

**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 <u>Lower lobby, Linna Building</u>			
Day 1 10:30–11:00	Welcome and opening remarks <u>Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K104)</u> 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 <u>Linna K108</u> Chair: Joonas Martikainen 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 <u>Linna K109</u> Chair: Sanna Tirkkonen 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 <u>Linna K110</u> Chair: Minna-Kerttu Kekki 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	<i>Submitted panel</i> INHABITING THE ATMOSPHERE <u>Linna K113</u> 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

<p>Day 1 12:45–14:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>			
<p>Day 1 14:00–16:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GERMAN IDEALISM, ROMANTICISM, AND VITALISM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K108</u> Chair: Jaakko Belt</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul Gabriel Sandu (University of Bucharest) <u>Phenomenology at Its Limits: Hermeneutic Intuition and Its Romantic Sources</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aura Valkonen (Tampere University) <u>Viewing Nature as a Saturated Phenomenon as a Way of Overcoming “the Melancholy of All of Nature”</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alonzo Heino (University of Helsinki) <u>Art and Its Ideals: Exploring the Environmental Implications of Mastery, Perfection, and Genius</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Henriikka Hannula (University of Geneva) <u>Humanism vs. Vitalism in 1920s and 30s German <i>Lebensphilosophie</i></u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ECOPHENOMENOLOGIES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K109</u> Chair: Mads Gram Henriksen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ulrik Nissen (Aarhus University) <u>The Responsive Nature: K. E. Logstrup and Current Eco- Phenomenology</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Suvielise Nurmi (Aarhus University) <u>Relationality, Responsiveness and Responsibility for the More- than-Human World</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maryam Vahedi (Independent Scholar) <u>The Moving Body as Ethical Anchor: Maxine Sheets- Johnstone and the Qualitative Turn in Ecophenomenology</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nina Vurdelja (Tampere University) <u>Ecophenomenology of Moving- with-the-Forest in the Anthropocene</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EMBODIMENTS OF THE ANTHROPOCENE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K110</u> Chair: Irina Poleshchuk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stephan Dietrich (Austrian Daseinsanalytic Institute) <u>Phenomenology of Inorganic Life: <i>Leib</i>, Experience, and World in the Anthropocene</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Piotr Konderak (Marie Curie-Sklodowska University in Lublin) <u>What Is It Like to Become a Body? Prenatal Roots of Bodily Expressivity</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Esa Kirkkopelto (Tampere University) <u>Body Techniques for the Interspecies Phenomenology</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">POSTHUMANISM AND NEW MATERIALISM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K113</u> Chair: Jussi Backman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Natalia Artemenko (TU Dortmund) <u>Humanity in the Anthropocene: Posthumanism, Responsibility, and Visions of the Future</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rita Niineste (Tallinn University) <u>Desire, Subjectivity, and the Crisis of Motivation</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Erika Ruonakoski (University of Helsinki) <u>A Losing Paradigm? Phenomenology as a Component of New Materialism</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arwen Rosenberg-Meereboer (Åbo Akademi University) <u>Cyborg Phenomenology</u></p>

Day 1 16:00–16:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee <u>Lower lobby, Linna Building</u></p>
Day 1 16:15–17:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Keynote</i> Susanna Lindberg (Leiden University) <u><i>Global Warming and Another World</i></u> <u>Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K104)</u></p>
Day 1 18:00–19:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening day reception (for registered participants) <i>by courtesy of the City of Tampere</i> <u>Tampere Old City Hall</u>, Keskustori 10, FI-33200 Tampere</p>

