ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES AND NEW MATERIALISMS

THE ETHICS OF DECOLONIZING NATURE AND CULTURE

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Environmental Humanities and New Materialisms share an ethic of decolonizing nature and culture, as they depart from anthropocentric and constructivist positions. Our call is to consider ourselves as permeable, part of the ebb and flow of the Anthropocene, part of the “stuff of the world” as Stacy Alaimo would phrase it. It is a call to investigate how climate change and the sixth great extinction are captured as scientific data, and to inhabit an environmentally ethical sense of matter within a world caught in the throes of change. New Materialist concepts of living matter, especially in Manuel DeLanda’s work, upset conventional distinctions between matter and life, inorganic and organic, passive object and active subject. In Karen Barad’s “agential realism”, material agency does not privilege the human, just as for Jane Bennett, “thing power” emphasizes the shared material basis and the kinship of all things, regardless of their status – human, animal, vegetable, or mineral.

It is through this sense of mutual implication that the New Materialisms can contribute to an ecological ethos. Our call is to consider the New Materialisms as an opportunity to enrich pre-existing conjunctions across environmental philosophy, environmental history, ecocriticism, cultural geography, cultural anthropology, and political ecology, including their debates as captured by the environmental humanities. These fruitful alliances could help build environmental posthumanities, as environmental humanists, activists and stewards work to reveal and reshape the flows of material agencies across regions, environments, animal and human bodies.

The conference Environmental Humanities and New Materialisms: The Ethics of Decolonizing Nature and Culture wants to tap into as well as contribute to such debates.
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There are at least two ways of dealing with genealogies of new materialisms: classification and cartography. In this keynote lecture, I will specify how cartographies come about diffractively. Attempting make diffractive map-making specific, I will discuss the case study of how the British philosopher, Eva Louise Young, found me on-line and 77 years after her death. Under what conditions could the long dead philosopher grab my attention for a forward citation? In the lecture I will unpack that Young surfaced in the thick of the non-exhaustive workings of the 21st century philosophical apparatus afforded by the Internet of algorithmic media. By means of the event of Eva Louise Young suddenly appearing in the genealogy of new materialisms I will study the confining and liberating sides of genealogies, as well as the sudden and seldom nature of the event of diffraction. After all, Eva Louise Young surprised me! I will also discuss the new conceptual framework that Young’s *A Philosophy of Reality* has plugged into new materialist theory and practice, a framework that centers around ‘meetings in the market of matter.’

**Iris van der Tuin** is associate professor in, and program director of, Liberal Arts and Sciences at Utrecht University (The Netherlands). Iris currently chairs the COST Action New Materialism: Networking European Scholarship on ‘How Matter comes to Matter’ (2014-18). Trained as a feminist epistemologist, she is specialized in gender studies and new materialisms (especially pertaining to humanities scholarship that traverses ‘the two cultures’). She co-authored *New Materialism: Interviews & Cartographies* (Open Humanities Press, 2012) with Rick Dolphijn, wrote Generational Feminism: New Materialist Introduction to a Generative Approach (Lexington Books, 2015), and edited *Nature for Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks: Gender* (Macmillan Reference USA, 2016).

**Marie-Luise Angerer** is professor of Media Studies at the Department for Art and Media at University of Potsdam. Before that she was professor of Media and Cultural Studies at the Academy of Media Arts Cologne. Visiting fellow and guestprofessor in the US, UK, Canada and Australia. Member of the European Network How Matter comes to Matter (2014-2018), and of the Research Network Affective and Psychotechnology Studies (DFG 2015-2017) The focus of her research is on media technology, affect and neuroscientific reformulations of desire, sexuality, and the body. Her most recent publications include Desire After Affect (2014), *Timing of Affect* (with Bernd Bösel and Michaela Ott, 2014), and *Ecology of Affect*. On Intensive Milieus and Contingent Encounters (2017).
**Panel 1**
**Room 7**

**Feminist Technoecologies. Naturecultures, Biopolitics and Ethics: A Roundtable Discussion**

*Chair*
Dagmar LORENZ-MEYER
Teaches at the Department of Gender Studies at Charles University in Prague

