Specfic 2021

Time and History

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Wednesday, December 1

12:30- 14:30 Registration			
14.50		Entrance Hall, House 12	
15:00- 16:00	Welcome Andreas Nyström and Stefan Ekman, Karlstad University <i>Room 12A 138 and Zoom</i>		
16:15- 17:15	Session 1: 12A 138 and Zoom Blurring Boundaries in CYA Fiction Chair: Saga Bokne "Life as a Game and Games as Real Life: Digital Games and Posthumanism in Contemporary Children's Literature and Young Adult Fiction" – Jakob Olsson, Karlstad University "no story really has a beginning': Heterotopic 'temporal discontinuities' in <i>A Series of</i> <i>Unfortunate Events</i> " – Amanda Landegren, Lund University	Session 2: 12B 257 Cancelled	Session 3: 12B 258 Facing the Anthropocene Chair: Michael Godhe "Arctic Futures: Anthropogenic Changes in Speculative Fiction" – Maria Lindgren Leavenworth, Umeå University "Thinking with AI in the Anthropocene" – Van Leavenworth, Umeå University
17:30- 18:30	Keynote: "Creating Stories for a Composite Form" Jonas Linderoth, University of Gothenburg Room 12A 138 and Zoom		
19:30-	Refreshments and Hotel Hangout at Scandic Winn Hotel		

09:00- 10:00	Keynote: "A Critical Life in History: the Case of Clute" Edward James, University College Dublin		
		Room 12A 138 and <u>Zoom</u>	
10:00- 10:30	Coffee Break		
10:30– 12:00	Panel: "How to Build Strong Research Environments" Edward James, Merja Polvinen, Maria Holmgren Troy, Joe Trotta Chair: Michael Godhe Room 12A 138 and Zoom		
12:00– 13:00	Lunch		
13:00- 14:30	Session 4: 12A 138 and Zoom Atmospheres of Gene Wolfe Chair: Michael Godhe "Atmospheres of Time and Things in Gene Wolfe's <i>The Book of the New Sun</i> : A Twinned Paper in Two Parts" – Berndt Clavier, Malmö University – Charles Simmons, independent scholar "Wheels turning in opposite directions': Objective Temporality, Utopia and the Individual in Sheri S. Tepper's <i>The Gate to Women's Country</i> and Ursula K. Le Guin's <i>The Dispossessed</i> " – Sarah Lohmann, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen	Session 5: 12B 257 Perspectives on Fantasy Chair: Stefan Ekman "Taking the Red and Black Pill: Anarchy as a Cure to Modern Ails in Early Urban Fantasy" – Dean Liathine McDonald, Université d'Orléans "Queering Fantasy Temporality" – Anna Bark Persson, Södertörn University	Session 6: 12B 258 Monsters and More Weirdness Chair: Thomas Kristjansen "An Ecology of Monsters" – Svante Landgraf, Linköping University "A Colour out of Time: Towards the Hyperobjective Correlative" – Thomas Byam Shaw, the University of Aberdeen and Curtin University "The Medial Afterlives of H. P. Lovecraft: Comic, Film, Podcast, TV, Video Game" – Per Israelson, Stockholm University
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15:00- 16:30	Session 7: 12A 138 and Zoom Chronotopes, Re-Oriented Time, and the Anthropocene Chair: Morten Feldtfos Thomsen "Horror and the Chronotope" – Audrey Taylor, Sul Ross State University, Rio Grande College "One for the Ages: The Reorientation of Time in Richard McGuire's <i>Here</i> " – Nicholas Hamilton, Memorial University of Newfoundland "Retrofit the Skadyver". Infrastructuralism in the Anthropocene: From Ballard to Gladman" – Jesper Olsson, Linköping University	Session 8: 12B 257 Utopian Visions Chair: Michael Godhe "Reconfiguring the Myth of Time: Alternate History, Time Travel and Chronopolitics in Chinese Science Fiction" – Erik Mo Welin, Uppsala University "Author[is]ing utopia: Ongoing Experiments with Science Fiction for Social Futures" – Paul Raven, Lund University	Session 9: 12B 258 Cancelled
19:00-		Conference Dinner at Scandic Winn Hotel	

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