Day 2 – Thursday, April 23

<p>Day 2 10:00–11:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Nordic-Japanese Plenary Session</i> Takuya Nakamura (Doshisha University) <u><i>Life-World and Person under Accelerated Objectification</i></u> Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K104)</p>			
<p>Day 2 11:15–11:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Lower lobby, Linna Building</p>			
<p>Day 2 11:30–13:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TECHNOLOGIES IN THE ANTHROPOCENE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K108</u> Chair: Jaana Parviainen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agostino Cera (Università di Ferrara) <u>How Much Do You Love Your Monsters? (A Phenomenology of Care in the Anthropocene)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christa Laurens (Wageningen University & Research) <u>Phenomenology, the Life-World and Technology: Revisiting Husserl, Heidegger and Arendt in Light of Contemporary Life under (Digital) Technological Conditions</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Haglund (Åbo Akademi University / Södertörn University) <u>Mnemotechnics and World-Temporalization in the Anthropocene</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UEXKÜLL’S ENVIRONMENTS AND LIFEWORLDS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K109</u> Chair: Erika Ruonakoski</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Katja Tiisala (University of Helsinki) <u>Sentient Lifeworlds, Lifeworld Plurality and the Anthropocene</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Niki Hadikoesoemo (Ghent University / University of Amsterdam) <u>The Art of Trickery: Cunning Intelligence Across Species from Uexküll through Despret to the Ancient Greeks</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Morten Tønnessen (University of Stavanger) <u>What Characterizes a More-than-Human Phenomenology Suitable for the Anthropocene?</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PHENOMENOLOGICAL ETHICS OF THE ANTHROPOCENE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K110</u> Chair: Martta Heikkilä</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kirstin Waldkoenig (Appalachian State University) <u>Grounding a Lithic Ethic: Continuity and Difference in Deep Time</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Irina Poleshchuk (European Humanities University) <u>Ily a, Enjoyment, and Bathing: Can Levinas’s Perspective Contribute to the Anthropocene?</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Martina Properzi (Babes-Bolyai University) <u>Biodiversity and Artificial Life: Expanding the Ethical Understanding of Living Variation</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Submitted panel</i> <u>FRACTURED REALITIES: SELFHOOD, PSYCHOSIS, AND IMAGINATION IN THE AGE OF THE ANTHROPOCENE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K113</u> Chair: Laura Oppi</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kasper Møller Nielsen (University of Copenhagen) <u>The Sociocultural Construction of Reality and Psychosis</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Laura Oppi (University of Copenhagen) <u>Hyperphantasia, Reality Shifting and the Sense of Reality</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mads Gram Henriksen (University of Copenhagen) <u>Phenomenological Reflections on Guilt and Shame in Depression and Schizophrenia</u></p>

<p>Day 2 13:00–14:15</p>	<p>Lunch</p>			
<p>Day 2 14:15–16:15</p>	<p>PHENOMENOLOGIES BEYOND ANTHROPOCENTRISM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K108</u> Chair: Charlotta Weigelt</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alexander Barnett (Duquesne University) <u>Buddhist Phenomenology and the Anthropocentrism Problem: A Potential Future For Eco-Phenomenology Between Heidegger, Derrida, And Xiong Shili</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Barbara Schellhammer (Munich School of Philosophy) <u>Phenomenology of the “Anthropos”: The Fragile Human Being as Critical Response to the Anthropocene</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eliška Fulínová (Charles University) <u>Phenomenology for the Anthropocene: Rethinking Our Being-Together with Jan Patočka</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thomas Schwarz Wentzer (Aarhus University) <u>Chakrabarty’s Challenge and the Anthro-Event</u></p>	<p>MERLEAU-PONTY’S NATURES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K109</u> Chair: Erika Ruonakoski</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Juho Hotanen (South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences) <u>Changing Seas: Anthropocene, Merleau-Ponty, and the Elemental Ocean</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zhong Xian Chua (Leiden University) <u>“Man and His Doubles”: Merleau-Ponty’s Philosophy of Nature</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Antony Fredriksson (University of Pardubice) <u>Kinship with the Non-Human: Merleau-Ponty’s Concept of Nature</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">George Webster (University of Oxford) <u>From Phenomenology to Quantum Reconstruction: An Argument from Merleau-Ponty</u></p>	<p>PHENOMENOLOGY OF WASTE AND POLLUTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K110</u> Chair: Jaana Parviainen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maria Robaszkiewicz (Paderborn University) <u>On Human Wasteful Noise and Migrating Birds’ Routes</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Liam Maher (Loyola Marymount University) <u>Ontogenesis and the Birth of <i>Homo Plasticus</i></u></p>	<p>PHENOMENOLOGICAL POLITICS OF THE ANTHROPOCENE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K113</u> Chair: Jaakko Belt</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kristian Larsen (NTNU: Norwegian University of Science and Technology) <u>Nature and Politics in Plato’s <i>Statesman</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ari-Elmeri Hyvönen (University of Jyväskylä) <u>Conditions of Appearance: Reimagining Critical Political Theory with Arendt in the Anthropocene</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joonas Martikainen (University of Turku) <u>Against All Odds: Political Agency in an Age of Polycrisis</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Janne Säynäjäkangas (University of Eastern Finland) <u>The Phenomenology and the Politics of Simplification in the Anthropocene</u></p>

