

## Urban Biodiversity and Narrative

### A Class of Excellence Seminar with International Francqui Professor Ursula Heise

Wednesday, 13 November 2024, 14:00-18:30

Ghent University, Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, Blandijnberg 2, Faculty Room  
(*Faculteitszaal; first floor, right above the main entrance*)

- 14:00-15:15: Lecture by Ursula Heise (UCLA):  
    “The More-than-Human City: Biodiversity and Urban Futures”
- 15:15-15:45: *Coffee Break*
- 15:45-17:00: UGent Ecocriticism Roundtable:
  - Ciarán Kavanagh, “Being Serious: Alienating Awe in the Anthropocene”
  - Gabriele D’Amato, “The Ecological Potential of Multiperspectivity”
  - Jonas Vanhove, “Encounters with the Nonhuman in the Urban Spaces of Picture Books”
  - Shannon Lambert, “Gaps and Clues: Citizen Science and Ludic Ecological Knowledge”
- 17:00-17:30: *Coffee Break*
- 17:30-18:30: Reading group (download texts [here](#)):
  - Jennifer Wolch, “Zoöpolis”
  - Ursula Heise, “Urban Narrative and the Futures of Biodiversity”
  - Stefan Wanigatunga, *Urban Ark Los Angeles* (11-minute documentary): [Watch Urban Ark Los Angeles | Earth Focus | PBS SoCal](#)

Feel free to attend any part of the programme. Registration is not required.

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