Sea-Water-Blooded

Bleeding, salivating,

sweating, crying,

vomiting.

This lexicon shares a range of mytho/logical and eco/feminist perspectives. Let's take another look in the cool dark. Salting y/our wounds to remember the past, and sea the future/s

We are working for / with / from the chthonic dark warm amniotic feminine belly of the beast,

y/our Mother Earth, Gaea. Γαῖα.

# Abolitionism

the movement advocating for the abolishment of neo/colonial slavery, from Latin: abolere, 'destroy'

### Abortion work

activism work that supports women's reproductive rights, including the right to kill, which makes women dangerous (Lewis 2019)

### Adulterate,

to

rendering something poorer in quality by adding another substance, not pure, corrupted AFK away from keyboard

### Air

y/our communication with plants

and algae happens through breathing oxygen generated by plant life, who breathe in y/our CO<sub>2</sub> exhaust

#### Alpha

Covid-19 strain originating in the UK

#### Alien

belonging to a foreign country, world, planet or atmosphere, including deep sea life -on- earth

### Alienation

creating a feeling and experience of isolation and estrangement and transferring ownership of property rights to another person or group (see:

**Biopiracy**)

# Amniotic fluid

fluid surrounding a foetus, resembles sea water, where from conception, a foetus goes through all stages of a not-necessarily-human evolution

### Ani Couni Chaouani

Native American hymn and lament from the Arapaho tribes: 'Father, have mercy on me / Because I'm dying of thirst / Everything is gone – I have nothing to eat'

### Apocalyptic

from Greek: apokaluptein, άποκαλύπτειν, 'uncover, reveal'

### Apotropaic

containing the property or power to ward off d/evil/s, such as the face of the Medusa and her sisters, Gorgons, the evil eye, and many plants and rituals serve as such, invoking protection, from Greek: άποτρόπαιος

#### Beta

Covid-19 strain originating in South-Africa

# Biological

# determinism

identifying who and what count/s as un/natural, biologising identity politics

# Biopiracy

attempted propertisation of natural resources through patenting acts, robbing and plundering nature Blame- the-victim sexed discrimination, part of the war against women (inspired by Judith Herman)

#### Blood

macrobiotics aim to render y/our bloodstream similar to sea water

### Bodhisattva

a person who can reach nirvana, but delays doing so through compassion for suffering beings. Sanskrit: 'a person whose essence is perfect knowledge'

### Booty

valuable stolen goods – especially seized during wartime – and a person's sexed bottom, making spoils of war booty as

necessarily include the

(dis/possession of) female-body-as-loot

### Borobudur

### Temple

this ancient Buddhist Temple on was hidden for Java 800 years and excavated roughly 200 years ago, the temple visualises the meeting point of Ocean, as the archaic feminine, and Mountain, as the archaic masculine

# **Bottom**

someone's	butt,	alteration	and
valuation		of	
	'body'		

# Brainwashing

any form of epistemic violence (Spivak), strategic forgetting and erasure of particular knowledge (systems) for optimised oppression

### Capitalocene

possible name for y/our current exterminist day and age, where our entire economic paradigm is a threat to ecological stability

(Haraway 2016)

### CBR

Community Biodiversity Register, documenting community knowledge in order to protect it as communal intellectual property and defend natural resources from patenting (Shiva 2020)

### Chimera

a thing that is hoped

for, but is illusory or impossible to achieve

# Chthonic

relating to or inhabiting the und Greek: χθών, Earth

underworld,

# Chthulucene

potential name for y/our current day and age, coined by Donna Haraway inspired by her being bitten by the Pimoa Cthulhu spider, yet the role herein of Lovecraft's Cthulhu remains cancelled, instead of problematised

### Climate crisis

creating planetary ecological destruction, ecocide, also the Sixth Extinction

### Coelenterata

invertebrates aquatic having a skeleton] ſnot such as JELLYFISH, corals and sea anemones. They typically have tube- or cupshaped а body with a single opening, ringed with tentacles that cells bear stinging (nematocysts). Also called cnidarian

