

Symposium How to Cope with Apocalyptic Narratives?

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Scientific results require communication, especially when they call for social action and have political consequences. In the past decades, there have been many challenges and crises concerning the treatment of our natural environment. To communicate these scientific results, different narratives have been used to convey our message to both policymakers and the general public. In this symposium, we want to explore exemplarily the kind of stories and narratives that have been told over the past decades each time scientists observed, analyzed, and modeled environmental pollution and destruction. From the different perspectives of environmental, historical, educational, and journalistic positions, we will discuss narratives ranging from empowerment to apocalyptic scenarios, their impact on our communication and action, and what we can learn from these examples about the correlation between narratives and our readiness to act.

Overview of Invited Talks and Sessions

(Lecture hall ELP 6: HS 4)

Invited Talks

SYAN 1.1	Mon	14:00–14:40	ELP 6: HS 4	The Apocalyptic Moment Is Over - And It Won't Come Back Anytime Soon — ●FRANK UEKOETTER
SYAN 1.2	Mon	14:40–15:20	ELP 6: HS 4	Shaping Cold War Futures through the Nuclear Winter Study: Narratives, Imaginaries and Legitimacy — ●EGLE RINDZEVICIUTE
SYAN 1.3	Mon	15:20–16:00	ELP 6: HS 4	The Role of Storytelling in Climate Communication — ●DENISE MÜLLER-DUM

Sessions

SYAN 1.1–1.3	Mon	14:00–16:00	ELP 6: HS 4	How to Cope with Apocalyptic Narratives?
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