

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

At the core of the Panel's activities, the Planetary Scholars & Artists in Residence Program (2022–2025) provides scholars and artists from diverse backgrounds with the resources and conditions to collaboratively realize science communication and other transdisciplinary projects.

Funded by the Hessian Ministry of Science and Research, Arts and Culture, the program sought to explore how academia and the arts grapple with the complex and ever-changing relationships between societies and the planet. Each year, fellows were invited to work on collaborative projects tailored to specific themes: Planetary Materials (2022), Planetary Spaces (2023), Planetary Times (2024), Planetary Agency (summer term 2025), and Planetary Politics (winter term 2025).

With the final year's focus on Agency and Politics, fellows were invited to translate the theoretical and conceptual groundwork established over the previous three years into practice. Accordingly, the present conference not only provides a platform for synthesizing and presenting these outcomes but also lays the foundation for continued collaborative work in the emerging field of planetary politics.

ABOUT THE PANEL

Founded in 2020, the Panel on Planetary Thinking promotes holistic perspectives on planet–human relations through transdisciplinary research and teaching at Justus Liebig University Giessen and beyond. Its first colloquium gathered about thirty scholars from the humanities, social, natural, and life sciences. Since then, its research, outreach, and international cooperation contributes to the paradigm shift of planetary thinking. Involving international scholars and artists, it has realized a range of initiatives to engage the public with planetary issues, maintaining local partnerships with Giessen's cinema, theatre, space for contemporary art, makerspace, and others.

CONFERENCE PHILOSOPHY

From Relations to Politics is about building a foundation for researching and developing a planetary praxis, the focus is thus not primarily to present finalized research. We gather to explore how relations—between humans, nonhumans, and planetary forces—can serve as the ground for future forms of politics. Through conceptual experimentation, artistic exploration, and transdisciplinary dialogue, participants will collaboratively open pathways towards enduring human-planet relations. This conference is an invitation to help shape the intellectual architecture of planetary politics in the future. We look forward to a thoughtful, open, and inspiring exchange that lays groundwork for researching planetary world-making.

LOCATION

Schloss Rauischholzhausen
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REGISTRATION FOR DAY-PARTICIPANTS

We invite interested guests to participate in any part of the event, if registered by November 1st. However, please note that there is no space for overnight stays at the castle except for invited participants and your travel must be arranged by yourselves.



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FROM RELATIONS TO POLITICS
PATHWAYS TOWARD
A PLANETARY PRAXIS
CONCLUDING CONFERENCE

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The relations humans cultivate with their planetary home call for fundamental reconsideration. Prevailing extractive modes of living off—rather than with—the Earth have shaped ecosystems, societies, and politics in ways that threaten the conditions necessary for a habitable planet. Conventional scientific paradigms and governance frameworks still struggle to understand and engage with the interconnectedness of societies’ and Earth’s dynamics. Rather than responding only to pressing challenges, this conference invites participants to engage a broader horizon: How might we ask better questions, build new knowledge, and develop practices that nurture enduring human planet relations? What modes of inquiry, imagination, and collaboration are needed to safeguard or even enrich planetary habitability?

FORMAT

The three-day event begins with a junior scholar colloquium, where PhD students present their work. The subsequent program features lectures, artistic interventions, interactive sessions, and discussion panels led by the program’s fellows and distinguished guest speakers. Participants are invited to explore convergences and tensions between different pathways and to collaboratively shape future directions of planetary inquiry and practice. Accordingly, the program is organized from grounding to processing to consolidating human-planet relations through 10 pathways: cooperation, localization, embodiment, recognition, communication, contemplation, relations, negotiation, invention, and Interaction.