# Collectivity

the opposite

of individualism exceptionalist

### Colonialism

settler -. exploitation-, nationalsurrogate -, internal-, and so-called trade colonialism as a contradiction in terms [where 'trade' proposes а form of equality], encompasses the illegal occupation of foreign territory, violent oppression, including genocide events enslavement and of indigenous people, extraction of resources and we alth. The effects of this European project are easily recognised today. However, societies generally formerly colonised are not offered any kind of reparations [financial compensation] and the colonial project continues today as neocolonial, extractivist economies have taken hold

in former colonies and elsewhere. From this sense, colonisation indeed has never stopped and former colonial (slave) transportation sea routes are still used for moving or extraction human / resources as well as wiring the internet

Colonised dreams 'A world compartmentalised, Manichean [centralising a dualistic conflict between light and dark] and petrified. a world of statues: the statue who built of the general the bridge. A world cocksure of itself, crushing with its stoniness the backbones of those That is the scarred with the whip.

colonial world. The first thing colonial the learns is to remain in his subject place and not overstep its limits. Hence the dreams of the colonial subject are muscular dreams. dreams of action, dreamsof aggressive vitality. I dream I am jumping, swimming, running, and climbing. I dream I burst out laughing, I am leaping across a river and chased bv a pack of cars that catches up with me. never During colonisation the colonised subject frees himself night after night nine in the evening between and six in the morning.' (Fanon 1963, p.15)

# Combahee River Collective

black feminist collective from Boston founded in 1 974, dedicatingtheir name toHarrietTubman,wholed a campaignthatfreed morethan 750 enslavedpeople attheCombahee River (South Carolina, USA)

#### Consciousness

#### raising

growing awareness and becoming more awake

# Coolitude

describes the Indian and Chinese coolie (Dutch: koelie) diaspora, relating indenture migrant workers with slavery. The term is coined by poet Khal Torabully and describes a transcultural process that goes beyond creolisation or méttissage (Glissant), articulating imaginaries and cultures in non-essentialist methods, its imaginary of coolitude

is clearly archipelagic, sea-based and a thalassography (1992)

### COP26

the international summit to negotiate climate crisis resolutions during fall 2021 doesn't mention the role of gender or gender inequality in climate destruction and keeps native women of colour expressly out of the actual negotiations (UNFCCP)

# Crisis

denoting the turning point of a disease: medical Latin, from Greek: krisis, κρίσις, opinion, ability to assess well, intense manifestation of the symptoms of the disease

# Cthulhu

deep sea horror monster invented by early twentieth-century American author H.P. Lovecraft, openly racist and antisemitic while he was alive, his writings are subject to a cult following of (games) writers re/creating the Cthulhu Mythos, often without properly problematising Lovecraft's

xenophobic

imagination or how this is expressed in his works

# Currency

para-nationalist money system

# Current

bodies of water, air and electricity – flowing in a particular direction

### Decolonisation

is an enormous task! dismantle colonial logics modernisms, requires unlearning and and acts of to resist and that constitute decolonisation making gestures repair

#### Deep

Sea level of the sea from 1.800m onwards, where sunlight doesn't enter and there is practically no change in temperature, its climate is the most stable on earth. Full of marine life, deep sea comm unities largely live off marine snow:

food stuffs that fall down from the productive photic zone Covid-19 strain

originating in Brazil

Delta

#### Dew

spiritual food, especially good when rolling around in it butt naked!

### Discrimination

organised in collaborating power relations, invented to self-serve elites in society: sexed -, raced -, classed -, gendered discrimination/s

# Disidentification

the experience, struggle, right and fight to identify y/ourselves (Muñoz 1999)

Dispossession the violent loss

of what

belonged to or was the self, also includes wo/men's souls (Pinkola Estés 1992)

### Diurnal

of	or during	the	day
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# Dolphin

from Greek: related to δελφύς (delphus), 'womb'

# Domestic violence

'has reached [pandemic] proportions that cut across all class and race lines' (Original quote says 'epidemic' instead of pandemic. Radical Women Manifesto Platform 1967)