**Josef BARLA** PhD in Philosophy, Lecturer at the University of Vienna and at Karl-Franzens University Graz | **Marietta RADOMSKA** PhD in Gender Studies, Lecturer at Linköping University | **Pat TREUSCH** Binational Doctor in Sociology (TUB) and Gender Studies (Tea Genus, LIU), Lecturer at the Center for Interdisciplinary Women’s and Gender Studies (ZiFG) at TU Berlin | **Liu XIN** Ph.D of Social Sciences with a major in Gender Studies, postdoctoral fellow at the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, at the University of Tampere

**Panel 2**
**Room 9**

**Walking Methodologies in a More-Than-Human World**

Milla TIAINEN Senior Lecturer in the Department of Musicology at the University of Helsinki, *Environmental Relationships and Sensobiographic Walks as Transcorporeal Processes* | **Stephanie SPRINGGAY** Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, University of Toronto, and Sarah TRUMAN, PhD Candidate at University of Toronto, *Walking Land: Decolonization, environmental ethics, and consent* | **Rebecca CONROY** Independent scholar and artist, *Walking to the Laundromat: a mindfulness exercise for when capital penetrates the body* | **Linda KNIGHT** Senior Lecturer in the School of Early Childhood at Queensland University of Technology, *The Walking Playground project: exploring lively edges through inefficient mappings*

**Panel 3**
**Room 2**

**Environmental and Ethical Aesthetics: New Challenges for Rethinking Subjectification**

Marie-Luise ANGERER Professor of Media Studies at the Department for Art and Media, University of Potsdam *Sensing/Intensity and Ethical Aesthetics* | **Irina KALDRACK** Guest Professor for ‘Knowledge Cultures in the Digital Age’ at Braunschweig University of Art *Responsibility and the question of subjectivation* | **Martina LEEKER** Lecturer for Theatre- and Media-Studies at Leuphana University Lüneburg, *Environmental Aesthetics since 1960s* | **Vivienne BOZALEK** Associate Professor of Educational Theory and Curriculum Studies at the Open University of Cyprus and Tamara SHEFER Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies in the Faculty of Arts at the University of the Western Cape, *A diffractive methodology for reviewing academic journal articles*
Keynote Lecture: Prof. Bruno LATOUR
Performance: Fiona MACDONALD Mycorrhizal Meditation
Keynote Lecture: Prof. Rosi BRAIDOTTI
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The keynote will review some of Ruyer’s important contribution to the philosophy of life and technical forms and will relate to the new «materialist turn» that has been going on in the social sciences due to the development of the ecological mutation and the emergence of the odd figure of Gaia.

Bruno Latour is professor at Sciences Po Paris and director of the Medialab. He has recently published An Inquiry into modes of existence (Harvard UP) and Facing Gaia (Polity).

All his references and most of his texts can be found on the website www.bruno-latour.fr.

Elizabeth de Freitas is a professor in the Education and Social Research Institute at Manchester Metropolitan University. Her research focuses on philosophical investigations of mathematics, science and technology, pursuing the implications and applications of this work across the social sciences. She has published 4 books and over 50 chapters and articles on a range of topics, focusing especially on mathematics. Her recent work examines the material practices and bio-political dimensions of STEM activity, both recreational and expert. She also writes extensively on social science research methodology.
Panel 4 Room 6
ANIMALS ETHICS AND POLITICS

Nathalie BLANC Research Director at the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), LADYSS UMR 7533 When the cockroach becomes form or the materiality of Derrida | Zuzana ŠTEFKOVÁ Ph.D. in Art History at the Charles University Prague, Of Bees and Men. Ecocriticism and the Bee-assisted Art | Astrid SCHRADER Lecturer at the University of Exeter (UK) in the Department of Sociology Philosophy, and Anthropology, Thinking with Microbes across Times: Haunting and Spectrality in Chronobiology | Flaminia PADDEU Postdoctoral Researcher in geography at LADYSS (UMR 7533) (Labex Dynamite, University Paris Diderot) Baptiste MORIZOT Assistant Professor in Philosophy at Aix-Marseille Université (CEPERC UMR 7304) Sharing some sun. Human and non-human ethics of environmental justice

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BODIES AND EROTICS OF THE ANTHROPOCENE

