

ILEA TALKS 2022

August 26-28, 2022
Tenna, Grisons, Switzerland
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Learning from the Earth

Responding to the times of planetary crisis caused by the effects of extractive, racial and colonial capitalism, the symposium [Learning from the Earth](#) aims to bring us closer to our planet to forge modes of learning from the Earth, including these alternative—at times unlearned or forgotten—ways of listening to other earthly beings. Gathering fourteen speakers representing various perspectives, specialisms, and approaches, the symposium addresses issues of sustainability, biodiversity, the human-animal-plant hierarchy, holism, cosmology, and nature(culture). It asks, what should be learned, and unlearned, in order to create a more ecologically just future and how can artistic practice contribute to these processes? The symposium's speakers will present contributions that are both commentaries and proposals critically examining the present and suggesting alternatives to the current planetary developments.

Learning from the Earth has been organized by, and is a part of, the research series of the [Institute for Land and Environmental Art ILEA](#). The symposium accompanies the summer school [Alps Art Academy](#) (August 25-September 3, 2022) and the concurrent biennial [Art Safiental](#) (July 2 – October 23, 2022) which take place in Safiental, Grisons (CH). The upcoming publication *Landscape 2*, to be published in 2023, will feature the results of this research.

Keynotes:

Ursula Biemann / T.J. Demos / Fernando Garcia-Dory

Lectures:

Ravi Agarwal / Annemarie Bucher / Damian Christinger / Anne-Laure Franchette / Johannes M. Hedinger / Hanna B. Hölling / Catherine Hug / Marcus Maeder / Martin Ott / Dharmendra Prasad / Shazeb Shaikh

Program curated and hosted by Johannes M. Hedinger & Hanna B. Hölling

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ILEA TALKS 2022 - PROGRAM

(GREEN = Live in Tenna / RED = digital contribution)

DAY 1 Friday 26.8.22 (20.15 – 21.30)

Zoom link Speakers: <https://uni-koeln.zoom.us/j/91827472495?pwd=ZCt1OGRSNE9FWnVYM09XY3dIWVsyQT09>

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- 20.15 Welcome, Program
Hanna Hölling, Johannes M. Hedinger
- 20.30 – 21.15 KEYNOTE 1: **Unlearning Ecocide**
T.J. Demos (UC Santa Cruz)
- 21.15 – 21.30 Q+A
Preview day 2

DAY 2 Saturday 27.8.22 (14.00 – 19.30)

Zoom link Speakers: <https://uni-koeln.zoom.us/j/91501415610?pwd=MmEyTnU3dDNRC0xRclVzeFBWMMWILUT09>

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- 14.00 – 14.15 Welcome, Program
Hanna Hölling, Johannes M. Hedinger
- 14.15 – 14.45 Talk 1: **Learning (from Anton)**
Johannes M. Hedinger (ILEA)
- 14.45 – 15.00 Q & A
- 14.45 – 15.15 Talk 2: **Learning from the Earth**
Damian Christinger
- 15.15 – 15.30 Q & A
- 15.30 – 15.45 Short intermission (15')
- 15.45 – 16.15 Talk 3: **Learning from Safiental**
Annemarie Bucher (FOA-FLUX, ZHdK, ETH-Z)
- 16.15 – 16.30 Q & A
- 16.30 – 17.00 Talk 4: **Thinking with Potatoes**
Anne-Laure Franchette (ARVAE - Arosa Kollektiv)
- 17.00 – 17.15 Q & A
- 17.15 – 17.45 Intermission with coffee, cookies & fruits (30')
- 17.45 – 18.15 Screening Film "Forest Mind" (31 min) by Ursula Biemann
- 18.15 – 19.00 KEYNOTE 2: **Forest Mind - a conversation**
Ursula Biemann with Damian Christinger
- 19.00 – 19.15 Q & A
- 19.15 – 19.30 Brief conclusions Day 2 and preview Day 3
Hanna Hölling

Evening Program Alps Art Academy (not streamed)

From 21.00 Screening of 3 films by Ursula Biemann addressing the topic of water ecology:
"Acoustic Ocean" / "Deep Weather" / "Subatlantic"

Day 3 Sunday 28.8.22 (08.15 – 14.00)

Zoom link Speakers: <https://uni-koeln.zoom.us/j/94340134576?pwd=dXBzLzdDOctqTjR2OWE0SUtgMFVaQT09>

Streaming on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEKnbp91NW-ICWjcN4wrDTw/featured>

- 08.15 – 08.30 Welcome, Program
 Hanna Hölling, Johannes M. Hedinger
- 08.30 – 09.15 KEYNOTE 3: **Inland (WT)**
 Fernando Garcia-Dory (INLAND)
- 09.15 – 9.30 Q & A
- 09.30 – 10.00 Talk 5: **Focus India (WT)**
 Ravi Agarwal
- 10.00 – 10.15 Q & A
- 10.15 – 10.45 Talk 6: **Mind of Nature**
 Shazeb Shaikh (EAE) / Dharmendra Prasad
- 10.45 – 11.00 Q & A
- 11.00 – 11.30 **Intermission with coffee, cookies & fruits (30')**
- 11.30 – 12.00 Talk 7: **Learning through transhistory**
 Catherine Hug (Kunsthhaus Zürich)
- 12.00 – 12.15 Q & A
- 12.15 – 12.45 Talk 8: **Learning from the forest (WT)**
 Marcus Maeder (ZHdK, ETH, ILEA)
- 12.45 – 13.00 Q & A
- 13.00 – 13.30 Talk 9: **Agriculture and Art: Rethinking Old Relationship**
 Martin Ott (FiBL, Biolandwirt, Autor)
- 13.30 – 13.45 Q & A
- 13.45 – 14.00 Conclusion, Wrap up
 Hanna Hölling, Johannes M. Hedinger