

# Embodiment and Environment Draft Programme – changes may be necessary

5 – 8 July  
Oxford Brookes University

## 5 July

12 noon – 2.00	Registration
2.00 – 2.30	Welcome (Graham Harvey and Beverley Clack)
2.30 – 4.00	Key note 1 Val Plumwood, “Towards an Ecological Materialism”
4.00 – 4.30	tea/coffee
4.30 – 6.00	Panels 1 a and b
6.30 – 8.00	Dinner
8.00 – 9.30	Performance 1 Patricia Morgan, “Performance Loops”

## 6 July

9.00 – 10.30	Panels 2 a and b
10.30 – 11.00	Tea / coffee
11.00 – 12.30	Key note 2 David Abram, title to be confirmed
12.30 – 2.00	Lunch
2.00 – 3.30	Panels 3 a and b
3.30 – 4.00	Tea/coffee
4.00 – 6.30	Panels 4 a and b
6.30 – 8.00	Dinner
8.00 – 9.30	Performance 2 June Boyce-Tillman, “Lunacy or the Pursuit of the Goddess”

## 7 July

9.00 – 10.30	Panels 5 a and b
10.30 – 11.00	Tea / coffee
11.00 – 12.30	Key note 3 Carol Christ, title to be confirmed
12.30 – 2.00	Lunch
2.00 – 3.30	Panels 6 a and b
3.30 – 4.00	Tea/coffee
4.00 – 6.30	Panels 7 a and b
6.30 – 8.00	Dinner
8.00 – 9.30	Performance 3 Andy Letcher, title to be confirmed

## 8 July

9.00 – 10.30	Panels 8 a and b
10.30 – 11.00	Tea / coffee
11.00 – 12.30	Panel 9 OR Performance 4
12.30 – 2.00	Lunch
2.00 – 4.00	Discussion

4.00	Conference ends
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## Panels

### **Panel 1a Engaging with the world**

Ruth Mantin (UK) 'Embodying the sacred: feminist theologies and re-sacralising the world'  
 Anne Spalding (UK), 'Embodying Personal and Political Engagements with the Environment'  
 Andy Letcher (UK) 'Body and Environment in Psychedelic Spirituality'

### **Panel 2a Bodies**

Sally Palmer Thomason (USA), 'The Embodiment of Aging: Into the Body of the Crone'  
 Wendy Botwin (USA), 'The Nature of Disability'  
 Sara Cohen Shabot (Israel), 'The Grotesque on "Fleshing Out" the Subject of Ethics'

### **Panel 3a Buildings and places**

Kjell Ivar Overgard (Norway). 'Fitting Technological Environments to Embodied Opportunistic  
 Minds: Creating *Liveable* and Safe Environments for Humans'  
 Daniel Armstrong (Australia), 'Abandoned Cubby Huts'  
 Jacob Muhando (Kenya), 'Indigenous sacred places'

### **Panel 4a Indigenous perspectives**

Julian Kunnie (USA), 'Indigenous Philosophies and Environmental Science: The Hope for Radical  
 Global Transformation'  
 Celestina Omoso Isiramem (Nigeria), 'The African: An Embodiment of Spirituality'  
 Charlotte Baker (UK), 'The Black African albino: The significance of context to the experience of  
 albinism'

### **Panel 5a Environmentalisms**

David Kronlid (Sweden), 'Embodied Environmental Injustice: A Reflection on Environmental  
 Justice from the Perspective of the Body of the Swedish Railway Worker Eric Jönsson'  
 Thom van Dooren (Australia), eating as a transgression of culture/nature divide  
 Sylvie Shaw (Australia), 'Ecoeroticism, activism and the sea'

### **Panel 6a Nature**

Michael J. Cohen (USA), 'How you can come to your senses: what they don't teach you at Harvard  
 or Yale'  
 Gavin Van Horn (USA), 'Spirituality with a Bite: The Use of Wild Animal Symbols in Radical  
 Environmentalism'  
 Michael Northcott (UK), 'Embodying Climate Change'

### **Panel 7a Places**

Kathryn Rountree (NZ), 'Goddess Pilgrimages and Embodiment at Sacred Sites'  
 Laurea Ornella Corazza (UK) "'Space and Embodiment" a Japanese understanding of human  
 beings'  
 Luke Higgins (USA) 'Divining Place'

### **Panel 8a Ethical relationships**

Aaltola, Elisa (Finland) 'The GM Animal: technology, morals and action'  
 Graham Harvey (UK) 'Dialogues with other-than-human persons'  
 Adrian Harris (UK) 'Bodies of Faith: Embodied awareness as the wellspring of environmental  
 spirituality'

### **Panel 1b Cosmologies, mythologies and therapies**

Travis Cox (USA), 'Personal Cosmology: The Personal as Transpersonal'

Kelley Rambo (USA), 'Multicultural Perceptions of Nature and Implications for Ecotherapy'

Karen Ralls (UK), 'Reclaiming the Wasteland: Contemporary Ramifications'

### **Panel 2b Discussing ritual and performance**

Donald Schell (USA), 'Ritual-Making, Community, and the Generative Process'

Megory Anderson (USA), 'Sacred Dying/Body and Soul: A ritual response to death within spiritual community'

Jocelyn Chaplin (UK) 'Theory of Equalising Rhythms'

### **Panel 3b Justice**

Mary Grey (UK), 'Mirabai: Symbol of Hope and Resistance for Women in Rural Rajasthan'

Tessie Moyna Bevers (Netherlands), 'Performance and ecological awareness, from responsiveness to responsibility'

Paul Reid-Bowen (UK), 'Subversive Bodies and the Feminist Physique: women's bodybuilding as a counter-patriarchal body praxis'

### **Panel 4b Paganisms**

Barry Patterson (UK), 'A Pagan Mysticism Rooted in the Land'

Melissa Harrington (UK), 'Embodying the Gods in Wiccan Ritual'

Jenny Blain (UK), 'Linking environment and embodiment: consciousness "performing" place'

### **Panel 5b Esotericism**

Micki Pellerano (USA), 'Occultism, homosexuality and genius'

Mogg Morgan (UK), 'Personifying and problematising evil'

Susan Greenwood (UK), 'Magical Consciousness: a space of creative possibilities'

### **Panel 6b Literature, Art and Photography**

James McArdle (Australia), 'The construction and representation of the figure and the ground in photography'

Lynn Carol Henderson (USA), 'Voices from the Circle: Women's Ritual Art'

Teresa Gibert (Spain), 'Issues of Embodiment in *The Handmaid's Tale*'

### **Panel 7b embodying commitment**

Christopher Anderson and Andrew Rumble (UK), 'Embodiment and Animal Rights'

Annukka Kalske (Finland), 'Desire at the heart of deconstruction: embodied knowledge in feminist philosophy of religion'

Akasa Teng (USA), 'Singing in Tongues for our Evolving Self, Earth, and Cosmos – A Shamanic Sound Ceremony'

### **Panel 8b Memory and soul**

Olafur Gíslason (Iceland), 'Body Space Memory'

Gregory Mengel (USA), 'The incarnation of lived time: embodied action and memory'

Prudence Jones (UK), 'Ensouling the Stars – Is celestial religion embodied religion?'