

# Apocalypse Now

## Narratives of Crisis and Catastrophe in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



### INTERNATIONAL LECTURE SERIES

FALL TERM 2017/18

Thursday, 6-8pm in Unterrichtsraum, Department of English and American Studies  
AAKH Campus, Spitalgasse 2-4, Hof 8.3 University of Vienna

Organizers: **Alexandra Hauke** (American Studies, University of Passau),  
**Judith Kohlenberger** (Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital,  
Vienna University of Economics and Business), **Katharina Wiedlack** (Herta-Firnberg-  
Fellow, Department of English and American Studies, University of Vienna)

**1 / Oct 5, 2017 / Introduction: Imagining the Apocalypse – Contemporary Situations at the End**

**2 / Oct 12, 2017 / A Cultural History of Catastrophe**

Eva Horn (Department of German Studies, University of Vienna)

**3 / Oct 19, 2017 / Catastrophe, Utopia or Enigma? Imagined Futures of (Un)Sustainability**

Fred Luks (Vienna University of Economics and Business/Competence Center for Sustainability) &  
Georg Drennig (Department of English and American Studies, University of Vienna)

**4 / Nov 2, 2017 / Digital Revolution: The Manifold Crises in the Age of Intelligent Machines**

Fabian Stephany (Vienna University of Economics and Business/Agenda Austria)

**5 / Nov 9, 2017 / Playing with the End of the World: *The Last of Us* and Post-Apocalyptic Gaming**

Jesse Ramirez (American Studies, English Department, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of St. Gallen)

**6 / Nov 16, 2017 / Of Migration Waves, Floods and Streams: Narratives of Crisis and Apocalypse in the Bible and Modern Times**

Regina Polak (Department of Practical Theology, University of Vienna)

**7 / Nov 23, 2017 / The Refugee Crisis and Forced Migration Flows into Austria**

Ralph Janik (Department of European, International and Comparative Law, University of Vienna) &  
Isabella Buber-Ennser (Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital, VID/ÖAW)

**8 / Nov 30, 2017 / Narratives and Metaphors of the Financial Crisis**

Stephan Pühringer (Institute for Comprehensive Analysis of the Economy, Johannes Kepler University Linz)

**9 / Dec 7, 2017 / On Holodomor and Chernobyl: Trauma and Memory in Ukrainian History**

Kerstin S. Jobst (Department of East European History, University of Vienna)

**10 / Dec 14, 2017 / Imagining the End of Britain: The Contemporary Cosy Catastrophe**

Philip Jacobi (English Literature and Culture, University of Passau)

**11 / Jan 11, 2018 / The Crisis Effect: Global Moral Obligations and National Responses to Refugees in Turkey**

Sabine Strasser (Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern)

**12 / Jan 18, 2018 / Conclusion & Wrap-Up: Tropes, Topics, and Themes in 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Narratives of Crisis and Catastrophe**

**13 / Jan 25, 2018 / Student Exam**

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