Symposium Programme

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

Thursday Nov 29 2018
MIS Hall Güggi 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

Dinner 7.30 pm (for programme participants)
Ristorante Bindella Fribourg
Rue de Lausanne 38/40, 1700 Fribourg
Tel: +41 26 322 49 05

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: Ephemeralilty, 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.
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