



Symposium Programme

Burning Man and Transformational Event Cultures (Nov 29–30 2018)

Thursday Nov 29 2018
MIS Hall Guggi 0101

9.00–9.30 Welcome Coffee

9.45–10.30 Introduction

10.30–11.15 Stuart Mangrum. The Cacophonous Roots of Burning Man

11.15–12.30 Regional Burning Man Culture and Transformation [Chair: Megan Miller]
Nic Laz. Bloom: Burning Man Inspired Communities in Switzerland and How Burner Culture Can Transform Trauma into Growth.
Judith Schossböck. Identity & Transformation in Regional Burning Man Communities: Contrasting the Chinese Case.
Iris Riklis. Midburn and Rapid Growth

12.30–2.00 Lunch

2.00–2.30 Ian Rowen. Radicals, Regionals & Rhizomes: Towards a Transformational Geography of Burning Man

2.30–4.00 The Spirit of Burning Man [Chair: Katherine Chen]
Sarah Pike. Altars to Ashes: Transfiguration & the Material Culture of Grief at Burning Man
Amanda Lucia. Box Braids, Buddhist Altars & Native Headdresses: Radical Self Expression vs. Cultural Property at Burning Man
François Gauthier. Burning Spirits: Gift, Play & Ritual

4.00–4.30 Afternoon Break

4.30–6.00 Burning Research [Chair: Josh Lease]
Graham St John. Artopia: Art, Drama & Redress in Burner Culture
Jukka-Pekka Heikkilä. Burning Stories: A Shared Platform Combining Science & Arts

Dinner 7.30 pm (for programme participants)
Ristorante Bindella Fribourg
Rue de Lausanne 38/40, 1700 Fribourg
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Friday Nov 30 2018
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9.00–10.30 Surveying a Movement [Chair: François Gauthier]
Dana DeVaul. Black Rock City Census: Research Methods & Ongoing Collaborations
Dominic Beaulieu-Prévost. From Burning Man to Transformational Festivals: Sexuality, Community & Experiences of Personal Transformation
Shawn Saleme. Midburn: Community Successes & Challenges in the First Five Years
Botond Vitos. Surveying EuroBurners: Regionals, Values & Motivations

10.30–11.00 Morning Break

11.00–12.00 Euro-Burners [Chair. Meghan Rutigliano]

Mathias Gullbrandson. From Event Production to Year Round Movement

Hugi Ásgeirsson. Radical Networks: How Online Communities Can Learn From the Silk Roads

12.00–1.30 Lunch

1.30–3.00 Festivals, Culture & Transformation [Chair. Graham St John]

Alice O'Grady. Entering the Realm of Avalon at Whirl-y-Fayre: Myth, Magick & the Micro Festival

Chris Anderton. Festival Spaces / Festival Places: Ephemerality, Continuity & a Sense of Place

George McKay. Muddying the British Pop Festival: Dirt, Mud, Landscape, Criticality

Daniel Yudkin. Moral Change at Transformational Events

3.00–4.00 Stop Thinking and Burn Already: Action & Creative Tension as the Foundations of Burning Man Culture

Caveat Magister, with Steven Raspa and Molly Rose

4.00–4.30 Afternoon Break

4.30–5.30 Burning Man in the World [Chair. Jukka-Pekka Heikkilä]

Cheryl Edison. Makerspace Magic: The DIY Surge of New City Economic, Social & Environmental Progress

Katherine K. Chen. Burning Man in the Default World? Learning Communities at Burning Man & a Democratic School

David Koren. Burning Man, FIGMENT & the Regionals: Inside, Outside & Out There

5.30–6.00 Closing with Marian Goodell

Dinner 7.30 pm (for programme participants)

Restaurant de la Clef

Planche-Supérieure 2, 1700 Fribourg

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Saturday Dec 1 2018

Bus trip to H.R Giger Museum and Bar at St-Germain, Gruyère,

10.00 AM – 3.30 PM

10.00 AM. Bus leaves Hotel Alpha: Rue Du Simplon 13, 1700 Fribourg

3.30 PM. Bus departs St-Germain and drops everyone off at Hotel Alpha.

Sorry: bus seats limited to registered participants only.

Information

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