

Interdisciplinary Symposium 2

Temporalities of permacrisis: pasts, presents, futures

Tallinn University, Estonia | 25–27 September 2025

Draft programme

Day 1: Thursday 25 September

Tallinn University

2:30–3:00: **Anne Fuchs** (UCD) and **Marek Tamm** (Tallinn University): Opening thoughts

3:00–4:00: **Peeter Laurits** (freelance artist, Tallinn): [artistic presentation, tba]

4:00–5:00: Roundtable: Crisis, time and more-than-human with **Mary Cosgrove** (TCD), **Eneken Laanes** (Tallinn University), **Peeter Laurits**, **Raili Marling** (University of Tartu)

Chairs: Anne Fuchs (UCD) and Marek Tamm (Tallinn University)

5:00–5:30: Coffee break

5:30–7:00: Panel 1: Crisis Aesthetics: Artistic Practices

Helen Doherty (Freelance artist, Dublin): A Short Encyclopaedia of Contested Words: creative practice in response to a permacrisis in public communication

Ingvild Folkvord (NTNU/Humboldt University of Berlin): Aesthetic experimentation in times of permacrisis

Amitie Lee (Tallinn University) and **Daniele Monticelli** (Tallinn University): Taking care of crisis? Temporal circularity and posthuman rationality in contemporary sci-fi cinema

7:15–9:00: Reception and buffet at the university

Day 2: Friday 26 September

Tallinn University

10:00–11:30: Panel 2: Temporal Ecologies and Extractive Futures

Sarah Comyn (UCD): The cultural imaginary of extractivism's slow violence [remotely]

Maeve Cooke (UCD): Ecological entangled agency: Radically reconstituting the idea of freedom in response to perceived permacrisis

Kadri Tüür (Tallinn University / University of Toronto) and **Silvia Lotman** (Tallinn University): Where is your nostalgia horizon? Re-wilding as perceived crisis

11.30–11.45: Coffee break

11.45–1.15: Panel 3: Time, Endings, and the Crisis of the Future

Anne Fuchs (UCD): Permacrisis in the end time and the quest for nowness:
Beckett's *Happy Days*

Marek Tamm (Tallinn University): Is the future in crisis? On futurability, hope,
and open futures

Fabian Krenz-Dewe (Humboldt University of Berlin): Farewell, modern future...:
How climate change checkmates modern temporality

1.15–2.15: Lunch

2.15–4.15: Panel 4: Fictional Futures and the Crisis of Collective Imagination

Megan Kuster (UCD): Recovering collective futures: Alternative reality narratives
and Wu Ming's *Manituana*

Julia Kuznetski (Tallinn University): The permacrisis of water in Elif Shafak's *There
are Rivers in the Sky*

Shreyashi Das (Dublin City University): Harvesting seeds of violence: A study of
generational time in Salman Rushdie's *Victory City*

4.15–4.30: Coffee break

4.30–5.30: Panel 5: More-than-Human Worlds: Affect and Temporal Speculation

Raili Marling (University of Tartu): Feeling the crisis: the affective temporality of
speculative rationality

Mary Cosgrove (Trinity College Dublin): 'Leveret time': Relationality and
more-than-human temporality in Chloe Dalton's *Raising Hare* (2024)

7.00–9.00: Conference dinner

Day 3: Saturday 27 September

Tallinn University

**10.00–11.30: Panel 6: Living Through the Permacrisis: Institutions, Embodiment, and the
Crisis of the Social**

Jean Lassègue (CNRS/EHESS, Paris): What becomes of the rule of law in times of
weaponization?

Elina Hakoniemi (Demos Helsinki / University of Helsinki) and **Aleksi Neuvonen**
(Demos Helsinki): Re-imagining post-industrial futures

Ishan Jalan (Nottingham Business School) and **Jamie Hahn** (Nottingham Business
School): Living the crisis: Temporal embodiment and moral ambiguity in
paramedic work

11.30–11:45: Coffee break

11:45–1:15: Panel 7: Crisis, Agency, and the Return of the Sacred

Jeanne Riou (UCD): Beyond epochal thresholds? Re-thinking agency and encounter in permacrisis

Mihhail Lotman (Tallinn University / University of Tartu): René Girard: Violence, apocalypse and rebirth

Martin Sauter (Lutheran Church in Ireland): Rethinking the eschaton: liberating us from a toxic cultural dynamic

1:15–2:15: Lunch

2:30–4:30: Visit to the KUMU art museum (optional)