

**BALTEHUMS**  
FIRST BALTIC CONFERENCE ON THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES AND  
SOCIAL SCIENCES

conference program

The Academic Centre for Natural  
Sciences, University of Latvia  
Riga, 8-9 October 2018

9.30-10.00	<b>Registration - Lobby of the Academic Centre for Natural Sciences</b>		
9.45-10.00	<b>Welcome words: Anita Zariņa, Kati Lindström - Lobby</b>		
	<b>Parallel 1 - Room 702</b>	<b>Parallel 2 - Room 336</b>	<b>Parallel 3 - Room 319</b>
10.00-12.00	<p><b>1-1 Forum discussion: What is the contribution of environmental humanities to the sustainability and climate change debate</b>                      V. Pál, D. Cambou, P. C. Krieger, J. Lajus, U. Plath, M. Saikku, I. Sukhenko</p>	<p><b>1-2 Posthuman environments</b>                      C. Åsberg &amp; C. Fredengren   S. Bezan   I. Rodin</p>	<p><b>1-3 From undernourishment to calamities: problems in feeding population in the Baltic Sea rim in the 18th and 19th c.</b>                      T. Myllyntaus   P. Miodunka   K. Lust   A. Häkkinen   A. Kähkönen</p>
12.00-13.00	Lunch – Room 107		
13.00-14.30	<p><b>2-1 Mediated green: Modern environmentalism, politics and media</b>                      J. Karimäki   L. Päll   L. Orste</p>	<p><b>2-2 Baltic region in the long-term</b>                      V. Žulkus et al.   J. Uchiyama   E. Salmina &amp; S. Salmin</p>	<p><b>2-3 Engineering water at the Baltic Sea</b>                      A. Kraykovskiy &amp; J. Lajus   M. Ziser</p>
14.30-15.00	Coffee Break – Room 107		
15.00-16.30	<p><b>3-1 Workshop. Engaging with digital research infrastructures: Opening doors for geohumanities</b>                      V. Garnett, P. Hacıgüzeller, E. Papaniki, L. Kaljundi, A. Baklane</p>	<p><b>3-2 Ecocriticism and the imagined worlds</b>                      M. I. Harke   E.-M. Talivee &amp; M. Lind   K. Tüür</p>	<p><b>3-3 Post-nuclear lives and narratives</b>                      S. Liubimau   A. Brylska   I. Sukhenko</p>
16.30-17.00	Coffee Break – Lobby near cafeteria		
17.00-18.30	<p><b>4-1 Ecological awareness in teaching and research</b>                      P. Thapa   A. Olteanu   A. Svece</p>	<p><b>4-2 Plants and people</b>                      R. Magnus &amp; H. Sander   L.E. La Fauci   L. Puusepp</p>	<p><b>4-3 Transnational and global formation of landscapes</b>                      S. Laakkonen   P. Högselius &amp; K. Lindström   M. Schröder   K. Krumberga</p>

	Parallel 1 - Room 335	Parallel 2 – Room 336	Parallel 3 – Room 319	Parallel 4 – Room 324
9.30-11.00	5-1 Roundtable. From drops to a sea: Individuals, communities, protection policies and environmental crises K. Lindström, A. Annist, E. Felcis, S. Jones, K. Ritson	5-2 Advancing Baltic climate Hstory: creating a new module in Euro-Climhist U. Plath & H. Huhtamaa   P. Raudkivi   K. Vanamölder & K. Kruusmaa	5-3 Represented environments T. Jonuks & A. Remmel   E.-R. Soovik   J. Matvejs	5-4 Shaping and enlightening the landscapes before 20 <sup>th</sup> c. P. Daija   H. Sander   V. Vaitkevicius
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break – Room 107			
11.30-12.30	Experimental session: E-1 (319) Poster session: A. Danto   B. Prüse et al.   Provocations: J. Peterson   J. M. Dynski E-2 (335) Flash presentations: H. Palang   P. Vigh   Academic Speed Dating			
12.30-13.30	Lunch – Room 107			
13.30-15.30	6-1 Roundtable: The value of interdisciplinary in environmental research A. Balžekienė, A. Olteanu, E. Rabitz, A. Telesiene, M. Kangur	6-2 Animal encounters D. Tamir   A. Zarina, D. Treija & I. Vinogradovs   D. Vaitkeviciene	6-3 Transforming, identifying of and identifying with landscapes S. Łotysz   A. Printsman   D. Bula	6-4 Roundtable. Potato and the environment: Agrarian societies searching for survival strategies T. Myllyntaus, P. Miodunka, P. Daija, A. Häkkinen, J. Kunnas
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break – Lobby near cafeteria			
16.00-18.00	7-1 Ethics of care and commemoration A. Bartkiene, R. Bikauskaitė & D. Mincytė   A. Kulikauskas   A. Kährrik   A. Ubertowska	7-2 Entanglements, sustainability and degrowth T. Pikner   E. Felcis   G. Aistara   F. Rabitz & A. Olteanu	7-3 Historical perspectives on sustainability and environmentalism L. Zydaliene   L. Kajundi   K. Lindström	
18.00-18.15	Final words: Kati Lindström - Room 335			

