



BALTEHUMS

THIRD BALTIC  
CONFERENCE  
ON THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
HUMANITIES  
AND SOCIAL  
SCIENCES

OCTOBER 23-25, 2024  
FACULTY OF HISTORY  
ADAM MICKIEWICZ  
UNIVERSITY  
POZNAN, POLAND

October 23rd: Coll. Maius, Mickiewicz Hall  
October 24th: Coll. Minus, room 17  
October 25th: Coll. Minus, Senat Hall

# QUICK VIEW

Time	Wednesday Oct 23 – Coll. Maius, Mickiewicz Hall
11.00-11.15	Opening
11.15-12.45	Session 1 <b>Fossils, fuel, and extinction: literary and artistic takes</b> (Ene-Reet Soovik; Elle-Mari Talivee & Mait Sepp; Sara Bédard-Goulet; Marta Tomczok)
12.45-13.45	Lunch
13.45-15.15	Session 2 <b>Art as multispecies practice</b> (Marianna Michałowska; Jana Kukaine; Monika Bakke; Niko Hakkarainen)
15.15-15.45	coffee
15.45-16.45	Keynote: Adam Izdebski
16.45-17.15	coffee
17.15-18.45	Session 3 <b>Climate and sustainability challenges</b> (Mikelis Grivins; Auli Viidalepp, Aet Annist; Bethany Wiggin)

Time	Thursday Oct 24 – Coll. Minus: room 17
9-10.30	Session 4 <b>Environment, care and affect</b> (Anda Adamsone-Fiskovica & Mikelis Grivins; Karina Ješkina & Anita Zariņa; Karolina Kolenda; Ewelina Jarosz)
10.30-11.00	coffee
11.00-12.30	Session 5 <b>Water governance</b> (Maja Rup, Kristīne Krumberga; Simo Laakkonen)
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Session 6 <b>Myths, religion, lore and environmentalism</b> (Atko Rimmel & Tõnno Jonuks; Morgan Rose; Lona Päll)
15.00-15.30	coffee

15.30-17.00	Session 7 <b>Session: 20th century environmentalism</b> (Ulrike Plath; Anna Helena Liiv; Kati Lindström; Jan-Hinnerk Antons)
17.00-17.30-	coffee
17.30-18.30	Roundtable: Environmentalism

Time	Friday Oct 25 – Coll. Minus, Senat Hall
9-10.30	Session 8 <b>Environmental history from 1890s to WWII</b> (Dupuy Michel; Oksana Ermolaeva; Bartosz Smoczyk; Ulrike Plath)
10.30-11.00	coffee
11.00-12.30	Session 9: <b>Session: Long-term histories</b> (Elīna Guščika et al.; Piotr Oliński; Jakob Starlander; Paweł Tomczok)
12.30-14.00	Lunch and Poster session
14.00-15.00	Keynote: Heli Huhtamaa
15.00-15.15	Short break
15.15-16.15	Roundtable: Teaching Environmental Humanities
16.15-16.45	coffee
16.45-18.15	Session 10 <b>Relations with other-than-humans</b> (Karl Hein; Gabriela Jarzębowska; Riin Magnus; Thorsten van der Kooij)
18.15-18.30	closing

# PROGRAM

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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

### Session 1: FOSSILS, FUEL, AND EXTINCTION: LITERARY AND ARTISTIC TAKES

Organiser: *Elle-Mari Talivee*

Chair: *Ene-Reet Soovik*

- *Ene-Reet Soovik*  
Reminders of the past or prospects for the future? Fossils in Estonian poetry
- *Elle-Mari Talivee and Mait Sepp*  
Two manuscripts of 'oil shale writing': Implicit environmentalism in totalitarian society
- *Sara Bédard-Goulet*  
Extinction, fossils and taxidermy: Artistic perspectives on natural history
- *Marta Tomczok*  
Switch on literature. There is a need to include literary narratives in environmental history research. The case of a novel about the environmental destruction of a village near Bełchatów during industrialization 1978-1985

Lunch

### Session 2: ART AS MULTISPECIES PRACTICE

Chair: *Sara Bédard-Goulet*

- *Marianna Michałowska*  
Baltic Art as an Ecological Engagement
- *Jana Kukaine*  
Conversations with Trees. Contemporary Green Artivism in Latvia
- *Monika Bakke*  
Reclaiming Quiet: Multispecies Strategies for Surviving Urban Noise
- *Niko Hakkarainen*  
Sounds of green and blue: Nature as a venue for music events

Coffee

**Keynote: Adam Izdebski**

Chair: Małgorzata Praczyk

**The social-ecological dynamics of failed state formation in medieval Poland**

Coffee

**Session 3: CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES**

Chair: Silvia Lotman

- *Mikelis Grivins*  
The clash between environmental and business interests: analysis of enterprises engaging circular use of bioresources
- *Auli Viidalepp*  
The AI as an envirotechnical system
- *Aet Annist*  
Future and its alternatives: Anticipating collapse in a post-collapse society
- *Bethany Wiggin*  
Arts-Driven Participatory Research and the Fight against LNG

