



*Travels* *between Europe and*  
*the Americas*

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and Interdisciplinary  
Alexander von  
Humboldt Conference  
Freie Universität Berlin  
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**Program and Abstracts**

**Room**  
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**Section E: Travel Cultures, Practices and Economies:  
Discoveries, Expeditions, Tourism**  
Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup>



09.00-10.30

**Panel 53: Knowing the Americas: Travelers' Contribution to Science in Europe and the Americas, ca. 1750-1900**

**Chair: Jordana Dym (Saratoga Springs)**

*Vera Candiani* (Princeton University, USA), "Traveling Technicians: Military Engineers, Water and Colonialism"

*Ernesto Capello* (Macalester College, St. Paul, USA),  
"Catholics and Cartographers: European Geographers and the Catholic Church in Ecuador"

*Nadia Prévost Urkidi* (Université de Toulouse-II, France),  
"Reflexiones alrededor del estatuto científico del 'erudito-viajero' durante el siglo XIX. Casos concretos de viajeros franceses a América"

10.45-12.15

**Panel 58: Exploration/Exploitation**

**Chair: Bernd Blaschke (Berlin)**

*Gregory Zieren* (Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, USA),  
"Lessons for the German Farmer from North America: The Life and Travels of Agronomist Heinrich Semler, 1841-1888"

*Juan Manuel Romero Gil* (Universidad de Sonora, Hermosillo, Mexico),  
"La misión científica de León Diguet en la Baja California, 1889-1892"

*Karen Angel* (Jimmie Angel Historical Project, Eureka, California),  
"The Truth about Jimmie Angel and Angel Falls: The Venezuelan Ministry of Development's Expedition – Years of Exploration 1938-1939"

**Lunch Break**

13.15-14.45

**Panel 63: Trans-Atlantic Curiosities:**

**Buffalo Bill, Wilhelm II, Bob Dylan**

**Chair: Bernd Blaschke (Berlin)**

*Simona Sangiorgi* (Università di Bologna, Italy), "The Wild West Travels Overseas: Receiving Buffalo Bill in Italy"

*Eva Giloi* (Rutgers University, Newark, USA), "Reisekaiser' and Fellow Travelers: Kaiser Wilhelm II as Tourist Attraction"

*Gregor Herzfeld* (Freie Universität Berlin), "Always On The Road': Bob Dylans Never Ending Tour"