



Workshop of the  
*Vienna Anthropocene Network*

## **Vanishing Ice** **Human and natural impacts** **of a changing cryosphere**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**  
**9:00 – 17:30**

Aula at the Campus of the  
University of Vienna  
Spitalgasse 2  
1090 Vienna

The world's glaciers and ice shields are melting at unprecedented rates, constituting one of the most visible signs of global climate change. Glacial loss not only affects global water cycles, changes landscapes and biotopes, but it also impacts directly on people living in these and surrounding locations. The retreat of the cryosphere impinges on their environment and their resources, their local economies, and eventually their personal lives and sense of place. While some groups insist on business as usual, others feel that the visible physical change of their environment will induce a profound change of their individual and collective lives.

Our workshop explore questions such as how these transformations can be observed, measured and understood. The other central question is how the vanishing of the cryosphere and its environmental changes impact the thoughts, emotions and actions of people who experience changing ice-scapes daily. How do these profound transformations of landscapes and biotopes influence religious, political and subjective world views? How do they in turn affect perceptions and interpretations of environmental change?

The participants of this workshop are scholars from the natural sciences, humanities and social sciences. The main goal of the event is to foster an interdisciplinary exchange about the power of “vanishing ice” within the context of ongoing debates about human-environmental interactions in the Anthropocene.

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09:00 - 10:15

**Peter Schweitzer** | University of Vienna  
Welcome and introduction

**Keynote: Tim Ingold** | University of Aberdeen  
“Melting in and out of history”

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 - 11:30

**Basanta Raj Adhikari** | Tribhuvan University of Nepal  
“How vanishing ice threatens life in the Himalaya”

11:30 – 12:15

**Wolfgang Schöner** | University of Graz  
“Glacier retreat in the Alps - from the Little Ice Age (LIA) to the No Ice Age?”

12:15 – 13:00

**Bernhard Grasemann** | University of Vienna  
“Flow of the Pasterze Glacier as recorded by geological structures”

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 14:45

**Herta Nöbauer** | University of Vienna  
“Vanishing ice – and after: Encountering the ‘Anthropocene’ of a glacier ski resort in Austria”

14:45 – 15:30

**Johan Schimanski and Ulrike Spring** | University of Oslo  
“Receding ice limits: A historical-rhetorical genealogy”

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 16:45

**Christa Holzbauer** | University of Applied Arts Vienna  
Presentation of art projects with students  
(Praxismittelschule in Baden / Pädagogische Hochschule Niederösterreich / University of Applied Arts Vienna)

16:45 - 17:30

**Axel Braun** | Folkwang University of the Arts Essen  
“Records of loss”  
Multimedia presentation about the Pasterze glacier