

International spring school

## “Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Climate and Biodiversity Crises:

Representations, narratives and imaginaries of crisis and the socio-ecological transformation”

- ✧ Co-organized by the Centre Marc Bloch (Berlin) and the CERES (Centre de formation sur l'environnement et la société) together with the INRAE and the EHESS (Paris) at the École Normale Supérieure (Paris)
- ✧ Date: 7-10 April 2025
- ✧ Venue: École Normale Supérieure, Campus Jourdan (48, boulevard Jourdan), Paris

### Programme:

#### Preliminary note:

Besides the discussion of the pre-circulated papers (in "**Paper discussion groups**" A and B) and the four **keynotes**, participants of the school will form (2-3) interdisciplinary groups ("**Group Work**") to work on a topic or domain of their choice (ideally an object related to the mission of the actors who come to the School). They will be asked to consider three broad questions, while focusing on specific transformations in the chosen domain. In doing so, they will be invited to reflect on the role of the concept of imaginaries as well as on the contribution their different disciplines can make for these transformations:

(1) Where do we want to go? Which kind of desirable (transformed) society/ world do we envision? Which imaginaries could be associated?

(2) How can we achieve the transformation? What trajectory can we take to achieve this transformation? What is the role of imaginaries in this process?

(3) With whom would we like/ need to work together with in order to achieve the transformation? (transdisciplinarity question, involving collaboration between disciplines and with actors on the ground)

The results of this group work could be presented by the participants of the spring school at the Journée David Claessen on Apr. 10 in the afternoon during a half-hour slot. This work will complement the responses to the questionnaire that was conducted for the David Claessen Day (which contains similar questions).

## Day 1, 7 April:

- Beginning 9h15: Registration, coffee
- 9h45-10h45: Welcome, introduction round, introduction by the organizers
- 10h45-12h15: **Group work** (introduction of actors, their institutions and work)
- 12h15 – 13h15: Lunch break
  
- 13h15-14h45: Paper Discussion Group A:  
**Clémence Schesch** (Paris): "Solving the 'climate problem'? A philosophical questioning on the philosophical handling of the Anthropocene"  
**Gaspard Lemaire** (Pisa): "The Paradigm of Climate Atrocity"  
*Discussant and chair: Charles-François Mathis*
- 13h15 – 14h45 : Paper Discussion Group B :  
**Julie Beauté** (Marseille): "Nibbling Metaphysics. Thinking Architectural Metabolizations"  
**Noelia Monteiro** (Paris): "Non-timber forest products and their potential for bio based construction"  
*Discussant and chair: Frédéric Keck*
  
- 14h45 – 15h00 : Coffee Break
  
- 15h00 – 16h00 : **Keynote 1: Charles-François Mathis** : [tba]  
*Chair: Benjamin Beuerle*
  
- 16h00 – 16h20: Coffee break
  
- 16h20 – 17h50: Paper Discussion Group A:  
**Maria Galkina** (Paris): "Eco-Grief: From Imaginaries of Environmental Loss to Ethics & Politics of Habitability"  
**Aastha Tyagi** (Hamburg): "'I can study the AMOK all I want. But that will not bring the change we need for the world right now!': Emotions, solidarity and, radical care among scientists"  
*Discussant and chair: Karine Weiss*
- 16:20 – 17h50: Paper Discussion Group B :  
**Rose Uomobono** (Grenoble): "Polluted Soils: Incubators of New Territorial and Urban Strategies for Renaturation"  
**Elliot Meunier** (Paris): "Imaginaries and agroecology: characterising imaginaries of pesticides and biodiversity, and their evolutions through a participatory workshop methodology"  
*Discussant and chair: Corinne Robert*
  
