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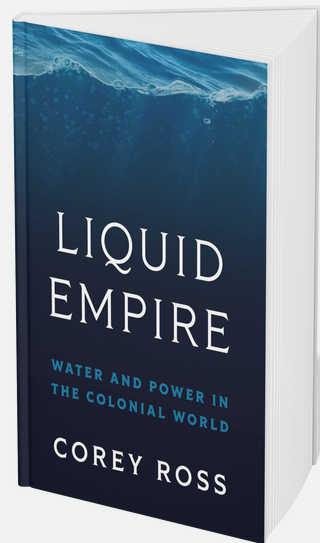
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« LIQUID EMPIRE »

Book Presentation and Discussion
with Prof. Dr. Corey Ross, moderated by
Prof. Julia Adeney Thomas.

In the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, a handful of powerful European states controlled more than a third of the land surface of the planet. These sprawling empires encompassed not only rainforests, deserts, and savannahs but also some of the world's most magnificent rivers, lakes, marshes, and seas. *Liquid Empire* tells the story of how the waters of the colonial world shaped the history of imperialism, and how this imperial past still haunts us today.



Monday, 12 May 2025, 18:00
Hörsaal Orangerie, Europainstitut
The event will be followed by a reception.

Corey Ross is Director of the Institute and Professor for European Global Studies. His research on the socio-environmental history of Europe's relations with the rest of the world builds on interdisciplinarity, investigates the global, transimperial and transnational circulation of ideas, goods and people, and aims to highlight perspectives that are relevant to major present-day and future challenges.

Julia Adeney Thomas (University of Notre Dame) is spending part of May as a guest professor at the Europainstitut. As an intellectual historian of Japan and a member of the Anthropocene Working Group, Julia has a keen interest in combining intellectual history and environmental history as well as working across disciplines.