

Presenter 4: Flavia Ghetu	Presenter 4: Lisa Schantl
Minutes: Teresa Weinholtz Response: Alice Faiella	Minutes: Lisa Schattmann Response: João Henrique da Costa Sol Afonso

12:15 Lunch – UniCafé, Heinrichstr. 36/II, Ground Floor

13:30 Chapter Discussions III

Panel 1 (SR 11.11)	Panel 2 (SR 11.13)
Moderator: Prof. Sofia Lodén	Moderator: Dr. Diana Gonçalves
Presenter 5: Alice Faiella	Presenter 5: Alyse Kaweng Fan
Minutes: Suvi Tuulia Reivilä Response: Ahlem Saidani	Minutes: Hanna Gottlieb-Zimmermann Response: Lisa Schantl
Presenter 6: Francesca Luppino	Presenter 6: Lisa Schattmann
Minutes: Mahdî Brecq Response: Flavia Ghetu	Minutes: João Henrique da Costa Sol Afonso Response: Meeri Pihlström

15:00 Short Break

15:15 Chapter Discussions IV

Joint Panel (SR 11.13)
Moderator: Prof. Elena Agazzi
Presenter 7: Teresa Weinholtz
Minutes: Ahlem Saidani Response: Francesca Luppino

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 Keynote: Prof. Katharina Scherke “Emotions of Temporal Orientation. A Sociology of Emotions’ Perspective on Nostalgia and Hope” (SR 11.13)

18:30 Joint Dinner – Das Promenade (Erzherzog-Johann-Allee 1, 8010 Graz)

Saturday, 16 May

09:00 For Doctoral Students:

Workshop with Dr. Angela Gencarelli
“Doing Theory: Your First and Last Step
Towards Your PhD” (SR 11.13)

For Professors and PostDocs:

PeerNet Project Presentations
(Besprechungsraum & [Hybrid](#))

11:00 Lunch – Packed Lunch

12:00 Journey to the Castle Eggenberg and Guided Tour in English



Programme

14–16 May 2026

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PhDnet Doctoral Symposium (7th Cohort)
Centre for Cultural Studies (Heinrichstraße 36/II, 8010 Graz)



Thursday, 14 May

12:00 For Professors: Business Meeting (Besprechungsraum, 2nd Floor & [Hybrid](#))

13:00 For Professors: Lunch

14:00 Words of Welcome (SR 11.11): Prof. Christine Schwanecke (University of Graz), Prof. Kirsten von Hagen (GCSC), and Dr. Deborah de Muijnck (GCSC)

14:15 Progress Reports I (10–15 min. each)

Group 1 (SR 11.11)	Group 2 (SR 11.13)
Moderator: Prof. Uwe Wirth	Moderator: Prof. Kai Mikkonen
Presenter 1: Lisa Schattmann	Presenter 1: Flavia Ghetu
Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary “Romantasy” Literature	Modes and Tropes of Pessimism: Disrupting Neoliberal Representations of the Village in Eastern European Novels and Films
Presenter 2: João Henrique da Costa Sol Afonso	Presenter 2: Meeri Pihlström
The Sacred and the Beast: The Zoopoetics of Murilo Mendes and Tristan Tzara (1930–1959)	Retelling Human–Nature Relationships in Disney’s Adaptations of Children’s Literature
Presenter 3: Alice Faiella	Presenter 3: Ahlem Saidani
The Büchner Prize as a Symbolic Space for the Construction of German Cultural Identity	Shakespeare in France: Otherness, Translation, and Adaptation in Enlightenment and Romantic France

15:15 Short Break

15:30 Progress Reports II (10–15 min. each)

Group 1 (SR 11.11)	Group 2 (SR 11.13)
Moderator: Prof. Elisabeth Herrmann	Moderator: Dr. Deborah de Muijnck
Presenter 4: Hanna Gottlieb-Zimmermann	Presenter 4: Lisa Schantl
‘Knowledge of Good and Evil’ – Redefining Early Modern Knowledge of Pregnancy and Childbirth and its Gendered and Generic Patterns in Personal and Medical Discourse from 17 th -Century England	Global Currents in Translingual Poetry: Tracing Language, Geography and Culture in Contemporary Anglophone Literatures

Presenter 5: Alyse Kaweng Fan	Presenter 5: Mahdí Brecq
Contrapuntal Harmony: European Diasporic Poetics in Macau and Hong Kong	Au croisement des genres: étude philologique d’Élie de Saint-Gilles
Presenter 6: Teresa Weinholtz	Presenter 6: Suvi Tuulia Reivilä
Exploring the Materiality, Artistic Practice, and Cultural Context of Contemporary Artists’ Books	The Language of Poverty in Contemporary Finnish Literature: A Stylistic Study
Presenter 7: Francesca Luppino	
Evolving Notions of Modern Authorship from Renaissance to Dataism Times	

16:30 Coffee Break (with group photo)

17:00 Keynote: **Prof. Anne-Kathrin Reulecke** “Humanoid Narration in Contemporary Literature. Kazuo Ishiguro's novel *Klara and the Sun*” (SR 11.13)

18:30 Joint Dinner – Gösser Bräu (Neutorgasse 48, 8010 Graz)

Friday, 15 May

09:00 Chapter Discussion I

Panel 1 (SR 11.11)	Panel 2 (SR 11.13)
Moderator: Prof. Christine Schwanecke	Moderator: Dr. Danica Stojanovic-Schaffrath
Presenter 1: Suvi Tuulia Reivilä	Presenter 1: Meeri Pihlström
Minutes: Alice Faiella Response: Mahdí Brecq	Minutes: Lisa Schantl Response: Hanna Gottlieb-Zimmermann
Presenter 2: Ahlem Saidani	Presenter 2: João Henrique da Costa Sol Afonso
Minutes: Flavia Ghetu Response: Teresa Weinholtz	Minutes: Alyse Kaweng Fan Response: Lisa Schattmann

10:30 Short Break

10:45 Chapter Discussions II

Panel 1 (SR 11.11)	Panel 2 (SR 11.13)
Moderator: Prof. Kirsten von Hagen	Moderator: Dr. Deborah de Muijnck
Presenter 3: Mahdí Brecq	Presenter 3: Hanna Gottlieb-Zimmermann
Minutes: Francesca Luppino Response: Suvi Tuulia Reivilä	Minutes: Meeri Pihlström Response: Alyse Kaweng Fan