Olga CIELEMLECKA Postdoctoral Researcher at Unit of Gender Studies, Department of Thematic Studies, Linköping University The Erotics of the Anthropocene | Gudbjorg JOHANNESDOTTIR Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Iceland’s Institute for Philosophy and Adjunct Lecturer at the Iceland Academy of the Arts Sigridur THORGEIRSDOTTIR Professor of Philosophy at the University of Iceland, The Body Feels Matter Feel | Gabrielle IVINSON Professor of Education and Community, Manchester Metropolitan University Emma RENOLD Professor of Childhood Studies, Cardiff University Jén ANGHALARAD freelance performer, facilitator, movement director, Body Swings and Feeling the Ineffable: Transversal choreographies of place in ex-industrial mining communities

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ENCOUNTERING INDIGENOUS AND NEW MATERIALIST ONTO-EPISTEMOLOGIES IN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

Brooke MADDEN Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Educational Policy Studies, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta, Marc HIGGINS Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Educational Policy Studies, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta, Indigenous education and the New Materialisms: Weaving thoughts worlds towards relational being and becoming | Nikki ROTAS Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Elementary Education at the University of Alberta, The thickness of present/post-times: What might wearable technologies force to thought? | Fikile NXUMALO Assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Texas at Austin, Refiguring presences: An anti-colonial orientation to place-based education | Marc HIGGINS Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Educational Policy Studies, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta, Un-Dutifully reading Barad: Response-ability and Indigenous ways-of-knowing-in-being in science education

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FRONTIERS IN RETREAT': COSMOPOLITICAL ECO-POETICS IN THE NORTH

Bart VANDEPUT (Bartaku) Doctoral candidate at the Department of Art in the School of Arts, Design and Architecture of Aalto University (Fin) Artistic berries bonding with humans: morphings | Taru ELFVING PhD, Head of Programme at Frame Contemporary Art Finland, Research affiliate at Visual Cultures, Goldsmiths University of London, Initiator and co-curator of FiR How to retreat in/to the frontiers? Situated and site-sensitive artistic research | Hanna HUSBERG PhD candidate in Practice at the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna Clouds are highly material | Mirko NIKOLIC University of Westminster, London #situate #disperse #copperlove: for ethico-politics of terran desires
This lecture addresses the political and ethical implications of the post-human turn in critical theory, drawing from feminist philosophy and postcolonial thought. The displacement of the centrality of the human - both in the sense of post-humanism and of post-anthropocentrism - is the central tenet of the posthuman predicament. Knowing that the human is not at all a neutral term to begin with, but one that indexes access to power and entitlements, I will in this lecture argue that the posthuman does not signify a loss of cognitive and ethical accountability but rather an opportunity to recast subjectivity in the direction of affirmative neo-materialist political practice.
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The Politics of Becoming-with: Affective Entanglements, More-than-human Politics, Multispecies Justice in the Anthropocene

Chair
Josef BARLA
PhD in Philosophy from the University of Vienna, Lecturer at the University of Vienna and at Karl-Franzens University Graz

Katharina HOPPE Research associate in the “Biotechnologies, Nature and Society” research group at the faculty of social sciences at Goethe-University Frankfurt, What is a Response? Dis/Continuities of (Eco-)Feminist Ethics and New Materialisms

Christoph HUBATSCHKE PhD candidate in Philosophy at the University of Vienna Living (Between) Borders: Cartographies of Multi-Species Border-Zone Entanglements in the Mechanosphere

Josef BARLA PhD in Philosophy from the University of Vienna Graz The Politics of Becoming-With in the Anthropocene: The Zika Virus Epidemic as a Naturalcultural Multispecies Entanglement

Tara MEHRABI PhD candidate in Linköping University, Unite of Gender Studies in Sweden Making Death Matter

Marianna SZCZYGIELSKA PhD Candidate in the Gender Studies Department of the Central European University in Budapest Decolonizing Natural History: Temporality, Zoos, and Multispecies Ethics in the Anthropocene

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The Importance of Being: New Materialist Ontologies

Chair
Saskia BRILL
PhD Candidate at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology LMU Munich

Oliver LIEBIG PhD Candidate at the Environment and Society doctoral program of the Rachel Carson Center Munich, Indigenous Environmental Relations and the Politics of Ontology

Jeannine-Madeleine FISCHER Research Fellow in the interdisciplinary research group Urban Ethics at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), Would ontologies do better? Depoliticization and consensus in Ihumātao, Aotearoa / New Zealand

Lisa RAIL Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, LMU, research associate for the ERC funded research project Remoteness & Connectivity: Highland Asia in the World Creative Commons

