

Narratives of pain: disasters, diseases and displacement

The department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology organizes – in collaboration with Engaging Vulnerability and Uppsala Forum for Democracy, Peace and Justice – a workshop on narratives of pain, disasters, diseases and displacements. The aim of the workshop is to expand our common knowledge, theories and methodologies of narratives in relation to difficult and painful areas of life and sociality.

We have invited three distinguished experts to discuss painful narratives:

Carl Lindahl is a professor in folkloristics at the University of Houston, Texas, with a special interest in folk narrative and survivor-centred disaster response.

Lindahl is going to hold a presentation with the title: *“Re-creating the Paradise Built in Hell: Survivor-to-Survivor Narration and Healing”*

Diane Goldstein is a professor in folkloristics at the Indiana University. She has been doing research on narratives in relation to Aids/HIV, 9/11, as well as on horror and religion.

Goldstein is going to hold a presentation with the title: *“The place where things fall apart: rethinking fragmentation”*

Kyrre Kverndokk is a professor in Cultural History at the University of Bergen. He has recently published a monograph on natural catastrophes at different places in different times. His previous works includes memory politics and memory practices in relation to holocaust.

Kverndokk’s presentation will be titled: *“Greta Thunberg, the child, and the apocalypse”*

In addition to these three experts, researchers and Ph.D candidates affiliated to the organizers has been invited to give presentations on their ongoing research on painful or otherwise difficult narratives.

The workshop will take place at Campus Engelska Parken, Thunbergsvägen 3, Uppsala.

If you are interested in attending the workshop, without presenting, please contact professor Owe Ronström no later than 16/9. The number of places are limited.

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Program

Tuesday

24/9 – Room 2-K1023

13.00 Welcoming speech and introduction

13.15 -14.00 Lecture 1

Carl Lindahl, professor in Folkloristics, Houston Texas

Re-creating the Paradise Built in Hell: Survivor-to-Survivor Narration and Healing

14.00 - 14. 30 Presentation1

Rikard Engblom, PhD student in Ethnology, Uppsala University

Social stigmas in torturous life stories

14.30 - 15.00 Coffee

15.00 - 15.30 Presentation 2

Loretto Villabolas, PhD student in Ethnology, Uppsala University

Narrating memory

15.30 - 16.00 Presentation 3

Leyla Belle Drake, PhD student in History of Ideas and Science, Uppsala University

The epistemology of war crimes: knowledge production and the 1967 Russell Tribunal

16.00 - 16.30 Summing up, discussion

18.00 Joint dinner at Williams

Wednesday

25/9 – Room 2-K1029 (OBS! Different room)

10.00 -10.45 Lecture 2

Diane Goldstein, professor in folkloristics at the Indiana University

The place where things fall apart

10.45 -11.15 Presentation 4

Maryam Adjam, PhD, lecturer at Stockholm and Uppsala university

Echoes of the missing: Tales of presence-absence

11.15 – 11.45 Presentation 5

Vida Sundseth Brenna, PhD student in History of Ideas and Science, Uppsala university

Narratives on Paper

11.45-12.00 General discussion

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-13.45 Lecture 3

Kyrre Kverndokk, professor in Cultural History at the University of Bergen.

Greta Thunberg, the child, and the apocalypse

13.45-14.15 Presentation 6

Claudia Merli, researcher in Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala university

Gendered and ungendered bodies in the tsunami: Experiences and ontological vulnerability in Southern Thailand

14.15 – 14.45 Presentation 7

Susann Baez Ullberg, researcher in Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala university

Narrating *la Inundación*: The canonization of a disaster

14.45 – 15.15 Coffee

15.15 – 15.45 Presentation 8

(slot still available)

15.45- 16.45 Closing discussion