# Dream

	related	to Old English:
'joy, music',	and a	possible

holiday of the mind! Dredging up consciousness from unconsciousness. Oneirogenic plants support and enhance the experience of dreaming. The **Bodhisattva** is the fully awake person who lives to realise the/ir universal dream, for the benefit, enlightenment and relief of sufferina for others

### Drink

to drink a glass of water is to ingest the ghosts of bodies that haunt that water (Neimanis 2012)

# Drop

falling

# Drowning

feeling of being

overwhelmed

Epistemic violence discrimination of knowledge systems (not acknowledging certain knowledge

systems as such) coined and theorised

by Gayatri Spivak

# Extractivism

violent extraction of wealth resulting in the (irreversible) depletion of national and natural resources, including deep sea mining, fundamental to neo/colonial, imperialist and multinational economic ideologies

Face

confront something / someone

# Feminism

working towards ending the cruel and murderous treatment of women, including femicide (The Combahee River Collective 1974. In Burn It Down! [BID])

Float, around circulation of a rumour or idea

Flooded

overwhelmed by a excess

form of!!!!!!!!

Fluidity

the state of being unsettled

Flush

y/our face and the toilet

# Forgotten

narrative employed to romanticise the systemic violence of epistemic erasure as (imperialist) oppression (Sokha 2021)

fotf

fear of the feminine. Older

description/s of same feelings: fear of the future, and: focus on the family

### Fountain of youth

the mythological fountain healing the disease of aging

#### Gaea

 the Earth personified as a goddess, daughter of Chaos, mother
and wife of Ouranos,
Heaven or Sky, in greek mythology, Greek: Γαῖα. In cosmogony, Gaea represents
material creation and not
just the Earth.

#### Gamma

Covid-19 strain originating in India

# Gift

'A gift can consist of an alienable or inalienable object. In many languages 'give' and 'forgive' are connected. To give is linked to the present, to forgive a past thing. One can reinforce a request for forgiving with a gift of a precious object. Such gift-giving can be a hidden acknowledgement of a past injustice and approach the concept of restitution.' (Jos van Beurden, 2.3.1. Gifts to colonial administrators and institutions)

### Gorgon

a fierce, frightening, repulsive woman.

The ancient Greek mythological gorgons are three sisters who have snakes for hair, while looking into their eyes petrifies their onlooker, literally turning them into stone

# Harbour, to

to shelter,

hide and occupy

### Herman,

Judith

theorised the history of traumatic stress as a syndrome common to veterans

and sexual abuse survivors, identifying constant fear of death and sexual abuse or rape to (in the same way) dismantle someone's personality.

Herman historicised the erased publication of Freud's identification of hysteria as caused by sexual abuse, but the psychiatric community would not accept his findings, as it would need to conclude that sexual abuse among women and children were endemic to society (Herman 1992)

### Hold

to be in the hold, to be transported in the belly of the ship (Hartman), as an enslaved person

# Hydra

a many-headed water snake or sea monster whose response to decapitation is botanical! Also, the largest celestial constellation, from Greek: "Υδρα, 'water snake, sea monster'

# Hydrofeminism

ecofeminist practice that addresses the watery part of not-necessarily-human/e bodies in response to Donna Haraway's proposition of 'staying with the trouble'

#### Hyphae

plural for hyphenation, tool for disidentification practices linking multiple (dis) identities and linking terms as-we-go

'I ask you not to let me face the water, for water is the only one who knows what has always been' (Wang 2021)

### Imaginary

encompasses the ways a culture has of perceiving and conceiving the world (Glissant 1928. English translation: 1997)

### Industrial water pollution

industrial runoff causes largescale pollution of rivers, oceans and groundwater, systematically releasing (agricultural) pesticides, solvents, heavy metals and oil spilling into the connected waterbody, which has become the source of a wide range of lethal illnesses including cancers, organ damage and mass extinction events

#### Inheritance

Every generation confronts the task of choosing its past (Hartman via Yusoff 2018)

### Intersectionality

usually combined with feminism, acknowledges the combined, overlapping and intersecting itineraries of discrimination/s, most commonly as (violently) raced -, classed -, sexed - and gendered power structures

