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RELATIONAL ECOLOGIES—International Conference on Cultural Studies

Posthumanist Perspectives on Climate, Arts, and More-than-Human Worlds



22–24 October 2026 | Batman University, Türkiye

DRAFT PROGRAMME — Schedule details are subject to change.

22 October 2026 | Thursday

↻ 08:30–10:00 | REGISTRATION AND OPENING CEREMONY

08:30–09:15 | Registration

09:15–10:00 | Opening Ceremony

Prof. Dr. İdris Demir, Rector, Batman University
Prof. Ute Meta Bauer, Nanyang Technological University
Prof. Dr. Pelin Tan, Chair of the Organizing Committee

↻ 10:00–10:55 | KEYNOTE I

Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Tauber, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy

The Gift of Relations: Crisis, Kinship and Politics of Obligation

↻ 10:55–11:10 | COFFEE BREAK

↩ 11:10–12:30 | SESSION I—METHODOLOGIES

Chair: Prof. Dr. Neşe Gurallar, TED University

11:10–11:30 | Paper 4

Erdem Üngür — Gebze Technical University

Mehmet Ali Gasseloğlu — Gebze Technical University

sensitivestructures: Posthumanist Transformation in Architectural Education

11:30–11:50 | Paper 48

Aya Musmar — The American University in Cairo

Unsettled: Pedagogies of Salt, Stone, and Fossils

11:50–12:10 | Paper 17

Lena Michalik — Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

//Remote//Sensing Bodies of Snow: Exploring Sensing Assemblages between the Technological and the Bodily Apparatus

12:10–12:30 | Paper 43

Tuba Doğu — İzmir University of Economics

Melis Baloğlu — Management Development Institute of Singapore in Tashkent

When the Users Are No Longer Human: Insurgent Ecologies and Urban Self-Decomposition

↩ 12:30–13:15 | LUNCH

↩ 13:15–14:35 | SESSION II — POSTHUMANIST THOUGHT AND MORE-THAN-HUMAN RELATIONS

Chair: Prof. Dr. Pelin Tan, Batman University

13:15–13:35 | Paper 6

Rümeysa Aslan — Batman University

Bütün Parçalarından Küçüktür: İklim Krizi Karşısında Timothy Morton'ın İnsan-Olmayanlarla Dayanışma Çağrısı

13:35–13:55 | Paper 12

Tuba Emiroğlu — Researcher

Peyzajda İz Sürmek: Çok Türlü Bir Tanıklık Denemesi

13:55–14:15 | Paper 24

Öznur Aydın — PhD Researcher

Özneyi Yeniden Düşünmek, İnsanı Merkezden Kaydırmak: Hayvan Biyografileri Üzerine Düşünmenin ve Yazmanın İmkânları

14:15–14:35 | Paper 19

Simay Turan Yılmaz — İzmir Institute of Technology

Beyond the Anthropocene: Multiplicity of Agency in Alternative Ecological Crisis Narratives

↩ 14:35–15:30 | KEYNOTE II

Prof. Dr. Zainab Bahrani, Columbia University, USA

Keynote title to be announced.

⇐ 15:30–15:45 | COFFEE BREAK

⇐ 15:45–17:05 | SESSION III — RIVER PHENOMENOLOGIES I

Chair: Prof. Sofia Bempeza — To be confirmed

15:45–16:05 | Paper 5

İbrahim Halil Demirel — Batman University

Dicle Havzası'nda Belirsizliğin Mühendisliği: Bozulan Mevsimsellik ve Öngörüsöl Kontrolün Sınırları

16:05–16:25 | Paper 9

Zeynep Helin Kaya — University of Luxembourg

Living with the Dam: Displacement, Survival and Everyday Practices after the Alpaslan II Dam

16:25–16:45 | Paper 27

Merve Özokcu — Istanbul Technical University

Tracing Water, Bearing Witness to All: Discourse, Action, and Practice in Southeastern Anatolia

16:45–17:05 | Paper 37

Maria Peteinaki — National Technical University of Athens

Urban Streams as Sites of Ecofeminist Counter-Epistemologies

23 October 2026 | Friday

⇐ 09:00–09:55 | KEYNOTE III

Prof. Dr. Kirsten Scheid, American University of Beirut

Lebanon Earth, Art, Palestine

⇐ 09:55–11:15 | SESSION IV—LAND AND MEMORY I

Chair: Prof. Dr. Kirsten Scheid—To be confirmed

09:55–10:15 | Paper 22

Ceylan Hassan — University of Kent

Mapping Socio-Ecological Displacement in Cyprus through Molehiya

10:15–10:35 | Paper 21

İdil Elkıran, Utku Kan and Selen İlhan — Middle East Technical University

Reading the Wall: Stone, Landscape and Material Ecologies of Gallipoli Tower

10:35–10:55 | Paper 28

Rubar Gungor Tekbas — Middle East Technical University

Seeds as Memory, Displacement as Erasure: Kurdish Women's Ecological Knowledge and Forced Migration in the Doski Valley

10:55–11:15 | Paper 39

Tushar Kant – ECHO India

Before Extinction: The Disappearance of Ecological Attention

↪ **11:15–11:30 | COFFEE BREAK**

↪ **11:30–12:50 | SESSION V – LAND AND MEMORY II**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Pelin Tan, Batman University

