

Waterscapes in the Bothnian Bay and beyond

Critical Arctic Studies Symposium 2026

Kemi cultural center (Tuulenpesä meeting room) and online

Program

Tuesday 25 August 2026

9.00-10.00 Opening session & Keynote 1

Chairperson: Monica Tennberg

Juha Ylimaunu	The Bothnian Bay - aspects from history and human-nature relationship
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10.00-10.30 Coffee

10.30-11.45 Session 1 Troubled waters

Chairperson: Heidi Konttinen

Tuuli Parviainen	Infusing marine community knowledge into reimagining just and crisis resilient marine futures
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Karolina Eriksson, Siv Huseby, Sonia Brugel, Joakim Ahlgren & Agneta Andersson	Before the bloom - consequences of changed nutrient availability
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Julia Olsen	Marine litter: shared responsibility for the Arctic Ocean
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11.45-12.45 Lunch

12.45-14.25 Session 2 Water lives

Chairperson: Joonas Vola

Hindertje Hoarau-Heemstra & Chaima Elhichou-Ahmed	Care-full coastal tourism: thinking with algae in more-than-human waterscapes
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Danielle Wilde	Aesthetics, morals, and participation in Gulf of Bothnia water relations
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Mo Loui Karnbach	Care-violence entanglements in multispecies waterscapes: Conceptual reflections on fishing practices in Northern Norway
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Sunna Kokkonen	Pink salmon paradoxes: more-than-human sensemaking in removing unwanted salmon from Barents Sea rivers
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14.25-14.55 Coffee

14.55-16.35 Session 3 Water ontologies

Chairperson: Hannah Strauss-Mazzullo

Joonas Vola	Fluvial cyborgs: Environmental personhood, nature restoration and anamorphic wholeness
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Iuliia Gataulina	Fractal paradigm of water-as-motion: Indeterminate being, decentred voluminosity, and orderly chaos
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Johan Cederqvist	When Salmon ceased to return: Ecological rupture and the erosion of riverine cultures in the Swedish North
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Heidi Konttinen	Participating in the absent worlds of artisanal seal hide tanning
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Evening program: 17.00-20.00 Cruise on the ship Jähti (departure from the Kemi harbour near the cultural centre) and dinner after the cruise in a nearby restaurant in the harbour

Wednesday 26 August 2026

9.00-10.15 Session 4 Managed water

Chairperson: Joonas Vola

Hannah Strauss-Mazzullo	Water provision in Finnish Lapland's small water cooperatives
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Mari-Sohvi Miettinen, Riina Sirén & Maija Miettinen	Near a stream, by a pond. Water practices on Finnish wilderness cabins as naturecultural care
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Venla Isomäki & Mirjami Lantto Klein	Hydro-social politics of sustainability: Discursive constructs and material outcomes in Finnish water governance
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10.15-10.45 Coffee

10.45-11.45 Keynote 2

Chairperson: Hannah Strauss-Mazzullo

Monica Tennberg	Re-assembling the sea
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11.45-12.45 Lunch

12.45-14.00 **Session 5 Water as art**

Chairperson: Heidi Konttinen

Mari Keskikorsu	More than a person river: Eco-socially engaged art practices towards more-than-human decision making
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Lin Ni	Suturing disconnection: Artistic research, planetary water, and fragmented eco-cosmopolitanism
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Lena Leimgruber Haraldsson	Archival waterscapes: Relationality and intimate localisation in Emmi Itäranta's Memory of Water
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14.00-14.30 Coffee

14.30-16.00 **Session 6 Water-related technologies**

Chairperson: Monica Tennberg

Hannele Mäkelä, Milla Helminen & Ilona Mettiäinen	Sustainable shipping in the Arctic
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Alexandra Middleton	Reconsidering the value of water in Arctic hydrogen production
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Beata Mäihäniemi	Regulating digital water for climate resilience: Digital twins, utility data, and EU law
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15.45-16.00 **Final discussion**