22nd Annual Meeting of the Nordic Society for Phenomenology

Phenomenology in the Anthropocene

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Tampere University
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Notes:

- For regular sessions, each presenter is allotted 30 minutes. Each presentation should be a maximum of 20 minutes to leave time for Q&A and changeover of presenters. The assigned session chair will be responsible for keeping time.
- For submitted panels, the panel may choose to divide up their time as they wish and chair their own sessions.

Day 1 – Wednesday, April 22

Day 1 9:30–10:30	**Arrival and coffee** Lower lobby, Linna Building			
Day 1 10:30–11:00	**Welcome and opening remarks** Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K103) **Charlotta Weigelt** (Nordic Society for Phenomenology) **Arto Laitinen** (Tampere University, Philosophical Society of Finland) Organizing committee: **Jussi Backman, Jaakko Belt, Esa Kirkkopelto, Jaana Parviainen, Erika Ruonakoski**			
Day 1 11:15–12:45	**Fiction, Literature, Painting** Linna K108 Chair: **Martta Heikkilä** (University of Helsinki) Post-Phenomenological – Post-Human? On the Notion of Fiction **Lovisa Andén** (Åbo Akademi University) Truth and Experience in Testimonial Literature **Lisa van Sorge** (Tilburg University) On the Im/possibility of Shared Experience in and through Painting: Merleau-Ponty and the Expressivity of the Artistic Gesture	**Affective Climates of the Anthropocene** Linna K109 Chair: **Alexandru Bejinariu** (University of Bucharest) It Doesn't Feel Like Home Anymore: The Experience of the Uncanny and Climate Change **Chantalle Brückel** (UiT – The Arctic University of Norway) A Phenomenological Investigation of Climate Denial **Mintautas Gutauskas** (Vilnius University) Environmental Trauma and Complexity of Experience in the Anthropocene	**Knowledge, Ignorance, Self-Deception** Linna K110 Chair**:** **Mikko Wennberg** (University of Turku) The Paradox of the Anthropocene: Knowledge, Value, and the Human–Nature Distinction in a Planetary Age **Gústav Sigurbjörnsson** (University of Iceland) Sense and Ignorance **Amane Watahiki** (University of Tokyo) On the Possibility of a Microphenomenological Study of Meat-Related Cognitive Dissonance and Self-Deception	*Submitted panel* **Inhabiting the Atmosphere** Linna K113 Chair: Edvard Lia **Espen Dahl** (UiT – The Arctic University of Norway) The Phenomenology of Air **Sivert Vorren** (NTNU: Norwegian University of Science and Technology) Exhaust and Exhaustion: Toward a Phenomenology of the Permeable **Edvard Lia** (UiT – The Arctic University of Norway) The Imperatives of Breathing and Technology

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Day 1 12:45–14:00	**Lunch**			
Day 1 14:00–16:00	**German Idealism, Romanticism, and Vitalism** Linna K108 Chair: **Paul Gabriel Sandu** (University of Bucharest) Phenomenology at Its Limits: Hermeneutic Intuition and Its Romantic Sources **Aura Valkonen** (Tampere University) Viewing Nature as a Saturated Phenomenon as a Way of Overcoming "the Melancholy of All of Nature" **Alonzo Heino** (University of Helsinki) Art and Its Ideals: Exploring the Environmental Implications of Mastery, Perfection, and Genius **Henriikka Hannula** (University of Geneva) Humanism vs. Vitalism in 1920s and 30s German *Lebensphilosophie*	**Ecophenomenologies** Linna K109 Chair: **Ulrik Nissen** (Aarhus University) The Responsive Nature: K. E. Løgstrup and Current Eco-Phenomenology **Suvielise Nurmi** (Aarhus University) Relationality, Responsiveness and Responsibility for the More-than-Human World **Maryam Vahedi** (Independent Scholar) The Moving Body as Ethical Anchor: Maxine Sheets-Johnstone and the Qualitative Turn in Ecophenomenology **Nina Vurdelja** (Tampere University) Ecophenomenology of Moving-with-the-Forest in the Anthropocene	**Embodiments of the Anthropocene** Linna K110 Chair: **Stephan Dietrich** (Austrian Daseinsanalytic Institute) Phenomenology of Inorganic Life: *Leib*, Experience, and World in the Anthropocene **Piotr Konderak** (Marie Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin) What Is It Like to Become a Body? Prenatal Roots of Bodily Expressivity **Tris Hedges** (University of Copenhagen / Freie Universität Berlin) The Instituted Senselessness of Sexual Difference **Esa Kirkkopelto** (Tampere University) Body Techniques for the Interspecies Phenomenology	**Posthumanism and New Materialism** Linna K113 Chair: **Natalia Artemenko** (TU Dortmund) Humanity in the Anthropocene: Posthumanism, Responsibility, and Visions of the Future **Rita Niineste** (Tallinn University) Desire, Subjectivity, and the Crisis of Motivation **Erika Ruonakoski** (University of Helsinki) A Losing Paradigm? Phenomenology as a Component of New Materialism **Arwen Rosenberg-Meereboer** (Åbo Akademi University) Cyborg Phenomenology