October 8

10.00-12.00 | SESSION 1

**1-1 Forum discussion. What is the contribution of environmental humanities to the sustainability and climate change debate**

Convenor and moderator: Viktor Pál

Discussants: Dorothee Cambou, Parker C. Krieg, Julia Lajus, Ulrike Plath, Mikko Saikku, Inna Sukhenko

**1-2 Posthuman environments**

Chair: Lauren Elizabeth LaFauci

*Cecilia Åsberg, Christina Fredengren*

Storying exposure: Chemical waste, toxic embodiment, and feminist environmental humanities in the Baltic Sea

*Sarah Bezan*

Skin/Screen: The en fleshed fossils of Julius Csotonyi's interactive murals

*Igor Rodin*

Tactility as subjectivization / material resistance as event

**1-3 From undernourishment to calamities: Problems in feeding population in the Baltic Sea rim in the 18th and 19th century**

Panel convenor: Timo Myllyntaus

Chair: Priit Raudkivi

*Timo Myllyntaus*

Categories of nutrition shortages and population crises: Failures of food supply in 19th century Finland

*Piotr Miodunka*

Famines in 18th century Poland: Social or environmental causes?

*Kersti Lust*

Responding to crop failures in a manorial society: The case of post-emancipation Livland

*Antti Häkkinen*

The Great Famine of the 1860's in Finland: A man-made disaster?

*Aappo Kähönen*

Political aspects of the Finnish famine 1867–1868 in comparative perspective

12.00-13.00 | Lunch

**13.00-14.30 | SESSION 2****2-1 Mediated Green: modern environmentalism, politics and media**

Chair: Tarmo Pikner

*Jenni Karimäki*

Children of the silent revolution – Finnish green road from protest to pragmatism

*Lona Päll*

The (hyper-)mediatization of an environmental conflict: Case study of Haabersti white willow

*Līna Orste*

Disposability of plastics through the perspective of Zero Waste lifestyle

**2-2 Baltic region in the long-term**

Chair: Kati Lindström

*Vladas Žulkus, Algirdas Girininkas, Linas Daugnora, Miglė Stančikaitė, Jolita Petkuvienė, Mindaugas Žilius, Tomas Rimkus, Nikita Dobrotin*

People of Mesolithic-Neolithic and the Baltic Sea: relict coasts and settlements under-water and on the coast

*Junzo Uchiyama*

Neolithisation allergy? Comparative perspectives on hunter-gatherer archaeology of the Baltic and Northeast Asian regions

*Elena Salmina, Sergey Salmin*

Archaeological research as a method of obtaining historical and environmental information (on the example of medieval Pskov study)

**2-3 Engineering water at the Baltic Sea**

Chair: Loreta Zydeliene

*Alexey Kraykovskiy, Julia Lajus*

The Baltic Sea in the environmental, technological and cultural history of St. Petersburg

*Michael Ziser*

Water falls: Hydropower and the modern idea of history

**14.30-15.00 | Coffee break**

**15.00-16.30 | SESSION 3**

**3-1 Workshop. Engaging with digital research infrastructures: Opening doors for geohumanities**

Convenors: Vicky Garnett, Piraye Hacigüzeller, Eliza Papaki

Discussants: Vicky Garnett, Piraye Hacigüzeller, Eliza Papaki, Linda Kaljundi, Anda Baklane

**3-2 Ecocriticism and the imagined worlds**

Chair: Ene-Reet Soovik

*Madeleine Ida Harke*

Romanticizing the untamed: Medievalism and the relationship between humans and wild Environments in the child ballads

