THE NINTH INTERNATIONAL TARTU CONFERENCE ON CANADIAN STUDIES

“VISIONS OF THE FUTURE”

October 12-13, 2019 at the University of Tartu, Estonia

Venue: The Main Building of the University of Tartu
Ülikooli 18 Room 139 (on the ground floor in the right wing)

Saturday, October 12

09:00-10:00 Registration
Lobby (cloakroom on your left upon entering)

10:00-10:15 Opening of the Conference
Richard Martin-Nielsen, Chargé d’Affaires, Embassy of Canada
Riho Altnurme, Vice Dean for Research, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Tartu

10:15-11:15 Plenary Session: The Real and the Virtual (Chair: Sara Bédard-Goulet)
Bertrand Gervais
Canada Research Chair in Digital Art and Literature
Director of the Research Laboratory on Hypermedia Works NT2, University of Quebec in Montreal, Canada

The Virtual Life, Twenty Years Later: A Parallel Reading of Martha Baer’s (As Francesca) and Karoline Georges’ De synthèse

11:15-12:15 Session I: Speculative Fiction (Chair: Ene-Reet Soovik)
Raili Marling
Department of English Studies, University of Tartu, Estonia
Death in Endtimes: Affect and Necropolitics in Nelly Arcan’s Exit

Edgars Ošņš
Latvian Association for Canadian Studies, Riga, Latvia
Surviving the Future: Waubgeshig Rice’s The Moon of the Crusted Snow

12:15-13:15 Break
Lunch on one’s own

13:15-14:15 Session II: Science Fiction (Chair: Ene-Reet Soovik)
Milda Danytė
Department of Foreign Language, Literature, and Translation Studies
Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania
Five Centuries after Our Own Times: Élisabeth Vonarburg’s Science Fiction Novel The Maerlande Chronicles

Auli Viidalepp
Imagining Anthropomorphic Robots in Canadian Sci-Fi Narratives
Department of Semiotics, University of Tartu, Estonia
14:15-14:45  Break  
Coffee/tea and refreshments (Room 140)

14:45-16:15  
**Session III: Spatiality, Temporality, and the Environment (Chair: Sara Bédard-Goulet)**

Rūta Šlapkauskaitė  
Department of English Philology, Vilnius University, Lithuania  
*Past Extinction, Future Survival: (Non-)Human Horizons in Claire Cameron’s The Last Neanderthal*

Ene-Reet Soovik  
Department of Semiotics and Department of Culture Studies, University of Tartu, Estonia  
*Early Atwood and Toxic Discourse*

Kadri Tüür  
Department of Culture Studies, University of Tartu, Estonia  
*Making Place in Language: Plays by Raissa Kõvamees*

16:15-16:45  Break  
Coffee/tea and refreshments (Room 140)

16:45-18:15  
**Session IV: Estonian Writing in Canada (Chair: Eva Rein)**

Sirje Kiin  
Freelancer Scholar, Estonia/USA  
*Images of Freedom in the Poetry of Estonian-Canadian Poet Urve Karuks*

Maarja Hollo  
Estonian Literary Museum, Tartu, Estonia  
*Exiles in Salme Ekbaum’s Novels*

Eva Rein  
Department of English Studies, University of Tartu, Estonia  
*An Uncertain Tomorrow: Liminality in Salme Ekbaum’s „Külaliseks on ootus“*

18:30-20:30  
**Reception hosted by Chargé d’Affaires Richard Martin-Nielsen**  
and  
**Opening of the Exhibit Sharing Our Stories: The Baltic Diaspora at Home in Canada**  
Curator Piret Noorhani, Chief Archivist, Museum of Estonians Abroad (VEMU)/Estonian Studies Centre, Toronto, Canada

**Venue:** The Humanities Building of the University of Tartu  
Lossi 3 Hallway Gallery (on the third and the fourth floor) (cloakroom on the second floor in Lossi 3-223 in the right wing)

**Sunday, October 13**

10:00-11:00  
**Session V: Quebec in Focus (Chair: Sara Bédard-Goulet)**

Kristina Minkova  
Department of American Studies, St. Petersburg State University, Russia  
*Future of Aboriginal Governance: the Case of Northern Quebec*

Françoise Sule  
Vice-présidente, AIEQ, Europe, Afrique et Moyen-Orient; Stockholm, Suède  
**Workshop:**  
Quand la littérature québécoise s’enseigne dans le monde!
11:00-11:30   Break  
Coffee/tea and refreshments (Room 140)

11:30-13:00   Session VI: First Nations; Legacy of Colonialism (Chair: Eva Rein)

**Pilvi Rajamäe**  
Department of English Studies, University of Tartu, Estonia  
*John Buchan’s Sick Heart River: A Vision of Canada vis-à-vis the US and the British Empire*

**Konstantin Romanov**  
Faculty of Foreign Languages and Area Studies of Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia  
*Visions of the Past: Cultural Memory and Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada*

**Kristina Aurylaitė**  
Department of Foreign Language, Literature, and Translation Studies, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania  
*“Native Remix:” Intertexts, Samplings, and Mash-Ups in Contemporary Indigenous Poetry*

13:00-13:15   Closing of the Conference