This conference is based on a ten-year cooperation between Peking University (Zhao Baisheng) and Johannes Gutenberg University (Alfred Hornung) in the field of autobiography studies. As a follow-up of a jointly organized international conference on "Ecological Literature and Environmental Education: Asian Forum for Cross-cultural Dialogues," held at Peking University, August 14-21, 2009, the Mainz conference aims to intensify the cooperation by focusing on the Asian, especially Chinese connection and to address issues of ecology and life writing as a transcultural and transnational phenomenon.

The conference will be open to the public and is coordinated with courses taught at Johannes Gutenberg University this academic year. It is also part of the doctoral college on life writing and the trinational PhD-program of Johannes Gutenberg University, Georgia State University, and Peking University.

This conference is part of a series of conferences organized at the Mainz Center for Life Writing. The next one will follow in October 2011. It is also the second World Ecoculture Organization (WEO) conference.

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| 15:30 – 17:00 | Plenary Session  
Hubert Zapf: “Cultural Ecology, Literature, and Life Writing”  
Jincai Yang: “Ecocritical Dimensions in Contemporary Chinese Literary Criticism” |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | Coffee Break                                                                                |
| 17:30 – 19:00 | Plenary Session  
Deborah Madsen: “Human Exceptionalism: Vizenor’s Autogrammatological Critique of Ecologocentrism”  
John Gamber: “‘Taken Away and Broken’: Reimagining Ecological Community in Vizenor’s and Hogan’s Autobiographies” |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | Conference Reception (Fakultätssaal)                                                        |

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| 9:00 – 10:30 | Plenary Session  
John Anugraha: “Indian Festivals and Nature Worship: An Ecological Perspective”  
Scott H. Slovic: “Movement, (Re)Inhabitation, and Authenticity in Environmental Narrative” |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break                                                                                |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Plenary Session  
Ursula Heise: “Touring the Disaster Planet: Travel Narrative and Environmental Crisis”  
Catrin Gersdorf: “The Ecological Flâneur: Walking as Life Writing” |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch Break                                                                                 |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | Plenary Session  
Kay Schaffer: “Wounded Spaces/Landscapes of Connectivity: Landscape Writing and Reconciliation in Australia”  

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| 16:30 – 18:30 | Short Papers – I  
Tim Lanzendorfer: “Collective Life: E.O. Wilson’s ‘Trailhead’ and Insect-Life Writing”  
Micha Edlich: “Reframing the (Post-)Human in Environmental Life Writing”  
Sabine Kim: “For the Birds: Poetry, Bird-Watching, and Ethical Attentiveness” |
| 18:30 – 18:30 | Short Papers – I (Room P2)  
Sabine N. Meyer: “‘If you’re an Indian, why don’t you write nature poetry?’ The Environment in Selected Works of Sherman Alexie”  
Zou Lanfang: “Recluse of Shakrub: Reflection of the Self in Nuayma’s Eco-Autobiography Seventy”  
Manfred Siebald: Walden Revisited: B. F. Skinner, Annie Dillard, and Jon Krakauer  
Birgit Capelle: “Asian Aspects of Temporal Experience in Transcendentalist Life Writing” |
| 19:00 – 19:00 | Conference Dinner                                                                           |

## Conference Program

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Simon C. Estok: “Situational Affective Ethics: Self-Writing and Ecocriticism”  
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Short Papers – II  
Wu Shuang: “The Mirror Has Two Faces – Different Ecological Views Reflected in the Metaphor of Mirror”  
| 16:00 – 16:15 | Coffee Break                                                                                |
| 16:15 – 18:00 | Short Papers – II (Room P110)  
Chen Guangchen: “Identifying the Self with Environment: Shen Congwen’s Tacful Shaping of His Cultural Identity”  
Katja Kurz: “Life Writing, Human Rights, and Ecological Activism in the Global South: The Case of Wangari Maathai” |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | Conference Dinner                                                                           |