Day 1 16:00–16:15	**Coffee** Lower lobby, Linna Building
Day 1 16:15–17:30	*Keynote* **Susanna Lindberg** (Leiden University) *Global Warming and Another World* Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K103)
Day 1 18:00–19:00	**Opening day reception (for registered participants)** *by courtesy of the City of Tampere* Tampere Old City Hall, Keskustori 10, FI-33200 Tampere

Day 2 – Thursday, April 23

Day 2 10:00–11:15	*Nordic-Japanese Plenary Session* **Takuya Nakamura** (Doshisha University) *Life-World and Person under Accelerated Objectification* Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K103)			
Day 2 11:15–11:30	**Coffee** Lower lobby, Linna Building			
Day 2 11:30–13:00	**Technologies in the Anthropocene** Linna K108 Chair: **Agostino Cera** (Università di Ferrara) How Much Do You Love Your Monsters? (A Phenomenology of Care in the Anthropocene) **Christa Laurens** (Wageningen University & Research) Phenomenology, the Life-World and Technology: Revisiting Husserl, Heidegger and Arendt in Light of Contemporary Life under (Digital) Technological Conditions **John Haglund** (Åbo Akademi University / Södertörn University) Mnemotechnics and World-Temporalization in the Anthropocene	**Uexküll's Environments and Lifeworlds** Linna K109 Chair: **Katja Tiisala** (University of Helsinki) Sentient Lifeworlds, Lifeworld Plurality and the Anthropocene **Niki Hadikoesoemo** (Ghent University / University of Amsterdam) The Art of Trickery: Cunning Intelligence Across Species from Uexküll through Despret to the Ancient Greeks **Morten Tønnessen** (University of Stavanger) What Characterizes a More-than-Human Phenomenology Suitable for the Anthropocene?	**Phenomenological Ethics of the Anthropocene** Linna K110 Chair: **Kirstin Waldkoenig** (Appalachian State University) Grounding a Lithic Ethic: Continuity and Difference in Deep Time **Irina Poleshchuk** (European Humanities University) *Il y a*, Enjoyment, and Bathing: Can Levinas's Perspective Contribute to the Anthropocene? **Martina Properzi** (Babes-Bolyai University) Biodiversity and Artificial Life: Expanding the Ethical Understanding of Living Variation	*Submitted panel* **Fractured Realities: Selfhood, Psychosis, and Imagination in the Age of the Anthropocene** Linna K113 Chair: Laura Oppi **Kasper Møller Nielsen** (University of Copenhagen) The Sociocultural Construction of Reality and Psychosis **Laura Oppi** (University of Copenhagen) Hyperphantasia, Reality Shifting and the Sense of Reality **Mads Gram Henriksen** (University of Copenhagen) Phenomenological Reflections on Guilt and Shame in Depression and Schizophrenia