Adam Frank, University of Rochester
Alexandra Toland, Bauhaus University Weimar
Angela Snæfellsjökuls Rawlings, Planetary Fellow
Angie Pepper, University of Roehampton
Anthony Burke, University of New South Wales
Azucena Morán, Research Institute for Sustainability at GFZ
Brandon Letsinger, Cascadia Dept of Bioregion
Bronislaw Szerszynski, Lancaster University

18.11.2025, DAY 1:
ADRESSING PLANETARY REALITY

TIME	PROGRAM
10:00	Arrival at the Castle
11:00	Junior Scholar Colloquium
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Arrival of our guests: Coffee & Cake Reception
14:30	Welcome Address Panel on Planetary Thinking
15:00	<i>Impulse Talk:</i> Universities as Anchors of Societal Change in the Planetary Age Patrizia Nanz
15:30	Comfort Break & Group Photo
16:00	PATHWAY 1: COOPERATION <i>Artistic Intervention:</i> Towards Symbiocracy - Nature’s AI Avatars Danilo Olivaz, Ingvild Syntropia, Lahn River Avatar, Claus Leggewie & Jonathan Ledgard
17:00	Comfort Break
17:30	PATHWAY 2: LOCALIZATION <i>Keynote Lecture & Discussion:</i> The Planetary as a New Cosmology Adam Frank Respondent: Lukáš Likavčan
19:00	Dinner

Claudia J. Ford, Planetary Fellow
Claus Leggewie, Panel on Planetary Thinking
Danilo Olivaz, Planetary Fellow
Erle Ellis, Planetary Fellow
Eva Meijer, Planetary Fellow
Frank Biermann, Utrecht University
Frederic Hanusch, Panel on Planetary Thinking
Ingvild Syntropia, Planetary Fellow

19.11.2025, DAY 2:
WORKING HUMAN-PLANET RELATIONS

TIME	PROGRAM
08:30	Breakfast
09:30	PATHWAY 3: EMBODIMENT <i>Interactive Session:</i> Human-Soil Relations Sophie von Redecker, Alexandra Toland & Claudia J. Ford
10:30	PATHWAY 4: RECOGNITION <i>Interactive Session:</i> Planetary Multispecies Politics Milja Kurki & Miranda Whall
11:30	Comfort Break
12:00	PATHWAY 5: COMMUNICATION <i>Artistic Intervention:</i> Glacial Vocabulary Angela Snæfellsjökuls Rawlings, Ólafur Páll Jónsson, Ole Martin Sandberg & Patrick Flamm
13:00	Lunch
14:30	PATHWAY 6: CONTEMPLATION <i>Castle Garden Tour</i> Martin de Jong
16:00	PATHWAY 7: INTERACTION <i>Interactive Session:</i> Multispecies Assemblies Eva Meijer, Angie Pepper & Jason Waite
17:00	Comfort
17:30	PATHWAY 8: RELATIONS <i>Interactive Session:</i> Relating to Earth in Both Directions Erle Ellis, Liza Bauer & Bronislaw Szerszynski
18:30	Dinner

Jason Waite, Planetary Fellow
Jonathan Ledgard, Interspecies Money
Liza Bauer, Panel on Planetary Thinking
Lukáš Likavčan, Planetary Fellow
Maarten A. Hajer, Utrecht University
Martin de Jong, University of Giessen
Milja Kurki, Planetary Fellow
Miranda Whall, Aberystwyth University

20.11.2025, DAY 3:
TOWARDS A PLANETARY POLITICS

TIME	PROGRAM
08:30	Breakfast
09:30	PATHWAY 9: NEGOTIATION <i>Panel Discussion:</i> Imagining Earth Politics Beyond Failure Stefan Pedersen & Maarten A. Hajer
10:30	Comfort Break
11:00	PATHWAY 10: INVENTION <i>Panel Discussion:</i> An Agenda for Planetary Praxis & Politics Frederic Hanusch, Azucena Morán, Frank Biermann, Anthony Burke & Brandon Letsinger
12:30	Wrap-up by the Panel on Planetary Thinking
13:00	Lunch
14:00	<i>Authors’ meeting:</i> Planetary Politics: 10 Puzzles for Political Science
15:15	Bus transfer to Giessen train station

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