Day 2 16:15–16:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee <u>Lower lobby, Linna Building</u></p>
Day 2 16:30–17:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Keynote</i> Ted Toadvine (Penn State University) <i>Reckoning with the Time of the Earth</i> <u>Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K104)</u></p>
Day 2 17:45–18:15	<p style="text-align: center;">NoSP Business Meeting <u>Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K104)</u></p>
Day 2 19:00–	<p style="text-align: center;">Conference dinner (for registered participants) <u>Restaurant Tampella, Kelloportinkatu 1, FI-33100 Tampere</u></p>

Day 3 – Friday, April 24

<p>Day 3 10:00–11:30</p>	<p>PLACE, SPACE, AND MEANING</p> <p><u>Linna K108</u> Chair: Kristian Larsen</p> <p>Hermann Yli-Tepsa (University of Jyväskylä) <u>Socially Mediated Feelings of Place-Belonging and Respect of Natural Environment</u></p> <p>Jan Varpanen (Linköping University) <u>Childhood and Meaning in Life in the Anthropocene</u></p>	<p>HUSSERLIAN ECOLOGIES I</p> <p><u>Linna K109</u> Chair: Juha Himanka</p> <p>Jodie McNeilly (Australian Catholic University) <u>What’s the Matter with Things? Steps Towards a Shared Horizon of Ecological Intuition with Husserl</u></p> <p>Shohei Suzuki (Tohoku University / University of Cologne) <u>Phenomenology and the Limits of Realism: Husserl on Nature, Intersubjectivity, and the Possibility of Multiple Natures</u></p> <p>Patrick Fuery (Chapman University) <u>“The Gloom of the Wood”: Towards “Wild Phenomenology”</u></p>		<p><i>Submitted book panel</i> <u>THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY</u></p> <p><u>Linna K113</u> Chair: Minna-Kerttu Kekki</p> <p>Minna-Kerttu Kekki (University of Helsinki) <i>The Potential of Public Discussion in Media</i> (Palgrave, 2024)</p> <p>Timo Miettinen (University of Helsinki) <i>Time of Democracy</i> (Routledge, 2026)</p> <p>Discussant: Ari-Elmeri Hyvönen (University of Jyväskylä)</p>
<p>Day 3 11:30–11:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee <u>Lower lobby, Linna Building</u></p>			

<p>Day 3 11:45–13:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Keynote</i> Annabelle Dufourcq (Radboud University) <i><u>“There’s Magic in the Web of It”: From Animal Imagination to Sustainable Praxis</u></i> Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K104)</p>			
<p>Day 3 13:00–14:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch</p>			
<p>Day 3 14:15–15:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FILM AND MEDIA IN THE ANTHROPOCENE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K108</u> Chair: Martta Heikkilä</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Janne Vanhanen (University of Helsinki) <u>MAD MAX: Deleuze, Desert and the Anthropocene</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christian Ferencz-Flatz (University of Bucharest / National University of Theatre and Film, Bucharest) <u>Why Look at Fake Animals: A Phenomenological Reading of AI-Generated Wildlife Clips</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HUSSERLIAN ECOLOGIES II</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K109</u> Chair: Jussi Backman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Juha Himanka (University of Lapland) <u>Husserl’s Earth and the Anthropocene</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hayden Kee (Chinese University of Hong Kong) <u>Crisis, Ecology, Anthropocene: On the Natural-Historical Foundations of the Sciences and Human Connection to Nature</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kelly Hrupa (Tallinn University) <u>Vulnerability and the Anthropocene as Seen from the Phenomenological Attitude</u></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Submitted panel</i> <u>HUMAN ANIMALITY AND EXISTENTIAL AFFECTIVITY</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Linna K113</u> Chair: Sanna Tirkkonen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elina Andelin (University of Helsinki) <u>Horror and the Body-as-Organism</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sanna Tirkkonen (University of Helsinki) <u>Human Animals in Lonely Climates</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joni Puranen (University of Helsinki) <u>Longing: An Existential-Phenomenological Analysis</u></p>
<p>Day 3 15:45–16:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing words and coffee Väinö Linna Auditorium (Linna K104)</p>			