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Day 2 13:00–14:15	**Lunch**			
Day 2 14:15–16:15	**Phenomenologies beyond Anthropocentrism** Linna K108 Chair: **Alexander Barnett** (Duquesne University) Buddhist Phenomenology and the Anthropocentrism Problem: A Potential Future For Eco-Phenomenology Between Heidegger, Derrida, And Xiong Shili **Barbara Schellhammer** (Munich School of Philosophy) Phenomenology of the "Anthropos": The Fragile Human Being as Critical Response to the Anthropocene **Eliška Fulínová** (Charles University) Phenomenology for the Anthropocene: Rethinking Our Being-Together with Jan Patočka **Thomas Schwarz Wentzer** (Aarhus University) Chakrabarty's Challenge and the Anthropo-Event	**Merleau-Ponty's Natures** Linna K109 Chair: **Juho Hotanen** (South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences) Changing Seas: Anthropocene, Merleau-Ponty, and the Elemental Ocean **Zhong Xian Chua** (Leiden University) "Man and His Doubles": Merleau-Ponty's Philosophy of Nature **Antony Fredriksson** (University of Pardubice) Kinship with the Non-Human: Merleau-Ponty's Concept of Nature **George Webster** (University of Oxford) From Phenomenology to Quantum Reconstruction: An Argument from Merleau-Ponty	**Phenomenology of Waste and Pollution** Linna K110 Chair: **Maria Robaszkiewicz** (Paderborn University) On Human Wasteful Noise and Migrating Birds' Routes **Liam Maher** (Loyola Marymount University) Ontogenesis and the Birth of *Homo Plasticus*	**Phenomenological Politics of the Anthropocene** Linna K113 Chair: **Kristian Larsen** (NTNU: Norwegian University of Science and Technology) Nature and Politics in Plato's *Statesman* **Ari-Elmeri Hyvönen** (University of Jyväskylä) Conditions of Appearance: Reimagining Critical Political Theory with Arendt in the Anthropocene **Joonas Martikainen** (University of Turku) Against All Odds: Political Agency in an Age of Polycrisis **Janne Säynäjäkangas** (University of Eastern Finland) The Phenomenology and the Politics of Simplification in the Anthropocene

Day 2 16:15–16:30	**Coffee** Lower lobby, Linna Building
Day 2 16:30–17:45	*Keynote* **Ted Toadvine** (Penn State University) *Reckoning with the Time of the Earth* Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K103)
Day 2 17:45–18:15	**NoSP Business Meeting** Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K103)
Day 2 19:00–	**Conference dinner (for registered participants)** Restaurant Tampella, Kelloportinkatu 1, FI-33100 Tampere

Day 3 – Friday, April 24

Day 3 10:00–11:30	**Place, Space, and Meaning** Linna K108 Chair: **Hermanni Yli-Tepsa** (University of Jyväskylä) Socially Mediated Feelings of Place-Belonging and Respect of Natural Environment **Jan Varpanen** (Linköping University) Childhood and Meaning in Life in the Anthropocene	**Husserlian Ecologies I** Linna K109 Chair: **Jodie McNeilly** (Australian Catholic University) What's the Matter with Things? Steps Towards a Shared Horizon of Ecological Intuition with Husserl **Shohei Suzuki** (Tohoku University / University of Cologne) Phenomenology and the Limits of Realism: Husserl on Nature, Intersubjectivity, and the Possibility of Multiple Natures **Kelly Hrupa** (Tallinn University) Vulnerability and the Anthropocene as Seen from the Phenomenological Attitude		*Submitted book panel* **The History and Future of Democracy** Linna K113 Chair: Minna-Kerttu Kekki **Minna-Kerttu Kekki** (University of Helsinki) *The Potential of Public Discussion in Media* (Palgrave, 2024) **Timo Miettinen** (University of Helsinki) *Time of Democracy* (Routledge, 2026) Discussant: **Ari-Elmeri Hyvönen** (University of Jyväskylä)
Day 3 11:30–11:45	**Coffee** Lower lobby, Linna Building			

Day 3 11:45–13:00	*Keynote* **Annabelle Dufourcq** (Radboud University) *"There's Magic in the Web of It": From Animal Imagination to Sustainable Praxis* Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K103)			
Day 3 13:00–14:15	**Lunch**			
Day 3 14:15–15:45	**Film and Media in the Anthropocene** Linna K108 Chair: **Janne Vanhanen** (University of Helsinki) MAD MAX: Deleuze, Desert and the Anthropocene **Christian Ferencz-Flatz** (University of Bucharest / National University of Theatre and Film, Bucharest) Why Look at Fake Animals: A Phenomenological Reading of AI-Generated Wildlife Clips	**Husserlian Ecologies II** Linna K109 Chair: **Juha Himanka** (University of Lapland) Husserl's Earth and the Anthropocene **Hayden Kee** (Chinese University of Hong Kong) Crisis, Ecology, Anthropocene: On the Natural-Historical Foundations of the Sciences and Human Connection to Nature **Patrick Fuery** (Chapman University) "The Gloom of the Wood": Towards "Wild Phenomenology"		*Submitted panel* **Human Animality and Existential Affectivity** Linna K113 Chair: Sanna Tirkkonen **Elina Andelin** (University of Helsinki) Horror and the Body-as-Organism **Sanna Tirkkonen** (University of Helsinki) Human Animals in Lonely Climates **Joni Puranen** (University of Helsinki) Longing: An Existential-Phenomenological Analysis

Day 3 15:45–16:00	**Closing words and coffee** Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K103)