
HOW CAN WE DEFINE, UNDERSTAND, AND COPE WITH DISASTERS IN THE ANTHROPOCENE?

How can we make sense of local disasters from global perspective, or global risks from local experiences? What kind of conceptual tools do we have to take on these questions?

This international symposium aims to examine disasters in the Anthropocene in terms of knowledges, memories, and imaginaries about them. It explores the theoretical and practical importance of “narrating disasters” from different disciplinary standpoints and various socio-material conditions.

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Welcoming Remarks Moderator: Buhm Soon Park (KAIST)		
09:30-10:00	Sung-Yong Yoon (Director General, National Folk Museum of Korea) Sam Harvey (Director, British Council in Korea) Myung-ja Kim (President, KOFST)	
Keynote #1 – What's New? Moderator: Chang-sik Cheong (Korea Basic Science Institute)		
10:00-10:40	The Anthropocene: The Risks of the Human Epoch	Will Steffen (Australian National University)
10:40-10:50	Photo Session & Coffee Break	
Session #1 – Knowledges Moderator: Chul-In Yoo (Jeju National University)		
10:50-13:00	A Profoundly Human-Modified Biosphere and Its Implications for Well-being	Mark Williams [and Jan Zalasiewicz] (University of Leicester)
	Absolutely-dated Speleothem in Anthropocene Studies	Liangcheng Tan (Chinese Academy of Sciences)
	Analytics for the Anthropocene: Late Industrial Strategies	Kim Fortun (UC Irvine)
	Unsettling the Classroom: Teaching the Anthropocene, and Lessons for Disciplinary Thinking	Marianna Dudley (University of Bristol)
	Discussant: Gabrielle Hecht (Stanford University)	
13:00-14:20	Lunch & Guided Tour	
Session #2 – Memories Moderator: Byung Doo Choi (Daegu University)		
14:20-16:30	Inside-Out Earth: Residues of the Anthropocene in Africa	Gabrielle Hecht (Stanford University)
	The Limits of Governance: Indonesia in the Era of Anthropocene	Agung Wardana (Universitas Gadjah Mada)
	How Geopolitics Meets Geohistory: The DMZ as an Emblem of the East Asian Anthropocene	Buhm Soon Park (KAIST)
	Scratching at the Anthropocene	Michael M. J. Fischer (MIT)
	Discussant: Jamie Lorimer (University of Oxford)	
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break	
Special Session – Anthropocene Film Projects Moderator: Byungjoo Lee (KAIST)		
17:00-18:30	Archiving for the Anthropocene	Tim Schütz (UC Irvine)
	A Visitor to the Forest	Abhijan Toto (Forest Curriculum)
	Making an Anthropocene Documentary for a General Audience	Pyeongsoon Choi (EBS)
	Discussant: Juhyun Cho (Ilmin Museum of Art)	

Keynote #2 – How to Face It? Moderator: Mark Williams (University of Leicester)		
10:00-10:40	Stratum and Stories: The Multidisciplinary Anthropocene	Julia Adeney Thomas (University of Notre Dame)
10:40-10:50	Coffee Break	
Session #3 – Imaginaries Moderator: Young-Gyung Paik (Jeju National University)		
10:50-13:00	Probiotic Planet: Anthropocene Blowback and the Rise of Gaian Science	Jamie Lorimer (University of Oxford)
	Inside Out: Expelled Machines in the Anthropocene	Chihyung Jeon (KAIST)
	How Islands Make the Anthropocene Visible	Elizabeth M. DeLoughrey (UCLA)
	Slow Disaster on the Gulf Coast	Scott Gabriel Knowles (Drexel University)
	Discussant: Kim Fortun (UC Irvine)	
13:00-14:20	Lunch	
Roundtable Discussion #1 – Agency and Disasters Moderators: Scott Gabriel Knowles and Will Steffen		
14:20-16:10	Kim Fortun Gabrielle Hecht Michael M. J. Fischer Chihyung Jeon Jamie Lorimer Hwansuk Kim (Kookmin University) Hong-Jung Kim (Seoul National University)	
16:10-16:30	Coffee Break	
Roundtable Discussion #2 – The Power of Words Moderator: Buhm Soon Park and Julia Adeney Thomas		
16:30-18:20	Mark Williams Liangcheng Tan Marianna Dudley Elizabeth M. DeLoughrey Young-Gyung Paik Dong Ju Kim (KAIST) Kiheung Kim (POSTECH) Myung Ae Choi (KAIST)	
18:20-18:30	Closing Remarks	