*Elle-Mari Talivee, Marianne Lind*

Birds and plants in the poetry of Marie Under

*Kadri Tüür*

Ecocriticism in Estonia: a short introduction

**3-3 Post-nuclear lives and narratives**

Chair: Per Högselius

*Siarhei Liubimau*

'Nuclear' urbanism re-scaled: A knowledge infrastructure lens

*Aleksandra Brylska*

What can we call nature? The role of humanities in new approaches toward environment

*Inna Sukhenko*

What is new in new nuclear criticism? Post-Chernobyl perspective

**16.30-17.00 | Coffee break**

**17.00-18.30 | SESSION 4**

**4-1 Ecological awareness in teaching and research**

Chair: Kristine Äboliņa

*Philipp P. Thapa*

Ecotopianism as a connecting idea: embedding ethics in the environmental humanities

*Alin Olteanu*

An ecological theory of learning: The semiotic contribution to ecology

*Artis Svece*

Paradox of ecological awareness

#### **4-2 Plants and People**

Chair: Ulrike Plath

*Riin Magnus, Heldur Sander*

Urban trees as social disruptors: The case of the Ginkgo biloba specimen in Estonia

*Lauren Elizabeth LaFauci*

Herbaria 3.0: A citizen humanities project at the plant-human interface

*Liisa Puusepp*

Urban landscapes - an oasis for bees

#### **4-3 Transnational and global formation of landscapes (until 19.00)**

Chair: Dan Tamir

*Simo Laakkonen*

Landscapes of war: Global environmental impacts of the Second World War

*Per Högselius, Kati Lindström*

Cold War coasts: The transnational co-production of militarized landscapes

*Martin Schröder*

“Sowing the oil” - Rural space, (human) resources and national wealth in Venezuela

*Kristīne Krumberga*

Birds in trenches: the greening of militarization and militarizing habitats for landscape conservation

October 9

**9.30-11.00 | SESSION 5**

**5-1 Roundtable. From drops to a sea: Individuals, communities, protection policies and environmental crises**

Convenor and moderator: Kati Lindström

Discussants: Aet Annist, Elgars Felcis, Sara Jones, Katie Ritson

**5-2 Advancing Baltic climate history: Creating a new module in Euro-Climhist**

Panel convenor: Ulrike Plath

Panel chair: Julia Lajus

*Ulrike Plath, Heli Huhtamaa*

Euro-Climhist and how to create a Baltic Module

*Priit Raudkivi*

Was the weather important? The perception of the environment of the 18th century in Livonia

*Kaarel Vanamölder, Krister Kruusmaa*

Storms around Riga in the mid of the 19th century

**5-3 Represented environments**

Chair: Linda Kaljundi

*Tõnno Jonuks, Atko Remmel*

Forest in Estonian national narrative and identity politics

*Ene-Reet Soovik*

Multispecies city in Soviet Estonian poetry

*Jānis Matvejs*

Visual representation of cities: Riga and Bangkok in movies under the military regime

**5-4 Shaping and enlightening the landscapes before 20th century**

Chair: Riin Magnus

*Pauls Daija*

Popular enlightenment and environmental history in Livonia and Courland

*Heldur Sander*

Nothing happens on its own: Gardener Adam August Heinrich Dietrich – an environment designer and nature explorer

*Vykintas Vaitkevičius*

Studies into the past and modern culture of Lithuania: The case of sacred springs

**11.00-11.30 | Coffee break**



**11.30-12.30 | EXPERIMENTAL SESSION****E-1 Posters and provocations**

Posters:

*Anatole Danto*

For an eco-anthropological approach to changes affecting fishing communities in the eastern Baltic

*Baiba Prūse, Andra Simanova, Raivo Kalle, Ieva Mežaka, Agris Brauns, Dainis Jakovels, Jevgenijs Filipovs, Inga Holsta, Signe Krūzkopa, Renata Sōukand*

Habitat alteration as one of the drivers of the change in wild plant uses

Provocations:

*Jesse Peterson*

Short provocation with an exhibition: eutrophication, algae blooms, and dead zones in the Baltic Sea

*Jason Mario Dydynski*

Stand up. Too ugly for the ark: The role of aesthetic perception in animal conservation

**E-2 Flash and Academic Speed Dating**

Chair: Ulrike Plath

Flash presentations:

*Hannes Palang*

*Péter Vigh*

Academic Speed Dating: Find a person and talk to them! Each pair gets five minutes to quickly introduce themselves. Then all pairs are reshuffled. With some luck, you will get to know 10 new scholars who work on or in the environmental humanities and social sciences of the Baltic region. You can continue your conversations during the lunch break!

