groundwork
- 15:30-16:30 Will Abberley (Sussex): Geological Raptures and Spiritual Sustainability in Hugh Miller’s *The Old Red Sandstone*
- 16:30-17:00 Coffee
- 17:00-18:00 Mira Shah (Bern/Frankfurt): “Testimony of the Soil”: Archaeological Ecologies and the Discovery of Human Prehistory
- 20:00 Dinner

Friday, 23rd June

- 10:00-11:00 Tess Somervell (Oxford): Earth’s Histories and Futures in Jago’s *Edge-Hill*
- 11:00-12:00 Mary-Ann Constantine (Aberystwyth): Gashes in the Landscape: Mines, Quarries and Peatlands in Romantic-Era Tours of Britain
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch
- 13:30-14:30 Jim Scown (Cardiff): Science, Poetry, and the “Celestial Soil” of Romantic Ecology
- 14:30-15:30 Jos Smith (Norwich): “Stories of the Soil”: Contemporary Nature Writing’s Romantic Moderns
- 15:30 Closing remarks / Coffee
- 16:00-18:00 City Tour
- 20:00 Dinner