### Jiba

magnetic field and human creation began 1992) place where (Sudo

#### Juichimen-Kannon

the Buddha of Compassion represented with eleven heads (Glossary, Sudo 1992) —not unlike the Hydra

Kami

a god, spirit or force of nature in traditional Shinto (Sudo 1992)

### Laghia

a traditional dance that takes the form of a battle (Glissant 1928/1997)

#### Lake

a symbol for the land of the dead, Earth's open liquid eye at

the edge of knowledge, twoway mirror of the soul (The Book of Symbols [TBOS])

#### Liberation movements

are political and anti-imperialist organisations

Loch Ness monster mythological monster living in Loch Ness, Scotland, since the 6th century CE

# Lubricate

such a violent term! To make (someone) convivial with alcohol

# Lying

In answer tothe lie ofthecolonial situation,the colonisedsubjectresponds witha lie' (Fanon 1963, p.14)

# Macrobiotics

a diet that aims to make y/ our blood like sea water; vegan or pescatarian way of eating that consists eating wholegrains, beans, sea vegetables, soups and fermented vegetables (among others), used to start remembering past

to start remembering and future

# Mainstream

that which is shared by most not-necessarily-human people as conventional and/or normal

# Manel

an (academic) all-male panel (discussion) (Tythacott 2021)

# Medusa

a free-swimming sexual form of a coelenterate such as a jellyfish, typically having an

umbrella-shaped body with stinging tentacles around the edges, and mythological mortal gorgon who has snakes for hair and petrifies those who look her in the eyes

#### Menses

also menstruation, the rise and fall of hormones is governed by the waxing and waning Moon

# Merdrag

performing interspecies fantasy and mythological sea creature expression, adding to the top half of the notnecessarily-human/e, a fishtail

# Monster

is typified by the way s/he escapes identifications: ugly and pretty, old and young, animal and human, neither

male nor female, and s/he is terrifying (Cixous 1975)

### Moon

'So far, I have let you humans use the Earth as you like. But the Earth belongs to me, and I will get it back once, so that you cannot have it your own way. I will break up mountains and valleys and make a huge flat land. If I see areedy someone even on a piece of land, I will cause earthquakes, heavy rain, and gales and destroy his land completely. I will turn the land upside down create flat land. Due to a war of and fire, the ice around the North and South Poles will crack, which will lead to an axis shift of the Earth with big earthquakes. I will remake the Earth. I will remove the deserts and high mountains, break up the Earth, and make a flat land Do not relax even if you live on

high plateaus or in high mountains. No one knows when the Moon and the Sun can suddenly appear. After warning everyone beforehand, the work of the Moon and the This foretold Sun will begin. story, how seriously do vou listen? Fire from heaven. rain of fire. and the oceans will roll up with (Sudo 1992) tsunamis.'

# Neocolonisation

the violent project of colonial extractivism after the

decolonisation wave of Independence movements durina the 1950s and 1960s, contemporary slavery and widespread labour exploitation as well as the extraction of wealth and resources continues to this day, in fact, we eat it every day and build up y/our bodies with it

# Non -Aligned Movement

is an anti-imperialism forum organising the Global South. It is the second largest organisation today (after the United Nations)

encompassing the involvement of 120 countries in

Africa, South-Asia and South America (Russia and Japan belonging to what is in colonial terms the 'white' West). The movement started with the Independence movements for decolonisation and the principles identified during the Bandung Conference in Indonesia in 1955.

In the decade following the Conference

of Bandung, the new generation of socialist Independence leaders were systematically murdered and replaced by military regimes – notably by the CIA – and kept in place for decades. (Also sea, Adam Curtis's newest documentary series Can't Get You Out of My Head on YouTube)

#### Not -necessarily

#### -human/e

placeholder for the human? How to keep on questioning what is, can, could and should be/come properties of the in?human/e?

