

The 3rd European Culture and Technology Lab⁺ Annual Conference

*Media Arts & Design Research Lab (MADLab),
Cyprus University of Technology, Limassol CY*

17th - 18th November 2023

Speculative Enquiries:

Aesthetic, ethical, and epistemic technologies

Keynote speakers:

- + Francesca Ferrando (New York University, USA; Global Posthuman Network)
- + Gayle Rogers (University of Pittsburgh, USA)
- + Paolo Vignola (Universitat de Artes Guayaquil, Ecuador)

The 3rd annual Conference hosted by the European University of Technology and organized by the European Culture and Technology Laboratory 'ECT Lab+' bring together experts from the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Technology, and other fields exploring ways of enquiry that enrich (non-)positivist ways of knowing as well as post-structuralist critique towards them.

16.11.23 [Thursday]

BLACKBOX – MADLab (<https://madlab.cool/contact/>)

10:00-14.00 Doros Polydorou and Alexis Karkotis *Semi-Living Objects: An intervention* (workshop)

Integrating insights from Alien Phenomenology, Dark Ecology, Viveiros de Castro's 'multinaturalism' in this workshop participants will design semi-living objects as agents of intervention. This workshop seeks to rekindle a sense of authentic agency and serendipity by reimagining the role of objects in a world increasingly choreographed by technology and biotech integration.

17.11.23 [Friday]

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[08.30 Open Doors \(Meet and Greet\)](#)

09.00-09.15 Opening Welcome (Prof. Noel Fitzpatrick)

09.15 -10.30 Plenary Session

Paolo Vignola (Universitat de Artes Guayaquil, Ecuador)

Chair: Noel Fitzpatrick

Coffee Break 10.30 - 10.45

Session 1	3 Speakers (15 mins per speaker) Chair: Jye O'Sullivan
10.45-12:00	Indiara Di Benedetto <i>Shaping Narratives of the Crisis at the Intersection of Art, Technology and Speculative Artifacts</i>
	Francesca Perotto <i>Critical Art Practices: An Account of Two Case Studies through the Lens of Deleuzian Affective Ethics</i>
	Ewelina Twardoch <i>Epistemological limbo or the desire for a post-singular epistemology? Speculative strategies of the (post)climatic body in art&science projects</i>

Lunch 12.00– 13.30

Session 2	3 Speakers (15 mins per speaker) Chair: Brenda Duggan
13.30 – 14.45	Silvija Serafimova <i>Speculative Ethics? On Coupling Care with Relational Justice in “Antiecollogical Times”</i>
	Sinead Mc Donald, Jye O’ Sullivan and Ester Toribio-Roura <i>The speculum and the idioms of the body: prototyping composting-with-care as methodology</i>
	Stephanie Jean Pendrys <i>Team Identification and Sports Fandom as Predictors of Tolerance of Online Harassment of Female Sports Journalists: The Moderating Role of Ageing</i>

Coffee Break 14.45 - 15.00

Session 3	3 Speakers (15 mins per speaker) Chair: Sinead Mc Donald
15.00 -16.15	Teodora Ungureanu, Andreea Cătălina Popa, and Ștefan Bunicelu <i>How About Green? Imagining Urban Green Infrastructure in Bucharest with The Help of AI Tools</i>
	Todoran Radu <i>Changes at ecosystems level around former mining extraction areas....</i>
	Lola Mata Harroué <i>Lesbian imaginaries of rural life: a case for deviant ecology and epistemic tools for queering the Environment</i>

Coffee Break 16.15 - 16.30

16.30 -18.00 Plenary Session:

Gayle Rogers (University of Pittsburgh, USA)

Chair: Connell Vaughan

Researchers’ (ECTLab+) Room - MADLab

18.15 -19.00 The European Culture and Technology Lab General Monthly Meeting

Conference Dinner 20.00

Cleopatra Lebanese & Cypriot Restaurant

John Kennedy Street, Christiana Court, Shop 2&3, 3106 Limassol (cleopatra-restaurant.com.cy)

18.11.2023 [Saturday]

BLACKBOX - MADLab

08.30 Open Doors (Meet and Greet)

Session 4	3 Speakers (15 mins per speaker) Chair: Ester Toribio Roura
09.00 - 10.15	Abdelatif Atif <i>Prosthetic ethics for the instrumentality of Laclau's ontology and educational theory</i>
	Lucía Morales, Gabriela Gonçalves, Lia Pop, Niedja Ribeiro and Ivaylo Peev <i>Rethinking Education: An Enlightened Approach to Navigate the Anthropocene</i>
	Claudia Marian <i>The learning gardens as an adaptation of the heutagogy orientation</i>

Coffee Break 10.15-10.30

Session 5	3 Speakers (15 mins per speaker) Chair: Marinos Koutsomichalis
10.30 -11.45	Denis Maraz <i>From Enlightenment to Sustainment The role of imagination in setting the new rationality</i>
	Brenda Duggan <i>Diagramming as a semiotic reach between human and more-than-human ways of knowing.</i>
	Arkadipta Banerjee & Shinjini Saha <i>Liquid Indemnity: Death of a creek The case of the creek Adi Ganga, Kolkata</i>

Coffee Break 11.45-12.00

Session 6	<p>Panel: Artistic Interventions Chair: Doros Polydorou</p>	
12.00 -13.00	Jye O Sullivan Thanos Vozikis Dimitris Savva Ester Toribio Roura	<p><i>The Materiality of Acoustic Care</i> <i>The Eternal Labyrinth: a data-driven installation</i> <i>live-electronics music performance: Dry Watering</i> <i>Living with Trilobites: A thought experiment with bewildering facts in the spirit of Lewis Carroll</i></p>

Lunch 13.00 – 14.15

Session 7	<p>4 Speakers (15 mins per speaker) Chair: Jose Serrano</p>	
14.15 -15.45	Monica liliana Marian	<i>Perception of post-industrial tailing ponds between the selenar landscape and integration into the ecological context - Case study – a town in Nord-West Romania</i>
	Alicia Macías Recio	<i>The ethical dimension of aesthetic experience and the political role of “the postnatural” in breaking down collapsology in the midst of the Anthropocene</i>
	Marinos Koutsomichalis	<i>Speculations on/with light-sensitive matter</i>
	Maxim Miroshnichenko	<i>Eigen-Faces, or the Abstract Prostheticity</i>

Coffee Break 15.45-16.00

Session 8	4 Speakers (15 mins per speaker) Chair: Santiago Perez Rodriguez
16.00-17:15	Sara Baranzoni <i>Title TBC</i>
	Marius Markuckas <i>Why Transhumanism Is Not a Religion: An Analysis of Transhumanism as a Post-Cultural Phenomenon</i>
	Evangelos Koumparoudis <i>Nihilism and Finitude in Neuroscience an Approach through Speculative Phenomenology</i>

Coffee Break 17.15-17.30

Plenary Session: 17:30 – 19:00

Francesca Ferrando (New York University, USA; Global Posthuman Network)

Chair: Marinos Koutsomichalis

Final Reflections and Closing Remarks

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