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Workshop

## **The Dialectics of Planetary History**

Delmenhorst, 7 and 8 May 2026

### **Organizer**

Prof. Dr. Alexander Geppert, New York University /  
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### **Venue:**


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**Program**

## Thursday, 7 May 2026

- 10:30–11:00 Welcome Coffee
- 11:00 HWK Welcome and Introductions  
*Steffen Bandlow-Raffalski, Alexander Geppert*
- 11:30–12:30 Planetizing History: Rationale, Problems, Perspectives  
*Alexander Geppert*
- 12:30–13:30 Luncheon
- 13:30–15:00 What Is, and How do We Study, Planetary History? (I)  
*David Kuchenbuch, Paloma Puente Lozano*
- 15:30–16:00 Coffee
- 16:00–17:30 What Is, and How Do We Study, Planetary History? (II)  
*Brad Tabas, Thore Bjørnvig*
- 17:30–18:00 What Have We Learned?  
*Christoph Conrad, Christian Peters*
- 19:00–21:00 Dinner at HWK

## Friday, 8 May 2026

- 09:00–10:30 Space History meets Science Fiction  
*Robert J. Sawyer in Conversation*
- 10:30–11:00 Coffee
- 11:00–12:30 What Is, and How Do We Study, Planetary History? (III)  
*Tilmann Siebeneichner, Haitian Ma, Julia Lossau*
- 12:30–13:30 Lunch
- 13:30–15:30 Planetary History: Where Do We Stand?  
*Thomas Etzemüller, Max Arrouas, Michael Robinson*
- 15:30–16:00 Coffee
- 16:00–18:00 Planetary History: Where Do We Go?
- 18:00 *Taxishuttle to the Graftwerk*
- 18:30 Farewell Dinner at Graftwerk (self-paid)