



## The Gendered Anthropocene

The symposium takes place in **room 21A342 (Eva Eriksson)** at Karlstad University.

**Thursday April 10, 2025**

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**8.30 Registration**

**9.00 Conference opening**

**9.15-10.30 Panel 1**

Chair: Anna Kurowicka

- Johanna Pelikan (Universität Hamburg), “Women Wielding Waste: Mina Loy's Feminist Waste Aesthetics”
- Tara Mehrabi and Wibke Straube (Karlstad University), “Unsettling Intimacies: On World-Making Practices with the Other in Minoosh Zomorodinia's Installation *Knots and Ripples*”
- Oluwadunni Talabi and Paula von Gleich (University of Bremen), “Black Feminism and the Study of Water in the Anthropocene: Intersections and Points of Conflict”

**10.30-11.00 Coffee break**

**11.00-12.15 Panel 2**

Chair: Izabella Kimak

- Carolin Jesusek (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz), “Fungal Horrors in Women's Contemporary Gothic Literature”
- Anna Bark Persson (Umeå University), “Women Need Mars: Feminist and Queer Uses of Planetary Mars in 21st Century Science Fiction”
- Jade Arbo (Federal University of Pelotas) and Judith Rauscher (University of Cologne), “Re-Imagining Scientific Inquiry: Affective

**Practices of Ecological Knowledge Production and Relations of Care  
in Becky Chamber's *To Be Taught if Fortunate***

**12.15-13.30 Lunch break**

**13.30-14.45 Panel 3**

Chair: Ingrid Gessner

- Isabel Kalous (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg), “(Non)Motherhood in the Anthropocene: Negotiating Reproductive Decisions and Climate Change in Contemporary Women's Writings”
- Marinette Grimbeek (Örebro University), “Narrative Accretion and Overwhelming Anthropocenic Entanglement in Lucy Ellmann’s *Ducks, Newburyport*”
- Christen Bryson (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle), “Environmental and Nuclear Destruction: Mom Activists Fight Extinction”

**14.45-15.15 Coffee break**

**15.15-16.45 Panel 4**

Chair: Anne-Marie Evans

- Sandra Tausel (University of Alberta), “The Rise of Ecofeminist Children in Imbolo Mbue's *How Beautiful We Were*”
- Méliné Kasparian (Université Versailles-Saint-Quentin), “Seeds of Change: Feminist Narratives of Environmental Degradation and Regeneration in Ana Castillo’s *So Far from God* (1993) and *The Guardians* (2007)”
- Iryna Yakovenko (Borys Grinchenkov Kyiev Metropolitan University), “Geocritical and Biocultural Perspectives of Myrna Kostash's Creative Nonfiction”
- Jill Drouillard (Mississippi University for Women), “The Ice Age of Making Babies and (Pro)creating Nature in the 21st Century”

**17.00-18.30 Keynote lecture**

**Julia Leyda (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)**

Chair: Marie Dücker

**19.00 Conference dinner at Scandic Hotel Winn**

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**9.00-10.15 Panel 5**

**Chair: Christen Bryson**

- Anna Kurowicka (University of Warsaw), “No Future without Sex and Gender? Post-Human Apocalypse in Lidia Yuknavitch’s *The Book of Joan*”
- Katharina Wiedlack (University of Vienna), “Alaska in the Anthropocene and Feminist Storytelling”
- Abigail Fagan (Leibniz Universität Hannover), “Gendered Ideals, the Corporate University, and the Concept of Land as Property”

**10.15-10.30 Coffee break**

**10.30-11.45 Panel 6**

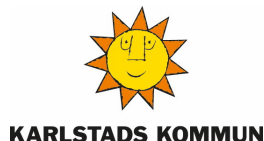
**Chair: Abigail Fagan**

- Nicole Haring (University of Graz), “*The Last Generation: Cherie Moraga's Prose and Poetry, the Chthulucene, and Intersectional Environmentalism*”
- Marie Dücker (University of Graz), “Gender, Labor, and Environmental Precarity in the Anthropocene: An Ecofeminist Reading of Kate Beaton’s *Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands (2022)*”
- Juliann Knaus (University of Graz), “Interweaving Ecosystems, Nature, and Blackness: Explorations of the Anthropocene in Zakia Carpenter-Hall’s Film-Poem ‘Human Ecologies’” (2021)

**11.45 Conference closing**

**There will be a grab-and-go lunch right after the conference closing.**

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