Natasha MAUTHNER Professor at the University of Aberdeen Business School New materialist ontologies and their implications for practices of inquiry

Veit BRAUN Research Associate and Doctoral Candidate at the Institute for Sociology, LMU Munich Of viewpoints and standpoints, or why I cannot be a feminist

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Anthropocenic Crisis of Materialities and Political Ecologies of Matters

Chair
Rachele DINI
PhD from University College London, currently teaches at UCL, the University of Cambridge, and the Foundation for International Education

David BLANCHON Professor of Geography, University Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, UMR 72518 LAVUE CNRS/Mosaïques and Institut Universitaire de France Jamie LINTON Chaire Capital environnemental et gestion durable des cours d’eau at Géolab UMR 6042 CNRS, Université de Limoges, and Assistant Professor (Adjunct) at the Department of Geography of Queen’s University, Canada How to decolonize H2O?

Rachele DINI PhD from University College London, currently teaches at UCL, the University of Cambridge, and the Foundation for International Education “A dusty garbage-strewn oasis”: Anthropogenic disaster, waste, and the future in JG Ballard’s climate fiction

Helen PALMER Writer, performer and lecturer in the Department of English Literature at Kingston University London Landslides of literality and the affirmative politics of worlding: science fiction as new materialist method

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Art and the Ecological Crisis

Chair
Basia NIKIFOROVA
Doctor of the Humanities, Associate Professor, Senior Research Fellow, Lithuanian Culture Research Institute (Vilnius)

Zilvine GAIŽUTYTĖ-FILIPIVCIENĖ PhD in Art History and Criticism, Associate Professor in the Creative Society and Economy Institute at the Kazimieras Simanavičius University in Vilnius, The mechanism’ as work of art in the age of anthropocene

Rachele DINI PhD from University College London, currently teaches at UCL, the University of Cambridge, and the Foundation for International Education The Ecological Challenge for Eye (photography as catastrophe’s archeology)
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RELATIONS OF PRODUCTION AND GREEN CAPITALISM

Chair
Alexander STINGL
Philosopher and sociologist of cognitive cultures and organizations, associate lecturer at Leuphana University Lüneburg

Doris ALLHUTTER Researcher in STS at Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Technology Assessment
Brigitte BARGETZ Researcher in political theory at the Open University and at the University of Vienna, Department of Political Science

Affective capitalism: Digital environments and the socio-material transformation of capitalist relations of production
Devyn REMME PhD Candidate in environmental science at the University of Bergen,

Situating sustainability: Securitization and salvation through techno-scientific innovation
Alexander STINGL Philosopher and sociologist of cognitive cultures and organizations, associate lecturer at Leuphana University Lüneburg
The Technologies of Bioeconomy and the Coming Green Precariat
Fabiola LESSA VIANNA Master’s student, master of Environmental Policy in Sciences Po – Paris

When the “Others” stand up For the environment and for themselves: African American, Native and Latino women in the fight for environmental justice in the USA and the change of paradigms of nature, gender and race

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ECOFEMINISM, COLONIALISM AND JUSTICE

Chair
Noémia BESSA VILELA
Senior Research Assistant at the Faculty of Law, University of Maribor, PhD candidate in Legal Science at the Faculty of Law, University of Maribor

Evelien GEERTS Ph.D. Candidate in Feminist Studies with a designated emphasis in History of Consciousness at the University of California, Santa Cruz
A new feminist materialist ethico-politics of justice-to-come.
Heidegger, Derrida, Levinas and Barad: Dis/fracted
Noémia BESSA VILELA Senior Research Assistant at the Faculty of Law, University of Maribor, PhD candidate in Legal Science at the Faculty of Law, University of Maribor
Tjasa IVANC Assistant professor on civil procedure law at the Faculty of Law, University of Maribor

Who should be held accountable?
Whitney STARK Researcher at the Institute for Cultural Inquiry at Utrecht University
Red Planet/Dark Continent: Why Colonizing Mars Is the Same, Boring Old Colonialism That We Should Really Just Stop Already
Maria WHITEMAN Canadian Artist and Visiting Scholar Rice University

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METHODS OF PEDAGOGY

Chair
Vera BÜHLMANN
Dr. in Philosophy, Professor of Architectural Theory at the Technical University Vienna

