Dear colleagues,

it is our pleasure to invite you to hear keynote lectures, which are held within the 7th International Student and Early Career Conference NEW WAVE:

**SUSANNE FREIDBERG**
(Professor of Geography in Dartmouth College)

"Tracking Food’s Environmental Footprint"

Prof. Susanne Freidberg is Department Chair and Professor of Geography at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire. She received her PhD at the University of California at Berkeley. Her work spans the fields of political ecology, cultural economy and science and technology studies. Much of her research has centered on the politics and cultural meanings of food provisioning, in and between different parts of the world. She is the author of two books - French Beans and Food Scares: Culture and Commerce in an Anxious Age (Oxford, 2004) compares the "cultures of commerce" of two fresh vegetable trades between Africa (Burkina Faso and Zambia) and Europe (France and Britain), while Fresh: A Perishable History (Harvard, 2009) traces how the meanings of freshness in food have changed along with the technologies that are supposed to protect it. Her most current research examines the expertise behind contemporary efforts to measure food’s environmental "footprint."

**MICHAL VEVERKA**
(DHI a.s.)

"40 years evolution of practical hydrology on African continent – experiences and perspectives"

Dr. Michal Veverka is an expert in the modelling of surface water flood forecasts and the development of decision support systems for flood warning systems. His competence extends to flood and drought management often based on trans-boundary water co-operation. He has acquired his expertise at Czech water management institutions (CHMI and Povodí Vltavy s.p.) and since 1995 he has worked for the Danish Hydrological Institute (DHI a.s.). His main contribution is based on his extensive experience with foreign water management projects in countries without previous tradition of long-term water management (Iran, Turkey, Zambie). The lecture will be focused on the African experience with the development of practical (institutional) water management on a national scale, its pre-requisites, current issues and future perspectives.

**SLAVOMÍRA FERENČUHOVÁ**
(Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University)

"Interdisciplinarity - an often debated challenge for urban studies"

Dr. Slavomíra Ferenčuhová is urban sociologist working at Masaryk University. In her research, Slavomíra has focused on history of urban planning and its transformations in the second half of the 20th century in Czechoslovakia/Czechia, on history of urban studies and urban sociology or ethnographic research in a post-socialist housing estate in Slovakia.