



Funded by
the European Union
NextGenerationEU



The symposium is part of the project "RSU internal and RSU with LSPA external consolidation", No. 5.2.1.1.i.0/2/24/1/CFLA/005, Postdoctoral Grant "Vegetal Agency and Contemporary Art: Towards Sustainable Relationships with a More-Than-Human World", No. RSU-PG-2024/1-0003



International Symposium

Wild Things

"The wild is "the worst idea I ever heard,".. , a terrain of alternative formulations".
(Halberstam, Jack. *Wild Things. The Disorder of Desire*.
Duke University Press, 2020, p. x)

Organizers: Riga Stradins University

Date: 10/03/2024

Venue: Agenskalna market, 64 Nometņu iela, Rīga

Time	Presenter
10:00-11:20	<p><i>Exploring Naturalness, Wilderness, and Coexistence: Rethinking Nature Discourses in Latvia</i></p> <p>Anita Zariņa, Dr.geogr., Assoc. Prof., researcher, University of Latvia (Latvia) <i>Nature Connectedness and Wellbeing</i></p> <p>Leanne Townsend, Senior Social Scientist, James Hutton Institute (Scotland) <i>Sacred Groves in Europe</i></p> <p>Lukasz Luczaj, Prof. of biological sciences at University of Rzeszów (Poland) <i>Romanticism and How Wild Things Return to Cuisine</i></p> <p>Rimvydas Laužikas, Prof. of Digital Heritage of the Faculty of Communication at Vilnius University (Lithuania)</p>
11:20-11:40	Coffee break
11:40-13:00	<p><i>Thinking and Living with Plants: Art, Gender and Breathable Futures</i></p> <p>Jana Kukaine, senior researcher and assistant professor, Riga Stradins University (Latvia) <i>Overlooked Agents: Plants in Contemporary Art as Narrators of Marginalized Histories</i></p> <p>Marta Maria Wódz, PhD researcher at KU Leuven (Belgium) <i>Ignite a spark: Tinder polypore in Latvian ethnomycology, language, informal education and artistic practices</i></p> <p>Andra Simanova^a, Evita Veinberga^a, Ivo Treide^a, Diāna Meiere^{ab} ^a Latvian Mycological Society, Latvia ^b Latvian National Museum of Natural History <i>The Feral and the Maternal in David Huebert's Short Story "Cruelty".</i></p> <p>Rūta Šlapkauskaitė, Associate Professor, Vilnius University (Lithuania)</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:20	<p><i>Multi-use of forests: non-wood forest products (NWFP) and organic certification</i></p> <p>Hanna Muttilainen, Research Scientist, Natural Resource Institute (LUKE) (Finland) <i>Activities connected to the berry value chain in the Swedish research center FINEST</i></p> <p>Evelina Höglund, Researcher Food Process Design, RISE Research Institutes of Sweden (Sweden) <i>The results of Finland's national wild berry monitoring program</i></p> <p>Rainer Peltola, Senior Scientist, Natural Resource Institute (LUKE) (Finland) <i>Land-ing – the elusive justification for choosing the right foraging spot</i></p> <p>Mikelis Grivins, research professor, Riga Stradins University (Latvia)</p>