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24****Session 4: ENVIRONMENT, CARE AND AFFECT**

Chair: Gabriela Jarzębowska

- *Anda Adamsonsone-Fiskovica, Mikelis Grivins*  
Looking nice: the role of aesthetics in farmers' discourse on their agri-environmental farming practices
- *Karīna, Ješkina, Anita Zariņa*  
To do or not to do? An insight into the care of the inhabitants of national parks for nature
- *Karolina Kolenda*  
In Deep Brackish Water: Imagining the Future of the Baltic Sea with Affect Theory and Contemporary Art
- *Ewelina Jarosz*  
Queering Environmental Art and Marine Knowledge: Hydrosexual Movement for the Baltic Sea is Emerging

Coffee

### **Session 5. WATER GOVERNANCE**

*Chair: Thorsten van der Kooij*

- *Maja Rup*  
Ethical (Im)purity of Renewable Energy Sources: Baltic Sea Wind Farms
- *Kristīne Krumberga*  
Human-Water Relations in Law
- *Simo Laakkonen*  
Towards an environmental history of pollution and protection in the Baltic Sea region: Options for cooperation

Lunch

### **Session 6: MYTHS, RELIGION, LORE AND ENVIRONMENTALISM**

*Chair: Auli Viidalepp*

- *Atko Remmel, Tõnno Jonuks*  
From new religious movement to national consciousness: Maausk movement in Estonia
- *Morgan Rose*  
Rewilding Narratives: Integrating Baltic Myths and Ecological Consciousness in Literature
- *Lona Päll*  
Recreating Narratives: Analyzing Place-Lore in Environmental Debates Around Green Transition

Coffee

## Session 7: 20TH CENTURY ENVIRONMENTALISM

Chair: Marianna Michalowska

- *Ulrike Plath*  
Estonian environmentalism in the long 20th century: a conclusion
- *Anna Helena Liiv*  
Tallinn Declaration. Estonian Nature Conservation Society During the Late Soviet Period
- *Kati Lindström*  
Discussions on water resources in the Soviet Estonian media in late 1960s and 1970s
- *Jan-Hinnerk Antons*  
An eastward enlargement of civil society? Greenpeace's Baltic Campaign and the environmental movements of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia 1987 to 1992

Coffee

## Roundtable: BALTIC ENVIRONMENTALISM IN THE LONG TERM PERSPECTIVE

Ulrike Plath (chair), Aet Annist, Silvia Lotman, Artis Svece, Jan-Hinnerk Antons

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

## Session 8: ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY FROM 1890S TO WWII

Chair: Melanie Arndt

- *Dupuy Michel*  
1895: a trial in Katowice becomes symbolic inside the European forestry
- *Oksana Ermolaeva*  
The conceptualizations of Space, Smuggling, and Environment in the Early Soviet Border protection discourses
- *Bartosz Smoczyk*  
Two interwar sister cities between environment and propaganda
- *Ulrike Plath*  
Ginger bread in Super 6. Food and intimate environments of Baltic Germans on the move (1939-1959)

Coffee

**Session 9: LONG-TERM HISTORIES**

*Chair: Bartosz Smoczyk*

- *Elīna Guščika, Ildze Milgrāve, Normunds Stivriņš, Guntis Zemītis*  
Transformation of the mortuary landscape in the basin of the River Lielupe during the 5th–7th Century
- *Piotr Oliński*  
Historical Sources Regarding the Frozen Baltic Sea in the 15th-16th Centuries
- *Jakob Starlander*  
Resilience and vulnerability of the peasant communities: Forest and settlement fires in Finland in the 17th Century
- *Paweł Tomczok*  
Coke plants in the Baltic Region. Environment and Memory

**Lunch & Posters**

- *Kadri Tüür*  
Irony in environmental protests
- *Sabina Kwiecień*  
Prospectors of natural deposits in the Karkonosze Mountains between the 15th and 17th centuries

**Keynote: Heli Huhtamaa**

**Global Climatic Shocks, Local Responses: Baltic Sea Region in the 17th Century.**

**Roundtable: HOW TO TEACH ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES IN AN INTERDISCIPLINARY FORMAT?**

*Convenors: Melanie Arndt and Malgorzata Praczyk*

Coffee



**Session 10: RELATIONS WITH OTHER-THAN-HUMANS**

Chair: *Simo Laakkonen*

- *Karl Hein*  
„Doesn't God exist in heaven for the tormented and overly burdened animals?“  
Johann Voldemar Jannsen as an Animal Welfare Activist
- *Gabriela Jarzębowska*  
Farms, animals and meat culture in Poland 1945–1989
- *Riin Magnus*  
The Fear of Wild Animals: an Indication of Alienation or Connectedness to Nature?
- *Thorsten van der Kooij*  
Human and Nonhuman Relations of the Baltic Sea: The Case of the Nord Stream Pipelines

# NOTES

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