INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

## Four scholars, one for each stream



STREAM I · SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY

### Dr María Ferrández-Sanmiguel

Associate Professor, University of Zaragoza, Spain

*"The Posthumanist Heroine's Journey"*

Her research centres on contemporary US speculative fiction, with special attention to trauma and the posthuman. She co-edited *The Posthuman Condition in 21st Century Literature and Culture* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2025).



STREAM II · SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY

### Dr Dana J. Gavin

Director of the Writing Center, Dutchess Community College, New York, USA

*"Teaching and Learning in the Age of AI: The Only Way Forward Is Through"*

Author of *Generative AI and the Future of the Humanities: Reading, Writing, Teaching, Labor* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2025) and an inaugural SUNY AI for the Public Good Fellow (2025–2026).



STREAM III · SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY

### Dr Marco Caracciolo

Associate Professor of English, Ghent University, Belgium

*"Embodiment and Illness in Anthropocene Fiction"*

His work draws on cognitive science, the philosophy of mind and the environmental humanities to explore the forms of experience that narrative offers. His most recent book is *Figures of Complexity in Contemporary Fiction* (Edinburgh University Press, 2026).

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STREAM IV · SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY

### Prof. Stefan Helgesson

Professor of English, Stockholm University, Sweden

Postcolonial, Decolonial and Indigenous Futures. Talk title to be announced.

Each keynote is a 30-minute lecture followed by 15 minutes of discussion. Keynote, inaugural and valedictory sessions are streamed live on YouTube.

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**Call for Papers**

# Literature in the Age of AI

POSTHUMANISM, DIGITAL HUMANITIES AND ECOLOGICAL FUTURES

| DATES | FORMAT | EARLY BIRD |
|---|---|---|
| 13–14 Feb 2027 | Online · Zoom | 31 Dec 2026 |

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

# An international conversation on literature, technology and the future

What does it mean to read, to write and to imagine, now that machines can write too?

The categories that have long organised literary and cultural study (the human, the natural, the written, the creative) are being rethought. Artificial intelligence, ecological crisis and digital culture are reshaping what literature means, who makes it and how it is read.

The conference brings together scholars, researchers and teachers of literature to examine these changes through three connected frameworks: posthumanism, digital humanities and ecological thought. It is a humanities and English Studies event, focused on culture, meaning and the literary imagination, not on technical computing.

South Asian perspectives are particularly welcome, including Indian-language literatures, Dalit and Adivasi ecological narratives, regional literary archives, and postcolonial engagements with climate, technology and modernity.

DATES
13–14 February 2027 (Saturday and Sunday)

FORMAT
100% online via Zoom; keynotes live on YouTube

CERTIFICATES
E-certificates for all registered participants

WHO MAY JOIN
Faculty, research scholars, PG students and independent scholars

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CALL FOR PAPERS

# Four thematic streams

**I — AI, Posthumanism and the Future of the Human**
What AI, digital technology and posthumanist theory mean for conceptions of the human, and how literature has imagined the boundaries between human and non-human, organic and technological.

**II — Digital Humanities, AI and New Literary Practices**
How digital methods and AI are reshaping literary scholarship, teaching and creative practice, from computational reading to authorship, creativity and the ethics of AI-assisted research.

**III — Literature, Ecology and Climate Futures**
Ecocriticism, climate fiction and the environmental humanities: how literature imagines ecological crisis, non-human agency and the futures still possible in the Anthropocene.

**IV — Postcolonial, Decolonial and Indigenous Futures**
How colonialism, technology and ecological thought meet, with particular attention to South Asian, Dalit and Adivasi perspectives.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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| **Abstract** | 250 to 300 words, excluding title and keywords |
| **Keywords** | 4 to 6 |
| **Biography** | Up to 75 words, with affiliation and country |
| **Stream** | Choose one stream (I to IV) |
| **AI disclosure** | Declare any use of generative AI tools |
| **Feedback** | Written feedback on every abstract within 15 days |
| **Presentation** | Live on Zoom, 5 to 10 minutes, with slides and a short backup video by 8 February 2027 |
| **Co-authors** | Each author registers separately (up to two co-authors per paper) |

KEY DATES AND REGISTRATION

# Register, pay and submit in one step

- **31 December 2026** — Early-bird registration and abstract
- **31 January 2027** — Final registration (late fee)
- **10–11 February 2027** — Technical rehearsal
- **13–14 February 2027** — Conference (online)
- **By 21 February 2027** — E-certificates

| Category (per person) | Early bird | Late |
|---|---|---|
| Presenter, India | ₹1,000 | ₹1,200 |
| Presenter, international | USD 25 | USD 30 |
| Participant without paper, India | ₹500 | ₹600 |
| Participant without paper, international | USD 15 | USD 20 |

The payment date decides the fee. Payment by UPI, card or net banking through Razorpay. Fees are non-refundable, except duplicate payments.

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1. Open the registration form from the conference website.
2. Pay the fee using the link or QR code in the form.
3. Submit the form with your payment ID and abstract.

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