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“Handling Heat: A Conversation with Elspeth Oppermann”

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Critical geographer Elspeth Oppermann worked on the UK–ESRC-funded Cool Infrastructures project, which brought her to the Rachel Carson Center (RCC) as a senior research fellow in 2020. Elspeth currently works on a transdisciplinary pilot project on heat and undernutrition, based at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), and funded by the

Wellcome Trust, the Volkswagen Foundation, and NovoNordisk. Daniel Dumas (RCC) recently completed his doctoral dissertation, which critically assesses representations of Indigenous peoples and geographies in Canada. While Elspeth's work relates primarily to adapting to heat exposure, she has a cocker spaniel who can't stand the heat and would rather run in the snow in Germany than the sand in Singapore. Though Daniel does not currently have a dog, you can find him channelling his inner Golden Retriever when jumping into the Isar River on any hot day in Munich. Here, Elspeth and Daniel discuss what it means to work in and on heat in the age of global heating. (From the article)

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