**12.30-13.30 | Lunch****13.30-15.30 | SESSION 6****6-1 Roundtable. The value of interdisciplinary in environmental research**

Convenor and moderator: Aistė Balžekienė

Discussants: Aistė Balžekienė, Alin Olteanu, Florian Rabitz, Audrone Telesiene, Mihkel Kangur

## 6-2 Animal encounters

Chair: Junzo Uchiyama

*Dan Tamir*

Human vs. mosquito: An environmental periodization of the 20th century

*Anita Zariņa, Dārta Treija & Ivo Vinogradovs*

Beastly encounters: Bison's return to the Latvian ethnoscape

*Daiva Vaitkevičienė*

Sacred relationship: Interaction between humans and wild animals in a traditional Lithuanian farmstead

## 6-3 Transforming, identifying of and identifying with landscapes

Chair: Guntra Aistara

*Sławomir Łotysz*

Progress or nature? Dilemmas around the planned amelioration of Polesie marshes in Poland's Second Republic

*Anu Printsman*

Prichudye – how identity is expressed in landscape

*Dace Bula*

Living next to the port: Eco-narratives, local histories and environmental activism in the Daugava delta

## 6-4 Roundtable. Potato and the Environment: Agrarian societies searching for survival strategies

Organiser: Timo Myllyntaus

Chair: Timo Myllyntaus

Discussants: Piotr Miodunka, Pauls Daija, Antti Häkkinen, Jan Kunnas, Timo Myllyntaus

15.30-16.00 | Coffee break

16.00-18.00 | SESSION 7

## 7-1 Ethics of care and commemoration

Chair: Philipp Thapa

*Aiste Bartkiene, Renata Bikauskaitė & Diana Mincytė*

Environment, emotions and embodied care: Twisting the concept of environmental citizenship

*Andrius Kulikauskas*

Environment as spiritual capital. An argument for restoring Vilnius's oldest Jewish cemetery

*Allan Kährrik*

Pastor as a social entrepreneur – entering the bridge building process between pastors behavioral and geographical environment

*Aleksandra Ubertowska*

Ecological art in post-genocidal spaces. Seeking a new form of commemoration

## **7-2 Entanglements, sustainability and degrowth**

Chair: Ivo Vinogradovs

*Tarmo Pikner*

Encountering of degrowth and associated publics

*Elgars Felcis*

Bridging traditional knowledge and novelties for sustainability transformations through permaculture

*Guntra Aistara*

Networking diversities: Making mosaic landscapes and organic sovereignties in post-socialist Latvia

*Florian Rabitz, Alin Olteanu*

The epistemology of environmental studies. The reflexive turn in environmental research

## **7-3 Historical perspectives on sustainability and environmentalism**

Chair: Anu Printsman

*Loreta Zydeliene*

'Useful, harmful and neutral': the perception of wildlife and the rise of the conservation movement in interwar Lithuania

*Linda Kaljundi*

Environmentalism in form, nationalist in content? Nature and nationalism in late Soviet Estonian culture

*Kati Lindström*

Econationalism, environmental justice or orientalism: Challenges in contextualising late Soviet environmentalism in Estonia

## Organisers:

Dr. Kati Lindström, ESEH Regional Representative for the Baltic States,  
KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Dr. Anita Zariņa & Dr. Kristīne Āboliņa, University of Latvia

Dr. Kadri Tüür, Prof. Ulrike Plath & Dr. Linda Kaljundi, Tallinn University

Dr. Anda Baklāne, National Library of Latvia

## We are thankful for support:

University of Latvia

Latvian Council of Science, project lzp-2018/1-0446

Institute of Literature, Folklore and Art of the University of Latvia

Estonian Centre for Environmental History (KAJAK), Tallinn University

European Society for Environmental History (ESEH)

KTH Royal Institute of Technology

National Library of Latvia

Rachel Carson Centre (RCC)

Under and Tuglas Literature Centre of the Estonian Academy of Sciences