#### Ocean

interconnected waterbody making up over 70% of the earth's surface and running nearly 11km in some places

#### Oceanic memory

everyone possesses oceanic memory! The face of the ocean as visible form/s of y/ our unconsciousness, salty amniotic waters running through y/ our mnemonic veins (TBOS)

### Octopus

main inspiration throughout numerous mythological deepsea monsters, is blue blooded, tastes through their suction cups. Two thirds of octopuses' brains, or rather neurons, are located in their tentacles. Due to their atypical body plan, octopuses are subject to alienation of all sorts, including via the monstrous feminine. Considered deeply intelligent creatures, octopuses die after procreation, therefore, their offspring don't learn anything from their parents, who don't provide parental care
# Omicron Covid-19 strain originating in multiple countries

### Oneirogen

plants evoking and supporting dream/like states of consciousness, from Greek: óneiros, ὄνειρος, 'dream' and gen-, γεν-, Proto-indoeuropean \*ģenh<sub>1</sub>-, 'to create'

## Pajama

## femme

'doesn't rely on outward

appearances for identification' (Tastrom 2011)

## Patriarchy

a social construction aimed to disempower, terrorise and kill women [footnote: men and women in this lexicon are placeholders for their social constructs]

## Pimoa Cthulhu

from Gosiute dialect in the endangered Shoshoni language: pimoa, 'big legs', this spider is named after Lovecraft's Cthulhu sea monster and inspired Donna Haraway to name y/our day and age the Chthulucene

Pirate bay, the the practice of attacking and robbing data

## Plastic

#### soup

is a name for marine plastic pollution consisting of an estimated 80% plastics including microplastics, floating around and suspended in oceans. Microplastics are found throughout all water bodies, from glaciers to not-necessarily-human/e bodies and deep-sea sediments. The largest single source of pollution is estimated to consist of discarded fishing nets

Port

short for portmanteau, blending the sound and meaning of words or people as couples

### Possession

having, owning and controlling someone or something, also by demonic spirits

### Private life

employed for rendering the domestic space and its labour, abuse and social inequalities, invisible

#### Privilege when one person is discriminated the other profits from privilege of that discrimination; typified in the same discrimination/s: raced -,

gendered privilege

can be ways as sexed classed -,

#### Provenance

'also an object's biography, describes the history of an object in terms of the context in which it was made and who made it, of its use value and exchange value through time, of the ways in which it has passed from the maker to subsequent possessors.

(Van Beurden, influenced by Kopytoff, Cultural Biography of Things 2017)

## Psyche

indicate mind, soul and can

spirit

Pulp

a soft, wet, shapeless mass

Radical solidarity possibility of showing intersectional interspecies solidarity, and for the most fighting preyed upon in v/our interspecies societies!

## Rain

symbolises a state of sheltering, tears cleansing those who are trapped in emotional blindness, reanimating what (TBOS) felt dark and dead

## Rainforest

luxuriant forest, rich in biodiversity, currently under

threat by logging and monoculture plantations

## Rain

#### mother

sky god dispensing rains. Nearly all the world's mythologies include reference to a divine flood, wherein the sky deities wipe out worlds before recreation or repopulation in a new age (TBOS)

### Rape

is a form of terrorism (Radical Women Manifesto Platform 1967)

### Ratu Roro Kidul

Javanese mythological female sea monster of the South Sea

### Rematriation

as a step in decolonisation and a relatively new term, this is the possible recovery of lost roots and knowledges, tracing matriarchal lineages and their knowledge systems that were erased by colonial and imperialist ideologies

#### Reparation

acts and gestures of repair in the shape of financial compensation, for the absence of stolen goods and economic losses in retrospect

#### Repatriation

returning cultural objects and lost, stolen and booted heritage to the country and people who made them

#### Response-ability

y/our ability to respond! coined by Karen Barad (according to Barad)

#### Sainokawara

the riverside of Sai; in Buddhist folk teaching, the site is a pathway from this world to the world after death

Saliva

water with memory

## Salt

something that adds freshness

## Salt of the earth, the

(interspecies) person or group of (interspecies) people who show great kindness, reliability and honesty

## Scientific method

'tortures nature to reveal her secret' (Shaviro 2017)

### Sea

organ culture that can see in

the dark

### Sea snot

or marine mucilage, is considered as a similar function to snot in other organisms, a result of imbalance in marine ecosystems, caused by the climate crisis, transports marine diseases

