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Wednesday, 1 June



Greenhouse of VMU Botanical Garden (Ž. E. Žilibero g. 4)

- 11 a.m. CONFERENCE OPENING:
VMU Vice-Rector Dr. Julija Kiršienė, chair of organising committee Dr. Jūratė Tutlytė.
- 12 p.m. TOUR of VMU Botanical Garden (led by Dr. Nerijus Jurkonis)
- 1.30 p.m. Coffee break, informal conversations
- 2 p.m. PLENARY (online) LECTURE „The Science of Happiness” by Prof. Merlin Sheldrake
M. Sheldrake is a biologist and writer, author of the book Entangled Life.
Moderated by Jurga Jonutytė.
- 3 p.m. DISCUSSION
Moderated by Nomeda and Gediminas Urbonas.
Participants: biologist Dr. Merlin Sheldrake, biologist Dr. Nerijus Jurkonis, and philosopher Renata Bikaitė.
- 4.30 p.m. Coffee break, informal conversations, discussions.
- 5 p.m. SOLIDARY UKRAINIAN AND LITHUANIAN PICNIC in the VMU Botanical Garden (main partner – „1k Support Fund”)
- 5.30 p.m. Presentation of Vaiva Grainytės bilingual collage novel *Roses and Potatoes* (published by Baltos Lankos)
- Presentation of *Baby Aleksa*, an interdisciplinary artistic-scientific experiment of sensory experiences by Nomeda and Gediminas Urbonas. The project is developed in cooperation with scientists Jonas Kubilius (threethirds.ai) and Prof. Dr. Tomas Krilavičius.
- Observation of live graffiti drawing in the open-air gallery „No-Fly Zone” (Lakūnų pl.).

Thursday, 2 June



Kaunas Water Treatment Plant in Marvelė (Marvelės g. 199A), VMU
Agriculture Academy (Building IV, Universiteto g. 8A)

- 3 p.m. TOUR/LECTURE at Kaunas Water Treatment Plant (Marvelės g. 199A).
Led by an expert in water treatment technologies.
Excerpts of movement art. Participant: choreographer and dancer
Mantas Stabačinskas.
- 5 p.m. VMU Agriculture Academy. A short tour, a walk
- 5,45 p.m. Coffee break
- 6 p.m. PLENARY (online) LECTURE „The Science of Happiness“ by Prof. Timothy
Morton (United States)
T. Morton is a philosopher, author of many books on the modern
concept of ecology, and a participant of art projects.
Moderated by Denis Petrina.
- 7 p.m. DISCUSSION „Co-thinking and Co-creating: the World for Co-living“
Moderated by Denis Petrina.
Participants: philosopher Dr. Timothy Morton, philosopher Dr. Audronė
Žukauskaitė, philosopher Dr. Mantas Davidavičius, art historian Dr.
Jūratė Tutlytė, and photographer and curator Alex Zakletsky.

Friday, 3 June



Kaunas Fortress, Aleksotas (Kaunas Fortress Park workshop
(Kauno tvirtovės parko dirbtuvės), Lakūnų pl. 63B)

- 11 a.m. Greeting and meeting with participants.
- 11.30 a.m. Observation of live graffiti drawing in the open-air gallery „No-Fly Zone“ (Lakūnų pl.).
- 12 p.m. PLENARY (online) LECTURE „The Science of Happiness“ by Prof. Ruut Veenhoven (Netherlands)
R. Veenhoven is a sociologist, psychologist, researcher of happiness, and founder of the World Database of Happiness.
Moderated by Dr. Viktoras Bachmetjevas.
- 1 p.m. Coffee break, socializing.
- 1.30 p.m. DISCUSSION „Migration and CoHappiness“
Moderated by Dr. Viktoras Bachmetjevas. Participants: philosopher Dr. Jurga Jonutytė, human rights expert Jūratė Juškaitė, philosopher Dr. Gintautas Mažeikis, and photographer and journalist Artūras Morozovas.
- 3 p.m. Coffee break, informal conversations, observation of live graffiti drawing in the open-air gallery „No-Fly Zone“ (Lakūnų pl.).

More information:

<https://www.vdu.lt/en/international-congress-cohappiness-rewilding-rethinking/>

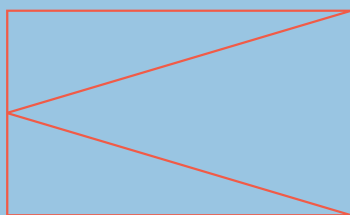
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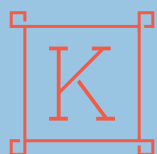
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