

## Knowledge, Culture, Climate Action

### PROGRAM

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019

Location: Enrique D’etigny Auditorium, Beaucheff 851 Building (Engineering Faculty).  
Universidad de Chile, UCH

#### Day 1

#### **8.30am - 9.30am: Registration**

9.30am-9.45am

Welcome and introduction: Andrea Rudnick (*CR2*) and Fiona Cameron (*Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University*)

Welcome address by His Excellency Robert Fergusson, Australian Ambassador to Chile

#### **Climate Justice**

9.45am- 11.15am

Panel: *Environmental Justice*

*Conveners:* Juan Francisco Salazar (Western Sydney University) & Cecilia Ibarra (Universidad de Chile)

In this panel, a range of international speakers from Latin America will discuss key experiences and issues in environmental justice from diverse perspectives and modes of expertise, from research and advocacy, to Indigenous knowledges and practices of food and seed sovereignty, and from strategic litigation to collective grassroots conservation and restoration initiatives. Linking climate change, biodiversity conservation and ecosystem health with social justice and human wellbeing, the speakers involve academics, legal scholars and local conservation collectives, who will engage with a range of topics, debates and local experiences of environmental (in)justice and restoration practices of care the relevance of the Escazú Agreement that guarantees freedom of information, public participation and access to justice in environmental affairs.

*Chair:* Juan Salazar (Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University, Australia)

*Speakers:*

- Cristina Lux, *Defensoría Ambiental, Chile*
- Álvaro Roldán, *Reserva Ecológica Sanguaré, Colombia*
- Constance Nalegach, *Lawyer and Negotiator for Chile in the Escazú Agreement*
- Daniela Droguett, *Wildlife Conservation Society, Karukinka Park, Tierra del Fuego*

**11.15am-11.45am (morning tea/coffee break)**

11.45am – 1.15 pm

Panel: *Feminism, territories and climate action*

*Conveners:* Manuel Tironi (CIGIDEN) & Bárbara Saavedra (Wildlife Conservation Society)

In this panel we pay attention to the many ways feminist approaches are being articulated around environmental justice, climate action, and ecological reparation in Chile. We define these feminist approaches as interventions that reclaim the spiritual and integral nature of the Earth, and that cultivate caring and non-patriarchal modes of engagement with more-than-human worlds. In as far as these interventions are always emplaced, the panel tries to make visible the territorial grounding of these feminist interventions, and the critical ‘loci of resistance’, paraphrasing Mignolo (2009), energizing action and thought. We invite women leaders engaged in diverse but concrete mobilizations against ecological harm to share their experiences and visions for more sustainable and just futures.

*Chair:* Bárbara Saavedra

*Speakers:*

- Manuel Tironi, *CIGIDEN*
- Mary Judith Ress, *Con-Spirando*
- Marta ARAVENA, *Mujeres en Zona de Sacrificio en Resistencia, Chile*
- Sonia Ramos, *Consejo Autónomo Ayllus Sin Fronteras*

**1.15pm – 2.30 pm (lunch)**

2.30pm – 4.00pm

Panel: *Museums as Agents for Climate and Environmental Justice*

*Conveners:* Fiona Cameron and Ben Dibley, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University

As global warming accelerates, the climate emergency intensifies. Within the context of the *Paris Agreement* two broad agendas unfold: the need to cut emissions as a matter of urgency and at the same time institute measures to promote climate justice. The research findings of the Australian Research Council project, *Hot Science, Global Citizens: the agencies of museums in climate change interventions* has shown that museums of all genres have critical roles to play in climate action and promote ecological ways of thinking and acting in the world. This includes science pedagogy, emissions reduction and research, policy advocacy and activism, global forums for collective action and the assembling of multiparty stakeholders for shaping future lifestyle options.

How might museums promote climate empowerment? How might they enact the Sustainable Development Goals necessary to alleviate poverty, human rights violations and environmental

degradation? Bringing together perspectives from the ‘global north’ and the ‘global south’ this panel aims to address museums’ potential as agents of climate empowerment by investigating the ways in which different institutions are and can respond to the politics and impacts of climate change, individually and collectively across these different concerns and with multiparty stakeholders including youth as a matter of urgency.