Dorthe STAUNÆS PhD, professor at Danish School of Education, Aarhus University
Katja BROGGER Associate Professor at Danish School of Education, Aarhus University

On touching, motivation and nausea. An affirmative critique of how matter comes to matter in environmental governance through aesthetic standards
Pau David ALSINA GONZALEZ Lecturer at the Arts and Humanities Department of the Open University of Catalonia
Towards an onto-epistemological approach to artistic research practices

Chair
Felicity COLMAN
Professor of Film and Media Arts at the Kingston School of Art, Kingston University, London

Jessica FOLEY PhD, transdisciplinary artist based in Dublin, Ireland, Postdoctoral Researcher with CONNECT, the centre for future networks

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De-centring the Human: Towards an Ethics of Singular Things
Helena GRANDE PhD candidate at Utrecht University

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Vera BÜHLMANN Dr. in Philosophy, Professor of Architectural Theory at the Technical University Vienna
Michel Serres and Pedagogy

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TECHNO-ETHICS OF THINGS

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Nico Carpentier is Professor in Media and Communication Studies at the Department of Informatics and Media of Uppsala University. In addition, he holds two part-time positions, those of Associate Professor at the Communication Studies Department of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB - Free University of Brussels) and Docent at Charles University in Prague. Moreover, he is a Research Fellow at the Cyprus University of Technology and Loughborough University. His latest book is The Discursive-Material Knot: Cyprus in Conflict and Community Media Participation (Peter Lang, 2017).

Cecilia Åsberg (Linköping University, Sweden) is Professor of Gender, nature, culture; PI and Founding Program Director of The Seed Box – An Environmental Humanities Collaboratory and Founding Director of The Posthumanities Hub, a postconventional research group. She works at the crossroads of feminist materialist theory, cultural technoscience studies, human animal studies, medical and environmental humanities, and other forms of feminist posthumanities. Recent research appear e.g. in Ethics & the Environment, Cultural Studies Review, and soon in Cultural Geography, synthetic approaches in books like Global Pharma 2016 (with Ericka Johnson, Ebba Sjögren), Debates in Nordic Gender Studies 2015 (ed. with Malin Rönnblom) and forthcoming Feminist Companion to the Posthumanities (Springer, ed. with Rosi Braidotti), and in the last 2018 issue on “Toxic Embodiment”, edited with Olga Cielemecka, for the journal Environmental Humanities (Duke UP).
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**Death, Necropolitics, and the Posthuman in the Anthropocene**

Mara DICENTA-VILKER, PhD Student in Science and Technology Studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, NY), *Necropolitical Interventions* | Lee NELSON, PhD Student in Science and Technology Studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, NY), *Loving death as a way of life: the blowfly and necro-milieus* | James W. MALAZITA, Lecturer in Science and Technology Studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, NY), *Searching for New Canaan: Astrobiology as Guide through the Desert of the Anthropocene* | Peta HINTON, Honorary Lecturer in Social Sciences (Sociology and Anthropology) at the University of New South Wales (South Wales, Australia), *Vital(ist) Responsibilities and an Ethics of In/difference: When Not Caring Matters in the Anthropocene* | Monika ROGOWSKA-STANGRET, postdoctoral researcher in the Institute of Philosophy, University of Warsaw, she currently teaches at the Polish Academy of Sciences and at the Polish-Japanese Academy of Information Technology, *On bare life and bare death in touch*

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**The Personal is Political is Theoretical: New Materia-list Proposals for Practices of Care: A Roundtable Discussion**

Catherine HASSE, Professor at the Danish School of Education, University of Aarhus - Research Programme for Future Technologies, Culture and Learning | Dorte Marie SONDERGAARD, Professor in Social Psychology, University of Aarhus - Research Programme Culture, Diversity and Change | Magdalena GORSKA, Assistant Professor of Gender Studies, Utrecht University - Graduate Gender Programme | Iris VAN DER TUIN, Associate Professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Utrecht University - Institute for Cultural Inquiry

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**Agri-cultures of the Anthropocene**