- 17h50 – 18h10: Short résumé of day1 and outlook on day2

## Day 2, 8 April:

- 9h15-10h45: Paper Discussion Group A:  
**Téophile Busto** (Liège): "What can we do for the forest? 'Diversify and keep our fingers crossed!'"  
**Emma Leyder** (Melbourne/[online]): [tba]  
*Discussant and chair: Julia Plessing*
- 9h15 – 10h45: Paper Discussion Group B  
**Ade Alabi** (Cappadocia): "(Re)envisioning the Fictional Depiction of Oceans and Environmental Degradation in J.G. Ballard's *The Drowned World: A Cautionary Tale Against the Dystopian Future*"  
**Somak Mukherjee** (Tübingen): "Industrial Breeze: Figurations of Urban Air in Satyajit Ray's Calcutta Trilogy"  
*Discussant and chair: Yaël Gagnepain*
- 10h45-11h15: Coffee break
- 11h15-12h15: **Keynote 2: Karine Weiss:** „Psychological Impacts of the Climate Crisis"  
*Chair: Frédéric Keck*
- 12h15 -13h30: lunch
- 13h30 – 15h00: Paper discussion group A:  
**Daniel Mayr** (Berlin): "Cornutopia. The World of Julian L. Simon"  
**Ksenia Medvedeva** (Berlin/ online): "The Environmental Engagement and Environmental Discourses of Eastern Orthodox Churches"  
*Discussant and chair: Benjamin Beuerle*
- 13h30-15h00: Paper discussion group B:  
**Aisha Kadiri** (Paris): "Counter-modelling the Plantationocene. On Scale, Friction, and Planetary Representation"  
**Guillemette Legrand** (Bruxelles): "Modelling Tragedies with Hector"  
*Discussant and chair: Wolfgang Cramer*
- 15h00 – 15h30: Coffee Break
- 15h30 – 17h00: **Group work** on three questions [cf. above]
- 17h00 – 17h15: Break
- 17h15 – 18h15: **Keynote 3: Julia Plessing:** "Representations and interpretations of Transformation: how powerful are they to trigger or prevent political change?"  
*Chair: Marc Fleurbaey*
- 19:00 - : Seine Tour [tbc]

### Day 3, 9 April:

- 9h15 – 10h45: Paper discussion group A:  
**Justine Leret** (Francfort) : « A promising future ? Carbon market solutions to climate change in the field crops”  
**Igor Barboza** (Dresde) : «On the Governance of Maker Spaces in the Amazon: Advancing Technology Transfer, Capacity Building, and Ecoregional Social Development”  
*Discussant and chair: Marc Fleurbaey*
- 9h15[9h45] – 10h45: Paper discussion group B:  
**Łukasz Bat** (Krakow): “Environmental History of Eastern Europe: towards Decolonisation of Space and Labour”  
**Pamela Gonzáles Fuentes** (Chillàn): [tbc/ tba]  
*Discussant and chair: Benoît Vaillot*
- 10h45 – 11h15: coffee break
- 11h15 – 12h15: **Keynote 4: Wolfgang Cramer:** [tba]  
*Chair: Corinne Robert*
- 12h15 – 13h30: lunch
- 13h30 – 15h15: **Group work:** on the three transformation questions; including mutual reports on work in discussion groups; discussion with actors [tbc]); work with a graphic [tbc]
- 15h15 – 15h45: Coffee break
- 15h45 – 17h30: **Group work:** finalising the work in dialogue with the actors
- 17h30 – 17h45: break
- 17h45 – 18h15: **final discussion**

Paper discussion group A:

- Igor Barboza (Dresden)
- Théophile Busto (Liège)
- Maria Galkina (Paris)
- Daniel Mayr (Berlin)
- Gaspard Lemaire (Pisa)
- Justine Leret (Francfort)
- Emma Leyder (Leyder)
- Ksenia Medvedeva (Berlin)
- Clémence Schesch (Paris)
- Aastha Tyagi (Hamburg)

Paper discussion group B:

- Adesanya M. Alabi (Istanbul)
- Lukasz Bat (Krakow)
- Julie Beauté (Marseille)
- [Pamela Gonzáles Fuentes (Chillàn)
- Aisha Kadiri (Paris)
- Guillemette Legrand (Bruxelles)
- Elliot Meunier (Paris)
- Noelia Monteiro (Berlin)
- Somak Mukherjee (Tübingen)
- Rose Uomobono (Grenoble)

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