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The Archive's Temperature: Knowledge Production and Distribution in the Circumpolar landscapes

Together with Marko Peljhan I plan to investigate the problem of the cryosphere and archive at the intersection of knowledge and pedagogy, with an emphasis on the Circumpolar territories and Northern Hemisphere. We will begin with brief historical foray by Sven Spieker into the way in which the archive organized scientific thinking in the 19th century, especially in biology (Rudolf Virchow: "All facts are historical!"). Specifically, Spieker will be concerned with the relationship between historicism, archives, and temperature (the laws of thermodynamics).

In a second step, Marko Peljhan will make a presentation focused on the collaborative efforts of the Arctic Perspective Initiative, with a focus on the way in which archives intersect with local, traditional and indigenous models of knowledge production and storage in the Circumpolar world. We conclude with a brief dialogue juxtaposing the scientific and local and traditional knowledge views and reflections of the notion of archive and its inherent value in today's Circumpolar complexities with global implications.