Apocalypse Now
Narratives of Crisis and Catastrophe in the 21st Century

INTERNATIONAL LECTURE SERIES
FALL TERM 2017/18
Thursday, 6-8pm in Unterrichtsräum, 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,
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1 / Oct 5, 2017 / Introduction: Imagining the Apocalypse – Contemporary Situations at the End
Eva Horn (Department of German Studies, University of Vienna)

2 / Oct 12, 2017 / A Cultural History of Catastrophe
Fred Luks (Vienna University of Economics and Business/Competence Center for Sustainability) &
Georg Drennig (Department of English and American Studies, University of Vienna)

3 / Oct 19, 2017 / Catastrophe, Utopia or Enigma? Imagined Futures of (Un)Sustainability
Jesse Ramirez (American Studies, English Department, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of St. Gallen)

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

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

7 / Nov 23, 2017 / The Refugee Crisis and Forced Migration Flows into Austria
Regina Polak (Department of Practical Theology, University of Vienna)

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

10 / Dec 14, 2017 / Imagining the End of Britain: The Contemporary Cosy Catastrophe
Rachel Janik (Department of English, University of Vienna) &
Isabella Buber-Ennser (Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital, VID/ÖAW)

11 / Jan 11, 2018 / The Crisis Effect: Global Moral Obligations and National Responses to Refugees in Turkey
Philip Jacobi (English Literature and Culture, University of Passau)

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

13 / Jan 25, 2018 / Student Exam

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