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08:30–09:15	**Registration**	
09:15–10:00	**Opening Ceremony**	Prof. Dr. İdris Demir, Rector, Batman 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 The Gift of Relations: Crisis, Kinship and Politics of Obligation
10:55–11:10	**COFFEE BREAK**	**(Kindly Sponsored by Petrol Fırın and Cafe)**
11:10–12: 30	**SESSION I — METHODOLOGIES**	Chair: Prof. Dr. Neşe Gurallar, TED University
11:10–11:30	Paper 17 Lena Michalik — Free University of Bozen-Bolzano	Snow Eating & Time Travelling - Tracing Material Entanglements between Snow and Satellites
11:30–11:50	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
11:50–12:10	Paper 4 Erdem Üngür — Gebze Technical University Mehmet Ali Gasseloğlu — Gebze Technical University	sensitivestructures: Posthumanist Transformation in Architectural Education
12:10–13:30	**LUNCH**	

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13:30–15:10	**SESSION II — POSTHUMANIST THOUGHT AND MORE-THAN-HUMAN RELATIONS**	Chair: Prof. Dr. Pelin Tan, Batman University
13:30–13:50	Paper 6 Rümeysa Aslan — Batman University	Bütün Parçalarından Küçüktür: İklim Krizi Karşısında Timothy Morton'ın İnsan-Olmayanlarla Dayanışma Çağrısı
13:50–14:10	Paper 12 Tuba Emiroğlu — Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University	Peyzajda İz Sürmek: Çok Türlü Bir Tanıklık Denemesi
14:10–14:30	Paper 24 Öznur Aydın — Galatasaray University	Özneyi Yeniden Düşünmek, İnsanı Merkezden Kaydırmak: Hayvan Biyografileri Üzerine Düşünmenin ve Yazmanın İmkânları
14:30–14:50	Paper 51 Veysel Vessek — Batman University	İdil-Bafe Köyünden İnsan Ötesi Dünyalara Ait Tabiat Anlatıları ve Kolektif Hafıza
14:50–15:10	**COFFEE BREAK**	**(Kindly Sponsored by Petrol Fırın and Cafe)**
15:10–16:30	**SESSION III — RIVER PHENOMENOLOGIES I**	Chair: Prof. Dr. Sofia Bempeza, University of Applied Arts Vienna
15:10–15:30	Paper 5 İbrahim Halil Demirel — Batman University	Dicle Havzası'nda Belirsizliğin Mühendisliği: Bozulan Mevsimsellik ve Öngörüsel Kontrolün Sınırları
15:30–15:50	Paper 9 Zeynep Helin Kaya — University of Luxembourg	Living with the Dam: Displacement, Survival and Everyday Practices after the Alpaslan II Dam
15:50–16:10	Paper 27 Merve Gül Özokcu — Istanbul Technical University	Tracing Water, Bearing Witness to All: Discourse, Action, and Practice in Southeastern Anatolia
16:10–16:30	Paper 37 Maria Peteinaki — National Technical University of Athens	Urban Streams as Sites of Ecofeminist Counter-Epistemologies
16:40–17:30	**KEYNOTE II (Online)**	Prof. Dr. Zainab Bahrani, Columbia University Imperial Violence and the Materiality of Landscapes of War: Mesopotamia and the Fertile Crescent

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09:00–09:50	**KEYNOTE III**	Prof. Dr. Kirsten Scheid, American University of Beirut Lebanon Earth, Art, Palestine
09:50–10:50	**SESSION IV — ECOLOGICAL NARRATIVES, AGENCY, AND METHODOLOGIES**	Chair: Prof. Dr. Kirsten Scheid, American University of Beirut
09:50–10:10	Paper 21 İdil Elkıran, Utku Kan and Selen İlhan — Middle East Technical University	Reading the Wall: Stone, Landscape and Material Ecologies of Gallipoli Tower
10:10–10:30	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
10:30–10:50	Paper 45 Esra Can — University of Sheffield	Relational Ecologies in Practice: Reimagining Participation in Eco-Social Living Labs
10:50–11:05	**COFFEE BREAK**	**(Kindly Sponsored by Petrol Fırın and Cafe)**
11:05–12:05	**SESSION V — ECOLOGICAL FUTURES, AGENCY, AND CLIMATE ANXIETY**	Chair: Prof. Dr. Pelin Tan, Batman University
11:05–11:25	Paper 33 Marlene Wagner — Technical University of Wien	Bridging More than a River: Planetary Agency, Ubuntu, Designing and Building
11:25–11:45	Paper 52 Michael Just — Bilkent University	Regenerative Adjacency: Diverse Intelligence and the Three Feet Above in the Pearl River Delta
11:45–12:05	Paper 14 Mehmet Sıddık Vangölü, Fırat Ünsal, Ahmet Özkan, Zafer Korkmaz and İlhan Çiçek- Bitlis Eren University	İklim Değişikliği Endişesi, Gelecek Kaygısı ve Psikolojik Sağlamlık Arasındaki İlişkilerin İncelenmesi
12:05–13:30	**LUNCH**	

