



## Conference


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## Interdisciplinary Perspectives on New Materialism

Resource–Event–Practice

 22 June – 24 June 2023

 FernUniversität in Hagen  
Gebäude 2, Raum 1–3



New Materialism represents an important reference point for the cultural and social sciences as it recognizes various aspects of materiality—such as things, artifacts, and bodies—as symmetrical and places their intertwining at the center of its theory. This intertwining of material particles of practice is conceived as a dynamic event in which they mutually affect and are affected by each other. An intense transformative potential emerges from this entanglement, though the quality of the assemblages varies.

Against this theoretical background, the "*Resource–Event–Practice*" conference, organized by the Leibniz Science-Campus "*Resources in Transformation (ReForm)*", aims to explore how resources occur as particles of practice through the situational entanglements of things, artifacts, bodies, expressions, and articulations. We understand resources as material things to which cultural and discursive expressions and articulations ascribe central importance and particular value for social practice.

Scholars from the cultural, social, and historical sciences will address three main topics at both a theoretical and empirical level: Firstly, the **concept of materiality** will be defined, and the problem of its linguistic comprehensibility will be addressed. Secondly, **corporeality, sensuality, and affectivity** will be discussed within the material accomplishment of practice. Thirdly, the **material and corporeal entanglements**, along with their various forms and qualities, will be traced. Cultural expressions and articulations also play a crucial role in the manifold entanglements of practice particles and must be consistently understood in physical terms—hence material and corporeal.

## Registration

If you would like to attend the conference, please register at [doris.meyer@fernuni-hagen.de](mailto:doris.meyer@fernuni-hagen.de)



Participation via zoom is possible.  
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The conference will tackle several vital questions:

- What are the potentials and limits of New Materialism in the cultural and social sciences? What are the differences and similarities between the concepts of materiality in archaeology and sociology?
  - How can georesources be understood as material particles of practice? What role do corporeality, sensuality, affectivity, and perception play, and how can they be recognized as particles of practice?
  - What is the significance of concepts such as expression, articulation, and aesthetics for the further development of a concept of resources aligned with New Materialism?
  - What kinds of interweaving of practice particles can be empirically identified and investigated?
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## Programme

### Thursday, June 22

17:45 – 18:00

#### **Greetings**

Prof. Dr. Ada Pellert (Rector Hagen University), Prof. Dr. Thomas Stöllner (Speaker ReForm)

18:00 – 19:30

#### **Keynote**

#### **Towards a More Materialist New Materialism**

Ian Hodder (Stanford University)

19:30 – 20:30

Reception with Drinks and Snacks

## Friday, June 23

09:00 – 09:30

**Opening and Introduction**

### **SESSION 1:**

**Materiality from a Sociological and Archaeological Perspective**

09:30 – 10:30

**Socialized Material in Practice: What Kind of Materialism Does Social Theory Need?**

Frank Hillebrandt (University of Hagen)

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00

**Memories of Another World: Deleuze, Leibniz and the Object's Point of View**

Oliver Harris (University of Leicester)

12:00 – 13:00

**Materialities and Human Life: The Perspective of a Theoretical Empiricism**

Herbert Kalthoff (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

### **SESSION 2:**

**Corporeality, Sensuality, Affectivity and Perception**

14:00 – 15:00

**From the Materiality of Practice to the Practice of Matter: Reflections on Corporeality, Affectivity and Perception in Dealing with Active Materials**

Christiane Schürkmann  
(Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)

15:00 – 16:00

**Spirited Metals and Resource Affect: Perspectives from Early Modern Mining**

Tina Asmussen (Ruhr University Bochum/German Mining Museum)

- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30 – 17:30 **Entangled Ressources in Utopian Design Spaces:  
Generating and/or Analysing UDS  
in the Field of Sustainable Food Practices**  
Franka Schäfer (University of Siegen)
- 19:00 Conference Dinner

## Saturday, June 24

### SESSION 3: Material Entanglements

- 9:00 – 10:00 **Eventful Histories: Thoughts on the Material-discursive and Corporeal Becoming of 'Aegean' Wall-paintings in Tell el-Dab'a/Egypt**  
Constance von Rüden & Johannes Jungfleisch (both Ruhr University Bochum)
- 10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 **Water, Practices, and the Law: Material Entanglements of Water Disputes in Early Modern Japan**  
Mariko Jacoby  
(University Duisburg Essen)
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Beyond the Separation of Matter and Practice: Archaeological Thoughts on Resources as Material-discursive Apparatuses**  
Stefan Schreiber  
(Leibniz-Zentrum für Archäologie)
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 14:30 **Panel Discussion**  
Moderation: Reinhard Bernbeck & Susan Pollock (FU Berlin)



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