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All Times Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Thursday, 21 May 2026

THURSDAY MORNING 8:45am

IAEP Co-Directors' Opening Remarks

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00am–10:30am

Session 1: *INFRASTRUCTURES OF DIGITAL CULTURE: ELEMENTS, DATA, AND POST-EXTRACTIVE AI*

Moderator: Jonathan Beever, University of Central Florida

"Cooling the Cloud: Reactivating the Elemental Conditions of Digital Culture," Giulio Galimberti, Independent Researcher;

"Understanding to Retooling: LLMs Today and Their Potential Futures in DIY Culture," Samuele Sartori, Independent researcher; Università Statale degli Studi di Milano (Italy) 6 hours ahead of EDT;

"Heat – Data – Heat: What Came First, Cooling or Data?" Margherita Tess, Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany) 6 hours ahead of EDT

Session 2: *TECHNOLOGIES AND DEGROWTH*

Moderator: Nathan Bell, Dallas College

~~"Technological Infrastructures and the Aesthetics of Growth: Rewiring Ecologies Beyond Degrowth"~~
Anarag Das, Delhi University (India) 9.5 hours ahead of EDT

~~"Democratising Planning under Ecological Limits: A Late Socialist Political Ontology of Degrowth,"~~ Mladen Domazet, Institute of Philosophy (Croatia) 6 hours ahead of EDT

~~"(Bio-)technology for nature conservation?"~~ Rozine Kels, Center for Environmental and Technology Ethics (Czech Republic) 6 hours ahead of EDT

THURSDAY MORNING 10:30am-12:00pm

Session 1: *MASTERING NATURE, RELATIONAL ETHICS, AND BIODIVERSITY*

Moderator: Jonathan Beever, University of Central Florida

"Nietzsche on Mastery of Nature," Eli Lichtenstein, University of Edinburgh (UK) 5 hours ahead of EDT

"Biodiversity as Boundary Object," Kees van Roosmalen, Tilburg University (Netherlands) 6 hours ahead of EDT

~~"The Commons and Relational Ethics as the Key to Unleashing Common Flourishing,"~~ Matias Voluntarios, University of Warwick (UK) 5 hours ahead of EDT

Session 2: *NEOLIBERAL ENVIRONMENTALISM*

Moderator: David Utsler, North Central Texas College

"Neoliberal Environmentalism and the Self-Effacing Necropolitics of Language," Preston Carter, Fordham University

"Life & Responsibility: The Role of Heteronomy in Kant and Jonas's Ethical Theories," Tara Toth, University of Kentucky

"Habitat loss and degradation as interspecies systemic injustice: A case study," Daniel West, City University of New York

THURSDAY LUNCH 12:00-1:30pm

Conversations in the main room

Breakout Rooms Available for Conversations

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 1:30-3:00pm

Session 1: *TOPICS IN AI*

Moderator: David Utsler, North Central Texas College

"Data Centers, Hermeneutics, and the Eco-Weird," Nathan Bell, Dallas College

"Artificial Intelligence: Consumer of the Visible and the Invisible," Liam Maher, Loyola Marymount University

"AI and the Real Tragedy of the Commons," Dan Boscov-Ellen, Pratt Institute

Session 2: *CLIMATE POSSIBILITIES*

Moderator: Jules Gibson, Antioch University

"Blue Sky Problems: Ethical and Aesthetic Conceptions of Atmosphere After the Ozone Crisis," Arlo Smith, University of North Texas

"Breaking the Linear Channel: Stream Daylighting as Decolonial Possibility," Emma Duggleby, University of Utah

"The Deluge, the Climate Novel, and Invisible Infrastructures," Emily Crandall, City University of New York & John McMahon, State University of New York

Session 3: *OUR DIGITAL WORLDS: ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS IN TECHNOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENTS*

Moderator: Jared Opoien, Columbia College

"Our Technological Environment: Albert Borgmann and Environmental Philosophy" Joey Aloji, Future Generations University & Charles Hayes, Fort Lewis College

"Thinking In, About, and With Mixed Realities" Ian Werkheiser, University of Texas Rio Grande Valle

"Merlin and the Lure of App ID," Michael Butler, University of North Dakota & Brooke Rudow, University of Central Florida

Friday, 22 May 2026

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00am–10:30am

Session 1: *POTENTIAL NEW PATHWAYS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS*

Moderator: Jonathan Beever, University of Central Florida

"Caring the Dasein of matter: Towards morphological studies of the Entropocene and degrowth social innovation," Yoshihiro Nakano, Rikkyo University (Japan) 13 hours ahead of EDT

"Towards an Ethics of Responsible Risk: Bioengineering and the Challenge to Environmental Ethics," Daniele Fulvi, Western Sydney University (Australia) 14 hours ahead of EDT

"Title TBA," Carmen González, Loyola University

Session 2: *(UN)BREATHABLE AIR, (IN)DIGESTIBLE WASTE: MAKING SENSE OF ECOLOGIES IN CAPITALIST RUINS*

Moderator: Jules Gibson, Antioch University

"The (in)digestibility of waste: taking an ecospectral turn in uncanny times," Lisa Doeland, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

"The (un)breathability of capitalist ruins: imaginaries of breath and ecological home-tactics in polluted worlds," Sophie van Balen, Utrecht University.

