

# International Rhine River Colloquium

# Learning from rivers

October 17th - 18th, INSA Strasbourg 24 Bd de la Victoire, Strasbourg



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# 01 Programme

Day 1: Friday, 17 October 2025

Time	Activity
14:00–14:30	Arrival & Welcome Coffee
14:30–14:45	Opening and Welcome. Anke Vrijs, Arturo Romero Carnicero
14:45–16:15	<b>Session 1: Humans and rivers</b>  <i>“Humans and the Rhine; retrospective and prospective”</i> Laurent Schmitt, <i>geographer and fluvial geomorphologist</i> Université de Strasbourg <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Laurent-Schmitt-4">https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Laurent-Schmitt-4</a>  "Between concrete and currents: a framework for smarter river restoration" Thomas Wendt, <i>Ecologist, river restoration specialist</i> <a href="https://ites.unistra.fr/recherche/equipes/bise/pages-personnelles/thomas-wendt/">https://ites.unistra.fr/recherche/equipes/bise/pages-personnelles/thomas-wendt/</a>  “Riparian ecologies” Christian Damm, <i>Riparian ecologist</i> Karlsruher Institut für Technologie <a href="https://www.ifgg.kit.edu/mitarbeiter_damm.php">https://www.ifgg.kit.edu/mitarbeiter_damm.php</a>
16:15–16:45	Coffee Break
16:45–18:00	Panel Discussion / Roundtable  Topic: <i>“Rivers in flux”</i>  Participants: All speakers + local faculties, researchers and students
18:00–18:30	Informal Networking Drinks
19:30	Dinner

Day 2: Saturday, 18 October 2025

Time	Activity
09:00–09:30	Morning Coffee
09:30–11:00	<p><b>Session 2: River knowledges</b></p> <p><i>“From port city to river metropolis : How Strasbourg is reconnecting with the Rhine”</i> Frédéric Rossano <i>Landscape architect, flooding specialist</i> <a href="https://www.strasbourg.archi.fr/user/315">https://www.strasbourg.archi.fr/user/315</a></p> <p><b>"Inland water conservation: a multi-scalar lens"</b> Silvia Cardascia <i>Researcher on river policies</i> <a href="https://ites.unistra.fr/recherche/equipes/bise/pages-personnelles/silvia-cardascia/">https://ites.unistra.fr/recherche/equipes/bise/pages-personnelles/silvia-cardascia/</a></p> <p><b>“The Need for a Watershed Architecture”</b> Derek Hoeflerlin <i>Architect, Landscape, urban planner and theorist</i> <a href="https://samfoxschool.washu.edu/people/faculty/151-derek-hoeflerlin">https://samfoxschool.washu.edu/people/faculty/151-derek-hoeflerlin</a></p>
11:00–11:30	Coffee Break
11:30–12:45	<p>Panel Discussion / Roundtable</p> <p>Topic: <i>"Discussing rivers"</i></p> <p>Participants: All speakers + local faculties, researchers and students</p>
12:45–13:00	<p>Concluding Words &amp; Next Steps</p> <p>- Reflections, potential publication, future events</p>
13:15	Lunch & Departure

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A two-day academic colloquium around Rhine River, its histories, ecologies, infrastructures, and cultural significance. This event is conceived as an interdisciplinary meeting point for scholars working on the Rhine and other riparian related themes. A platform to share current research, foster dialogue, and initiate future collaboration.