## Sea

#### vegetables

or sea weeds! are a staple in the whole grain-based vegan healing diet of macrobiotics, aimed to cleanse the soul, recuperate memory of past and future, increase symmetry of the body and facial features, and thoroughly ecological

### Shipwreck/s

the largest shipwreck or marine disaster to date was the bombing of the Junyo Maru in 1944 in the South Sea, killing approximately

5,620 people. Most of the few hundred people who survived the shipwreck, died during imprisonment while working on the 200km long Pekanbaru railroad, a labour camp, killing more than 80,000 people

## Shore

place where y/our waterbody meets a piece of land

## Sirens

women or winged creatures who

mythically lured

sailors to steer their ships onto rocks

#### Slavery

contemporary slavery, or human trafficking, is approximated to encompass the enslavement of 40 million people, a guarter of which are children, held captive to do forced labour in the private sector and/or enter forced marriages. Current enslavement of people includes recruiting child soldiers and sex trafficking.

Most of the enslaved

population are and/or coming

living in from Asia (2019)

## Snake

the underworld realm of the dead that snakes mythically

inhabit is also the fecund ground from which new life emerges, a place of healing and form of ancestral spirit (TBOS)

Spoils of war everything that is looted and stolen during wartime

Statues also die known as the first Western anticolonial film and video-essay medium. 'There would be nothing to prevent us from being, together, the inheritors of two pasts if that quality could be in the present. Less remarked, it recovered by the only equality is prefigured denied to no one... that of repression' (00:29:03---00:29:14. Marker and Resnais, 1953) Storm qods often associated with mythic animals like the bull and the ram, which embodied such dynamic energies, these sons of cosmic power became saviours, healers or gods of vegetation, who would die and be resurrected with each new agricultural year (TBOS)

### Stranded

of a boat, sailor or sea creature: left aground on a shore

## Struggle

and struggle

some more

## Supine

failing to act or protest as a result of moral weakness or indolence

## Swamp

an area of low-lying uncultivated ground where water collects

Sweat

effort,

### Technologies

the poisonous emissions of y/our technologies have been answered by the anomalous rains and flooding of global warming (TBOS)

## Tentacular erotica

also known as tentacular rape, is a pornography genre of people (being coerced into) having sex with octopuses

## Thalassography

study of the ocean

Third Pole, the

also the Roof of the World. After the North and South Poles, this region contains the largest freshwater reserve on the planet, encompassing the Hindu Kush Himalayas Mountain range and the Tibetan Plateau. The Third Pole feeds the ten largest rivers in South-Asia with fresh water, providing in total water to nearly a quarter of the global population

### **Tidalectics**

making the art of discussion wavy, watery, oceanic, magnetic, moon-infused and tidal, tidalectics is a poetic tool coined by writer Kamau Braithwaite, to engage with the deep-seated traumatic herstory of overseas enslavement of people during the last 500 years

## Tide

a powerful surge of feeling

## Tokenism

inclusion of symbolic marginalised

people

### Transatlantic slavery

is the violent enslavement of African people, transporting people as goods in often lethal conditions in the cargo holds of ships, in order to be sold in th Americas. е Looking at

maps showing the ways of transporting enslaved people as human cargo, people are stowed

away under the planks below deck, looking like bodies in a mass grave

## Transfusion

pour blood or its to components from one (interspecies) another person into

## Trouble

make more more more

## VOC

the Verenigde Oost-Indische Dutch Compagnie, or the East-India Company in English, enforced trade relations with the former Dutch Fast-Indies, As the world's first multinational company. wonders what validates the one insistence on calling VOC's aggressive military presence and colonial government 'trade'. The VOC is the name for exploitation colonialism, illegal occupation, violent oppression and genocide, in a Indonesia region that is now

# Wages

for

## housework

'as a demand, is the only revolutionary perspective from a feminist viewpoint and ultimately for the entire working class' (Federici 1974) and a potential form for universal income

### Warming

warming and

'the world is we humans are to blame' (Wang 2021)

