EARTHBOUND

The Multispecies Paradigm Shift
Artists, Researchers and You Exploring and Challenging the Anthropocene

Aarhus & Mols, Denmark – Sept. 26th-29th 2018.

EARTHBOUND is an international symposium where people from diverse walks of life will gather around the urgent and universal topic: the state of the planet, and question what climate changes and the so called Anthropocene do to the thoughts, worldviews and actions of human beings.

The Anthropocene is the proposed label of the present geological epoch, where the activities of mankind have become a concrete climate factor with massive impact on the eco systems of the planet and its future geology. The paradigm shift is about how we in the Western world slowly seem to acknowledge that humans are deeply entangled with all other entities. This requires developing ways of living consciously with the many entities of the planet, where all creatures share the same right to live. These changes of mindset are already seen within research/science, the arts, as well as in various quotidian thoughts and actions. But to expand the understanding of living of the planet, and living with the land, decolonializing is also an important issue to address. We need to further explore and acknowledge the entanglements between the many entities and species of the planet in order to move into the future with both new and ancient, often indigenous, knowledge.

With EARTHBOUND we create interdisciplinary meetings which investigate the big changes in our surroundings as well as in the worldviews of humans, and how this affects how we think and act – in the arts spheres, in research and in other societal areas.

EARTHBOUND will unfold in the city of Aarhus and imbed in the scenic area of Mols. It will take its participants on a journey through science, art and changing localities, accompanied by three ‘main characters’: Animals, microbes and landscapes.

In company with the microbes and the landscapes EARTHBOUND will also host animals partaking in the symposiom. As we investigate a paradigm shift, we will challenge the traditional formats of knowledge sharing with lectures on busses, three lecturers meeting in one session, performances as well as performative elements. The food will be from local vegetarian produce and the food concept developed in collaboration with Institute of Meals.

We invite performing artists, visual artists, biologists, anthropologists, landscape historians, human geographers, philosophers and all others with an interest in this topic to join us.

EARTHBOUND is organized in collaboration with School of Communication & Culture – Aarhus University, AURA – Aarhus University Research on the Anthropocene, Aarhus Performing Arts Platform, post. Doc. Anette Vandsø from Aarhus University/ARoS, and Institute of Meals, Ebeltoft.

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