Samantha KING, Professor of Kinesiology and Health Studies, Gender Studies, and Cultural Studies at Queen’s University | Gavin WEEDON, Senior Lecturer in the School of Science and Technology at Nottingham Trent University, *Protein Matters: Work, Whey and Waste in the Dairy Industry* | Katarzyna Olga BEILIN, Professor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and a Faculty Affiliate at the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, *Between Amaranth and Soy: Resistance and Re-Existence in Times of Transgenic Crops* | Aurélien COHEN, PhD Candidate in Philosophy of Ecology Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle / Centre Alexandre Koyré - EHESS, *Attachment to the land. From Modern violence to eco-sensitive bonds: toward an agriculture of relations* | Thomas LEMKE, Professor of Sociology with focus on Biotechnologies, Nature and Society in the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main in Germany, *“Enchanted Materialism”: Posthuman Politics in the Anthropocene*

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**Environmental Ethics, Ecocritics and Material Agency**

Nevena DAKOVIC, Professor of Film and Media Studies (Dept. of Theory and History, FDA, UA, Belgrade) and Chair of Interdisciplinary PhD Art and Media Studies (UoA) *Ethno village: (de) colonisation of nature and culture?* | Anne GOARZIN, Professor of Irish literature and culture in the English Department, University of Rennes 2 *Testing new waters: agency and the response-ability of literature* | Ganaele LANGLOIS, Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication Studies at York University (Toronto, Canada) *Decolonizing Media: The Case of Textile* | Malou JUELSKJAER, Associate Professor in Social Psychology at Department of Education, Aarhus University, *Caring about worldings: Towards a posthuman concept of ‘bildung’*
The Anthropocene concept elaborates on humanity as a geologic force, thereby designating subjective modes and subjugating relations in a new materiality. In this paper, I trace the historiography of Colonial Man to Anthropocene Man to frame the “Geology of Mankind” as a privileged subjective space of biopolitical consideration and material exclusion. By looking at the originary moments of the Anthropocene—1610 Columbian «Exchange»; 1900s Industrialisation; 1950s Great Acceleration (and the Nuclear isotope marker)—I argue how coloniality is materially inscribed into the Anthropocene. In parallel, I ask some questions about the adoption of a decolonizing turn in Anthropocene discourse, to highlight concerns about the conceptualization of an “ontology without territory” and “settler moves to innocence” (Tuck and Yang 2012). In moving towards the idea of a thousand Black Anthropocenes, I am not advocating that indigenous and colonized peoples’ knowledge practices be mobilized as an experimental outside to Western knowledge. Rather, I suggest that race, following Silva (2007), might be considered as foundational to the production of global world space and its material relations. Decolonising the Anthropocene therefore might require severing attachment to a colonial geology and its origin stories of a master subject, while reconstituting the “event” of the Anthropocene through a thousand black Anthropocenic moments.

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**Panel 20 Room 6**  
**Life and Humanity Philosophies**

Chair  
Audrone ŽUKAUSKAITĖ  
Chief Researcher at the Lithuanian Culture Research Institute

Frédéric NEYRAT Assistant Professor in the Department of Comparative Literature at University of Wisconsin-Madison *Human, Non-Human, Inhuman* | Elizabeth DE FREITAS Professor at Manchester Metropolitan University *Speculative mathematics & transhuman spatial sense* | Audrone ŽUKAUSKAITĖ Chief Researcher at the Lithuanian Culture Research Institute *Biophilosophy as a new paradigm of thinking* | Stanimir PANAYOTOV PhD Candidate in comparative gender studies at Central European University, Budapest *Geo Sui: A Short History of Earth’s Solitude*

Federica GIARDINI Feminist Scholar in Political Philosophy, cofounder of IAPh Italia and Director of the “Gender Studies and Policies Master”, *University of Roma Tre, Un-com-measurable living* | Gea PICCAR - DI PhD Student in Democracy in 21st Century in the Centro de Estudos Sociais at the University of Coimbra (PT) and co-editor of IAPh Italia, *Decolonizing eco-politics: feminist alternatives from Chiapas and Rojava* | Mariaenrica GIANNUZZI PhD Candidate at Cornell University (USA) - German Department, *Notes on Anthropic Melancolia* | Ilenia CALEO PhD Candidate at Università La Sapienza (Roma), Art and Performance Department, Co-editor of IAPh Italia, *CorpoRealities. Performativity and materiality of the bodies in the Performing Arts* | Isabella PINTO Political Activist Phd Candidate in Comparative Studies and Literature Theory at University of Rome “Tor Vergata”, Co-editor of IAPh Italia, *After the Crisis of Interior Monologue and Metanarrative: Cartographing New Practices of Writing Self*