Session 3: *ALIENATION AND THE SPIRIT OF CAPITALISM*

Moderator: David Utsler, North Central Texas College

"Degrowth and the spirit of capitalism," Joshua Ayer, University of Alberta (Canada)

"A Marxian Account of Structural Alienation from Nature," Theoren Tolsma, Fordham University

FRIDAY MORNING 10:30am–12:00pm

Session 1: *ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHIES OF MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR*

Moderator: Jonathan Beever, University of Central Florida

"Environment, Technology, and Philosophy of Maintenance," Andrea Gammon, Delft University of Technology (Netherlands) 6 hours ahead of EDT

"Environmental Ethics and the Maintenance and Repair Turn in Philosophy of Technology: A Case for Moral Pluralism," Magdalena Hoły-Łuczaj, University of Wrocław (Poland) 6 hours ahead of EDT

Session 2: *DEGROWTH: JUSTICE, ONTOLOGY, AND AESTHETICS*

Moderator: Joey Aloï, Future Generations University

"Degrowth and Justice: Environmental Racism as Technology of Compound Accumulation," Reese Haller, Michigan State University

"Degrowth's Ontological Turn: From Old to New Materialism," Tvrtko Vrdoljak, University of Cambridge (UK) 5 hours ahead of EDT

"Relief as a Focal Affect for Degrowth Aesthetics." Jeremy Clemente, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Netherlands) 6 hours ahead of EDT

FRIDAY LUNCH 12:00–1:30

IAEP Reception (bring your own food)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30–3:00

Session 1: *PERSPECTIVES OF FARMS AND FLESH*

Moderator: Jonathan Beever, University of Central Florida

"We're caretakers. We're gardeners: Solarpunk as an Embodiment of Care Theory," Katy Fulfer & Kyra Woodend, University of Waterloo (Canada)

"Server Farms, Sovereign Flesh: Christian Nationalism's Growth Theology and the Environmental Costs of AI," Michaela Calahan, Southern Methodist University

"Generational Cultures of Work: Contesting the Decline of the Tradition of Seasonal Agricultural Labor in Selfoss, Iceland," Ashley Jun, Independent Scholar

Session 2: *DISPOSABILITY, WASTING FULLY, AND BIOCENTRISM*

Moderator: Jared Opoien, Columbia College

"Out of Sight, Out of Existence: Classical Negation and the Logic of Disposability," Melody Allison, University of Oregon

"One Person's Trash is Another's Treasure: An Aesthetic Environmental Ethic of Wasting Fully," Justin Simpson, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

~~"Biocentrism: The Theory that Never Died Because It Was Never Accurately Described," Darren Domsky, Texas A&M~~

Saturday, 23 May 2026

SATURDAY MORNING 9:00am–10:30am

Session 1: *NON-WESTERN APPROACHES TO ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY*

Moderator: Jules Gibson, Antioch University

"Who Speaks for the Future, the Past, and Nature? Confucian Ecological Democracy on Proxy Representation," Jonathan Kwan, NYU Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) 8 hours ahead of EDT

"Genetic technologies, coral conservation and the question of wildness," Nishok GU, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (India) 9 hours ahead of EDT

"Pantheism and Advaita Vedanta: Comparative Ontologies of Deep Ecology and Non-dual moral order," Sanu Rani Paul, Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University (India) 9 hours ahead of EDT

Session 2: *PHILOSOPHIES OF TECHNOLOGY*

Moderator: Jonathan Beever, University of Central Florida

"Cellphone Junkies on the Pacific Crest Trail," Kenneth Liberman, University of Oregon

"Latour Was Right About Everything," Jonathan Maskit, Denison University

"Gabriel Kuri, Ellsworth Kelly, and Thinking with the Technology of Chance in the Capitalocene," Frederick Beeby-Maglaque, University of British Columbia (Canada) 3 hours behind EDT

Session 3: *ECO-AFFECTIVE HOPE, AND TECHNODIVERSITY AND PLANETARITY*

Moderator: Nathan Bell, Dallas College

"What a Just and Situated Eco-Affective Hope in Times of Climate Crisis," Fleur van Shaijk, Radboud University (Netherlands) 6 hours ahead of EDT

"Compostmodernism - On the Composthuman Condition and Other Entangled Lives." Elize de Mul, Radboud University (Netherlands) 6 hours ahead of EDT

~~"Technodiversity and Planetary in the Philosophy of Yuk Hui," Márk Horváth, Eszterházy Károly College (Hungary) 6 hours ahead of EDT & Ádám Lovász, Independent Researcher~~

Session 4: *BOOK PANEL: MERLEAU PONTY AND THE HUMAN-ANIMAL RELATION: FROM EROS TO ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY*

Moderator: David Utsler, North Central Texas College

Commenter: Liam Maher, Loyola Marymount University

Commenter: John R. White, Scholar-in-Residence, Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center, Duquesne University

Response: Chandler Rogers, Gonzaga University

SATURDAY MORNING 10:30am–12:00pm

IAEP Business Meeting

All are welcome. Come learn more about your organization, hear reports from the year, and help us plan for the future.

Remarks from the Board

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