11:30–11:50 | Paper 33

Marlene Wagner – TU Wien

Bridging More than a River: Planetary Agency, Ubuntu, Designing and Building

11:50–12:10 | Paper 36 – Provisional

Ambreen Ali – University of Management and Technology Lahore

Where the Glaciers Vanish: Solastalgia and Climate Grief in Uzma Aslam Khan's Thinner Than Skin

12:10–12:30 | Paper 45

Esra Can – University of Sheffield

Relational Ecologies in Practice: Reimagining Participation in Eco-Social Living Labs

12:30–12:50 | Paper 14

Mehmet Sıddık Vangölü, Fırat Ünsal, Ahmet Özkan, Zafer Korkmaz and İlhan Çiçek

İklim Değişikliği Endişesi, Gelecek Kaygısı ve Psikolojik Sağlamlık Arasındaki İlişkilerin İncelenmesi

↪ **12:50–13:35 | LUNCH**

↪ **13:35–14:30 | KEYNOTE IV**

Prof. Dr. Murat İri, Istanbul University, Türkiye

Keynote title to be announced.

↪ **14:30–17:25 | PARALLEL PROGRAMME**

↪ **14:30–15:50 | ROOM A -SESSION VII ARTISTIC RESEARCH AND PRACTICE I**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Süleyman Başaran, Batman University

14:30–14:50 | Paper 29

Paul Iby – University of Arts Linz

The Pillow as a Pedagogical Catalyst

14:50–15:10 | Paper 15

Renata Berta Saumell and Anna Tudos – Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

Hug Me Like a Rock: Opening Situated Artistic Practices Toward Collective Relations with Land

15:10–15:30 | Paper 34

Brigitte Egger – University of Innsbruck

Beyond Control and Classification: Ruderal Ecologies in the Work of Lois Weinberger

15:30–15:50 | Paper 31

Shona Kitchen and Elisabeth Tauber – Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

Walking into Conversation: Artistic-Anthropological Inquiry in Italian Alpine Landscapes

⇐ **15:50–16:05 | COFFEE BREAK**

⇐ **16:05–17:25 | ROOM A -SESSION VIII – ARTISTIC RESEARCH AND PRACTICE II**

Chair: Assist. Prof. Emrah Işık, Batman University

16:05–16:25 | Paper 35

Katharina Mayr – Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

Exploring More-than-Human Agency through Embodied Artistic Practices

16:25–16:45 | Paper 41

Vivien Tauchmann – Batman University

Carmear: Textiles as Sites of Knowing

16:45–17:05 | Paper 46

Josephine Freiberg – Museum für Naturkunde Berlin

Archiving Non-Human Voices: Preserving Biodiversity through Sound

17:05–17:25 | Paper 50

Emrah Işık, Batman University

When the Village Enters the City: Tandoori and Ecological Memory in Batman

⇐ **14:30–15:10 | ROOM B -SESSION VI – MOVING IMAGE / CINEMA**

Chair: Dr. Kerem Sürmeli, Batman University

14:30–14:50 | Paper 10

Didem Ayan – Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University

İnsan Sonrası Failliğin Canlandırılması: Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind

14:50–15:10 | Paper 13

Katya Sander – FiK / UiT

Moving Images, Correspondence with Place: Pedagogy, Site, and Processes of Making

⇐ **15:10–16:10 | ROOM B -WORKSHOP I**

Facilitator: Magdalena Tyżlik-Carver, Aarhus University, Denmark

Curating/Fermenting Data: Diagramming Affective Relations in a Jar

Advance registration is required.

Workshop venue and participant capacity will be announced.

24 October 2026 | Saturday

⇐ **09:00–09:55 | KEYNOTE V**

Prof. Jesko Fezer, Hamburg University of Fine Arts (HFBK), Germany

Keynote title to be announced.

⇨ **09:55–11:15 | Room A SESSION IX—RIVER PHENOMENOLOGIES II**

Chair: Assist. Prof. Ibrahim Halil Demirel, Batman University

09:55–10:15 | Paper 11

Aşkın Ercan — Bilecik Şeyh Edebali University

Çizgi Olarak Nehirden Peyzaj Olarak Suya: Bataklık ve Kent

10:15–10:35 | Paper 20

Seda Gecü — Independent Researcher

Witnessing through the Strata: A Stratigraphic Approach

10:35–10:55 | Paper 32

Leyla Keskin — Artist

Dicle Vadisi'nde Ekolojik Yasın Sınırları: Hasankeyf Sonrası Kayıp, Bellek ve Türlerarası İlişkiler

10:55–11:15 | Paper 47

Yelta Köm — Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

Stilling the Flow: Visual Regimes of Water Infrastructure in the Tigris Basin

⇨ **09:55–11:15 | Room B -WORKSHOP III — PROVISIONAL**

Facilitators: Helen Pritchard, Cristina Cochior, Guillemette Legrand, Jara Rocha,

Femke Snelting, Taey Iohe, Laura Pregger, Cassandra Troyan, and Eric Snodgrass

Lunarities: A Cosmogram Workshop on the Political-Relational Ecologies of Land, Solar, and Computation

Advance registration is required.

Workshop venue and participant capacity will be announced.

⇨ **11:15–11:30 | COFFEE BREAK**

⇨ **11:30–12:25 | KEYNOTE VI**

Prof. Dr. Nishat Awan, University of London, United Kingdom

Keynote title to be announced.

⇨ **12:25–12:45 | Closing Remarks and Excursion Briefing**

⇨ **12:45–13:45 | LUNCH**

⇨ **14:00 | Departure for the Midyat Excursion**

The meeting point, transportation details and estimated return time will be announced.