#### Washing

making a particular reality seem better or different from what it really is

### Water

'[this] water has been in cycle for MILLIONS OF YEARS, falling to earth, guenching horses, elephants, lizards, dinosaurs, humans. They pissed, they died, their water evaporated and gathered into clouds to drizzle again down AND STORM DOWN into rivers, puddles, aqueducts, and ancient cupped hands' (CAConrad, Storm SOAKED Bread, soma(tic) ritual)

### Wave

a sudden occurrence or increase in a feeling or emotion

### Wealth

makes people drunk and able to forget (Fanon 1963)

### Wetland

landscape saturated with water, soils and waterbodies

### Witchcraft

'[if] the land is being poisoned, Witchcraft must respond' (Grey 2013)

### Woman

'until we recognise y/our slavery we cannot recognise our struggle against it' (Federici 1974)

## Xenophobia

the

construction and instillment of fear for things that are different, dissimilar, other, alien and foreign, constructed by and for the benefit of patriarchy / cis-white-male-gaze / imperialism to take a stranglehold

# XF, Xenofeminism

is gender-abolitionist (...) and alienation is the labour of freedom's construction; nothing should be accepted as fixed, permanent, or 'given' – neither material conditions nor social forms (Laboria Cuboniks 2015)

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Oceanic Imaginaries

How can we liquefy our ways of being? How can we think from and with the ocean?

"Just as the sea is an open and ever flowing reality, so should our oceanic identity transcend all forms of insularity, to become one that is openly searching, inventive, and welcoming."

— Epeli Hau'ofa (We Are the Ocean: Selected Works)

"As watery, we experience ourselves less as isolated entities, and more as oceanic eddies: I am a singular, dynamic whorl dissolving in a complex, fluid circulation."

— Astrida Neimanis (Hydrofeminism. Or, On Becoming a Body of Water?)

In 2021-2022 Studium Generale Rietveld Academie takes a deep dive into the ocean.

Through the reflective surface and from our own liquid bodies, we imagine the ocean as a sensorium that feels, perceives, registers and creates.

Most of what happens in the ocean, we cannot perceive with our own senses. Yet we are doing enormous damage to it. The ocean should therefore also be considered a 'critical zone' threatened by human activities and greedy extractive economies.

If we take the ocean as a discontinuous and asynchronous time-space, this critical zone also includes histories of exploitation, fear and death: from transatlantic slave trade to contemporary boat refugees and coastal and islanders displaced by sea-level rise.

What is an ocean in terms of ideology? What kind of power relations are at work and how can we create a new sensitivity and awareness of what is outside our own sensory or biased system? From another perspective, the ocean can also be experienced as a transformative and immersive space: a space of affect and metamorphosis in which bodies and identities become fluid, and in which human and nonhuman entities meet.

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Preliminary Programme at Rietveld (and online) October 27 November 3, 10, 17, 24 December 1, 8, 15 January 19 February 2, 9, 16 March 2, 9, 16, 21, 22

Conference-festival and Rietveld Uncut at Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam: March 23, 24, 25, 26` Studium Generale Rietveld Academie is an extensive transdisciplinary theory programme that addresses students and faculty at all depart- ments of the Gerrit Rietveld Academie Amsterdam. It regularly opens up to broader audiences. Studium Generale wants to show how art and design are linked with other domains (from the personal to the political, from the vernacular to the academic), how our 'now' is linked with past and future, our 'here' with 'elsewhere'.

In the belief that art students can only learn to think independently when knowledge, imagination and reflection combine to work together in an unorthodox and critical way, Studium Generale Rietveld aims to encourage critical forms of learning, making and thinking. It follows a new research trajectory every year around a specific theme that links up with current events, issues and discussions in the (art) world. Artists and theoreticians from home and abroad offer a broad spectrum of perspectives on the overarching themes with lectures, performances, presentations and screenings.

After a preliminary programme, which also includes film screenings, reading groups, workshops and publications, there is an annual four- day conference festival in collaboration with guest curators who make contact with urgent critical discourses from different perspectives and practices.

This takes place at the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam and is open to the public. Since 2014 Studium Generale teams up with Rietveld Uncut; departments and individual students develop projects in relation to the theoretical framework of Studium Generale. The presentation and exhibition of these programmes is simultaneous to the conference, bringing 'the making and the thinking' together.

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