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13:30–14:15	**KEYNOTE IV**	Prof. Dr. Murat İri, Istanbul University, Türkiye Conceptualizing Cultural Studies as a Methodology within Film Studies
14:15–14:30	**COFFEE BREAK**	**(Kindly Sponsored by Petrol Fırın and Cafe)**
14:30–15:50	**SESSION VI — 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 34 Brigitte Egger — University of Innsbruck	Beyond Control and Classification: Ruderal Ecologies in the Work of Lois Weinberger
15:10–15:30	Paper 31 Shona Kitchen and Elisabeth Tauber — Free University of Bozen-Bolzano	Walking into Conversation: Artistic-Anthropological Inquiry in Italian Alpine Landscapes
15:30–15:50	**COFFEE BREAK**	**(Kindly Sponsored by Petrol Fırın and Cafe)**
15:50–16:10	**SESSION VII — ARTISTIC RESEARCH AND PRACTICE II**	Chair: Assist. Prof. Emrah Işık, Batman University
16:10–16:30	Paper 35 Katharina Theresa Mayr— Free University of Bozen-Bolzano	Exploring More-than-Human Agency through Embodied Artistic Practices
16:30–16:50	Paper 41 Vivien Tauchmann — Batman University	Carmear: Textiles as Sites of Knowing
16:50–17:10	Paper 50 Emrah Işık - Batman University	When the Village Enters the City: Tandoori and Ecological Memory in Batman

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15:10–16:10	**ROOM A - WORKSHOP I**	Facilitator: Magdalena Tyżlik-Carver, Aarhus University Curating/Fermenting Data: Diagramming Affective Relations in a Jar Advance registration is required.
15:30–16:30	**ROOM B - WORKSHOP II**	Facilitators: T. L. Cowan and Jas Rault, University of Toronto On Nesting & Geysers: Metaphors as Methods for Exposure- Sensitivity and Extreme Vulnerabilities in Collaboration Advance registration is required.

24 October 2026 Saturday

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09:00–09:50	**KEYNOTE V**	Prof. Dr. Sofia Bempeza, University of Applied Arts Vienna Storytelling with the Aspropotamos River: Embracing the Gift against the Capitalocene
09:50–10:50	**SESSION VIII — RIVER PHENOMENOLOGIES II**	Chair: Assist. Prof. Ibrahim Halil Demirel, Batman University
09:50–10:10	Paper 11 Aşkın Ercan — Bilecik Şeyh Edebali University	Çizgi Olarak Nehirden Peyzaj Olarak Suya: Bataklık ve Kent
10:10–10:30	Paper 32 Leyla Keskin — Artist	Dicle Vadisi'nde Ekolojik Yasın Sınırları: Hasankeyf Sonrası Kayıp, Bellek ve Türlerarası İlişkiler
10:30–10:50	Paper 47 Yelta Köm — Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Stilling the Flow: Visual Regimes of Water Infrastructure in the Tigris Basin
10:50–11:00	**COFFEE BREAK**	**(Kindly Sponsored by Petrol Fırın and Cafe)**
11:00–11:40	**SESSION IX — MOVING IMAGE / CINEMA**	Chair: Kerem Sürmeli, Batman University
11:00–11:20	Paper 10 Didem Ayan — Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University	İnsan Sonrası Failliğin Canlandırılması: Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind
11:20–11:40	Paper 13 Katya Sander — UiT, Norways Arctic University	Moving Images, Correspondence with Place: Pedagogy, Site, and Processes of Making
11:40–12:10	**Closing Remarks and Excursion Briefing**	
12:10–12:50	**LUNCH**	
13:00	**Departure for the Hasankeyf and Midyat Excursion**	The meeting point, transportation details and estimated return time will be announced.

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