**Panel 21 Room 7**  
**Body-Metrics. Transformative Perspectives at the Cross-Road of Trans/Feminist/Queer/Postcolonial Economies/ECOlogies/EPistemologies**

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Sigrid SCHMITZ Prof. Dr., Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany, *The Processes of Imaging / The Imaging of Processes* | Sigrid SCHMITZ Prof. Dr., Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany, *Imaging the Processes of Life: The Shifting Contexts of Visualizing Dynamics in Fluorescence Microscopy and Neuroscientific Imaging* | Kathrin FRIEDRICH Dr. des., Humboldt University Berlin, *The grid of intervention: Imaging and tracking technologies in medical practice*

Stephen WILMER Professor Emeritus of Drama and former Head of the School of Drama, Film and Music at Trinity College Dublin

Marek WOJTASZEK Assistant Professor of Humanities, Department of American and Media Studies & Women’s Studies Center, Faculty of International and Political Studies, University of Lodz, Poland *Mannerism of Presence. Aesthetics of Augmented Airport Habitat* | Kirsi SAARI-KANGAS Professor of Art History, University of Helsinki *Multisensory urban nature. Inhabitant, built and natural suburban environments* | Marja VEHVILAINEN PhD, university lecturer, University of Tampere, Faculty of Social Sciences, Gender Studies *Environment as nature-cultures: gendered, generational everyday work* | Stephen WILMER Professor Emeritus of Drama and former Head of the School of Drama, Film and Music at Trinity College Dublin *Nomadic Performativity*
**Panel 24** Room 6  
SITUATED PERFORMANCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY

**Chair**  
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PhD Candidate at Art and Design, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand

Lin CHARLSTON  
PhD student at Manchester School of Art, Becoming Plant  
Taru LEPPANEN  
University lecturer in Gender Studies at the University of Turku Decolonizing the concept of race in Sonya Lindfors’ dance performance Noble Savage  
Rumen RACHEV  
Alumnus of the Research Master in Media and Performance Studies at Utrecht University From Host to Hostage of the Planet Earth: Agents against Agency (AAA)

**Panel 25** Room 7  
MATERIALIZING THE SOCIAL, THE ECONOMICAL, THE ENVIRONMENTAL

**Chair**  
Jelena DJURIC  
Researcher at The Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory

Anna HICKEY MOODY  
Associate Professor at The University of Sydney, Department of Gender and Cultural Studies, Materializing the Social: Art Practice as a Transversal Methodology  
Jelena DJURIC  
Researcher at The Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, Embodiment: New Materialism and the Environmental Paradigm  
María del Mar ALONSO-ALMEIDA  
Lecturer of Business Administration in Autonomus University of Madrid in Spain Spaces of coworking: are they really new?. El case of the sea coffee  
Nico CARPENTIER  
Professor at the Department of Informatics and Media of Uppsala University Rethinking nationalism as the entanglement of the material and the discursive

**Panel 26** Room 9  
NON-ANTHROPOCENTRIC PEDAGOGIES

**Chair**  
Beatriz REVELLES BENAVENTE  
Postdoc researcher at Universidad de Barcelona

Delphi CARSTENS  
PhD, Lecturer/Course Coordinator for Humanities 100 (Arts/Law ECP), University of the Western Cape (CapeTown, South Africa) Toward a pedagogy of animality  
Barbara BOLT  
Associate Dean of Research, Practicing Artist and Art Theorist at the Faculty of the VCA and MCM at the University of Melbourne Aesthetics and Ethics: Situated knowledge and ethical know-how in artistic and art-based research  
Beatriz REVELLES BENAVENTE  
Postdoc researcher at Universidad de Barcelona “Bringing along” methodologies: a transversal approach to processes

**Panel 27** Room 2  
ECO-POETICS & BIOETHICS FOR A PLURIVERSE IN TRANSIT

**Chair**  
Beatriz REVELLES BENAVENTE  
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Mirko NIKOLIC  
University of Westminster, London

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PhD Candidate in Performance Studies at UC Davis, Praba PILAR, PhD in Performance Studies from UC Davis Becoming-larval  
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Building a common ecological ethos. The new materialist turn of environmental humanities

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