

## Conference Program – Contagion, Information, Territory – June 17-19

**Wednesday** 17 June 2026

**Panels:** Lipsius building room 1.23

09:30-10:00

**Registration**

10:00-10:30

**Welcome**

10:30-12:30

**Panel 1**

Informational Management, Policing & Occupation  
(Burton; Awartani; Ludovice; Koufogiannakis)

12:30-14:00

**Lunch**

14:00-15:30

**Panel 2**

Mediating Contagion  
(Rinzema; Tay; Casey)

15:30-15:50

**Coffee**

15:50-17:20

**Panel 3**

Cleanliness, Immunity and the End of the World  
(Bokestael; Van Berge; Wowk)

**Thursday** 18 June 2026

**Keynote:** P.J. Veth building room 1.01

**Panels:** Lipsius building room 1.48

10:00-11:30

**Keynote**

Dr. Seb Franklin

11:30-11:50

**Coffee**

11:50-13:20

**Panel 4**

Blackness, Borders, Bodies  
(Lenting; Sinha; Brunner)

13:20-15:00

**Lunch**

15:00-16:30

**Panel 5**

Ecology, Toxicity, Biosecurity  
(Smithwick; Shevchenko; Van Schie)

16:30-17:00

**Break**

17:00-18:30

**TBA**

**Friday** 19 June 2026

**Keynote:** Academy building Teldersauditorium

**Panels:** Lipsius building room 1.48

10:00-11:30

**Keynote**

Prof. dr. Jasbir Puar

11:30-11:50

**Coffee**

11:50-13:20

**Panel 6**

Biopolitics and the Instrumentalization of Bodies  
(Graham-Cooper; Yatsyk; Cuzzolino)

13:20-15:00

**Lunch**

15:00-16:30

**Panel 7**

Relationality, Entanglement, Community  
(Van Minnen; Ben Shimon; Hester)

16:30-17:00

**Closing Remarks**

19:00-21:30

**Dinner**

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### **DAY 1 | Panel 1 | 10:30-12:30**

*Informational Management, Policing & Occupation*

# **Laini Burton**\_\_The Face as Territory: Masking, Anonymity, and Resistance to Biometric Contagion.

# **Masa Awartani**\_\_Digital Occupation as Contagion: Telecommunications Control in the West Bank.

# **Nicolo Paolo P. Ludovice**\_\_Informational Territory-Making: Health Data, Sovereignty, and the Biopolitics of Philippine Reconstruction, 1946-1953.

# **Stelios Koufogiannakis**\_\_Pathologizing Crime: Medical Metaphors and Models in Predictive Policing.

### **DAY 1 | Panel 2 | 14:00-15:30**

*Mediating Contagion*

# **Lucas Rinzema** \_\_Sanctioned Sight: Biosecurity Infrastructure as Media in the Animal-Industrial Complex.

# **Rachel Tay**\_\_ Valences of the Same: Memes, Metaphors, and Contagious Analogs.

# **Max Casey**\_\_ Was the subject just a computer's idea for making more computers? On the viral logic of language and computation in the formation of subjectivity.

### **DAY 1 | Panel 3 | 15:50-17:20**

*Cleanliness, Immunity and the End of the World*

# **Mathieu Bokestaël**\_\_ImmunoValley: The Immunitary Imaginaries of Silicon Valley.

# **Laila van Berge**\_\_Sana Sana Pachamama: Spiritual Sanitization and Contagious Connections.

# **Lucy Wowk**\_\_Melancholic Disavowal: Imagining the End of Humanity.

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### **DAY 2 | Panel 4 | 11:50-13:20**

*Blackness, Borders, Bodies*

# **Menno Lenting**\_\_\_The Face as Territory: Masking, Anonymity, and Resistance to Biometric Contagion.

# **Sinha Aman**\_\_\_The Body, The Image and the Archive: Navigating Digitality in Zanele Muholi's Self Portraiture.

# **Christoph Brunner**\_\_\_Transparency Surround(ed): Édouard Glissant's Concept of *l'informatique* and Archipelagic Media Activism.

### **DAY 2 | Panel 5 | 15:00-16:30**

*Ecology, Toxicity, Biosecurity*

# **Mays Smithwick**\_\_\_Rhetorics of Toxicity: The Making of Threat, Contamination, and Borders.

# **Sergei Shevchenko**\_\_\_From Ecological Preparedness to Epidemic Zoning: Soviet Approaches to Biosecurity.

# **Gerwin van Schie**\_\_\_Viral Tulips: A Critical Discussion of Virality, Symbiosis, and the making of Dutchness.

### **DAY 3 | Panel 6 | 11:50-13:20**

*Biopolitics and the Instrumentalization of Bodies*

# **Thea Graham-Cooper**\_\_\_Reproductive Warfare and the Biopolitics of Settler Futurity: Post-Mortem Sperm Retrieval in Israel Post-October 7<sup>th</sup>.

# **Alexandra Yatsyk**\_\_\_The Biopolitics of Disability: Veteran Care and Abandonment in Russian war against Ukraine.

# **Alessandra Cuzzolini**\_\_\_The Making of the Migrant Sex Worker: Temporal Borders and the Defining of Agency through Burdened Agency.

### **DAY 3 | Panel 7 | 15:00-16:30**

*Relationality, Entanglement, Community*

# **Karen D van Minnen**\_\_\_Territorial Cut.

# **Ohad Ben Shimon**\_\_\_Theorizing Immunity from the Autoimmune.

# **Rebecca Hester**\_\_\_Pathogenic Entanglements: Contagion, Information, and Territory.