*Chair:* Maria Paz Undurraga (National Museums of Chile)

*Speakers:*

- Fiona Cameron & Ben Dibley, *Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University, Australia*
- Alfredo Tolmasquim, *Museum of Tomorrow, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*
- Kate Phillips, *Museum Victoria, Australia*
- Anne Marijke Van Meurs, *Director of Museo Regional de Ancud, Chile*
- Enrique Rivera, *Director of the Bienal de Artes Mediales & Catalina Valdés, Curator General of El cuarto mundo*

## **Day 2**

8.30am - 9.30am: Registration

### **Development and Economy**

9.45am - 11.15am

*Panel: Deep decarbonisation and energy futures*

*Conveners:* Tomas Ariztia, NUMIES & Cecilia Ibarra, Universidad de Chile

Transitioning away from our current global energy system is a priority in climate policy agendas after the Paris Agreement. Energy systems based on fossil fuels are unsustainable from social, economic and environmental perspectives and they need to change quickly to meet the goals established in international agreements. However, newer and cleaner energy futures need significant and rapid societal changes. This panel aims at opening the imagination to decarbonised futures and ways to think in possibilities out of fossil fuel dependence where social demands are prioritized. The panel will also discuss how to accelerate transition to those imagined futures.

*Chair:* Tomás Ariztía (NUMIES & UDP)

*Speakers:*

- Gloria Baigorrotegui, *IDEA – NUMIES*
- Julien Vanhulst, *Universidad Católica del Maule*
- Daniela Zamorano, *Fundación Instituto de Ecología Política*
- Ramón M. Balcázar, *Fundacion Tanti*

**11.15am -11.45 (morning break)**

11.45am – 1.15 pm

**Economy**

Panel: *Betting on Life: Diverse economies and post-extractive possibilities*

*Convener:* Stephen Healy, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University

What does it mean to “bet on life?” For us “betting on life” connotes a moment of speculation, a wager and the possibilities of investing in economic futures that de-emphasize destructive forms of extraction and instead focus our attention on what sociologist Fred Block calls an economy of habitation—practices of care including ecological repair. Betting on life, resonates as well with Gibson-Graham’s central definition of community economies grounded in an affirmation of our interdependence. How might that take expression in economic organization, practices and in everyday forms of life? In this panel we investigate the possibilities of investing in economic futures that de-emphasize destructive forms of extraction and instead focus our attention on economies that promote long term habitability practices of care including ecological repair. What would a post-extractivist economy look like in Argentina, Brazil, Chile or Australia? How might we enable other responses to the climate emergency? How can indigenous economic concepts, centered on living-well, shape these responses? In this panel we bring together activists academic scholars from different national contexts to discuss place and community based initiatives that ‘bet on life.’ We might see these as provisional responses to Bruno Latour’s call to “come down to earth” and how that commitment to care moves us away from a disregard of our shared predicament - a work of death as Jean Luc-Nancy might put it and towards a politics and economy that prioritize the care and maintenance of our shared habitation.

*Chair:* Raul O’Ryan (CR2 economist)

*Speakers:*

- Ana Inés Heras, *Monner Sans, CEDESI Humanidades UNSAM e Instituto para la Inclusión Social y el Desarrollo Humano CONICET Argentina, Eduardo Letelier Universidad Católica del Maule, Departamento Economía y Administración Talca, Chile and Julien Vanhulst. Catholic University of the Maule · Facultad de Ciencias Sociales y Económicas, Chile*
- Alison Guzman *Director MAPLE Microdevelopment Chile, The Araucania, Northern Patagonia, Chile and Ignacio Krell, Co-Director of our MAPLE Microdevelopment Chile The Araucania, Northern Patagonia, Chile*
- Stephen Healy & Bhavya Chitranshi, *Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University, Australia*

**1.15pm- 2.30pm (lunch break)**

**Climate Activism**

2.30-4.00pm

Panel: *Youth for Climate Action*

*Conveners* Rodolfo Sapiains, Universidad de Chile & Juan Francisco Salazar, Western Sydney University.

In this panel, we listen to a range of experiences describing how climate action is one of the most significant and urgent challenges for young people across the world. This panel is led by youth and showcases a range of strategies illustrating climate action being taken by youth, from #FridaysForFuture, CEUS to RedLama. As the movements inspired by Greta Thunberg, and other young leaders such as Autumn Peltier and Xiye Bastida attest, the world needs new leadership on climate change and young people are stepping up to the challenge.

*Chair:* Elias Barticevic (INACH, Chilean Antarctic Institute)

*Speakers:*

- Macarena Troncoso (Red Lama)
- Friday's for Future Santiago
- Javiera Lecourt, ONG CEUS
- Daniela Perez, INACH

**Symposium summation and conclusion**

**Symposium overview 4.00pm**

Students from CR2 and Western Sydney University

Discussion and next steps