

Environmental Arts and Humanities Initiative Launch Event

Featuring Artist Presentation by **Oto Hudec**

Gardening in Mirror Land

Tuesday 6 December 2016, 5.15-6.45pm

Central European University
Room N15 106
Nádor utca 15, Budapest 1051

Welcome: **Alan Watt** (Environmental Sciences and Policy)
Introduction: **Maja and Reuben Fowkes** (Translocal Institute)
Discussants: **Hyaesin Yoon** (Gender Studies)
Guntra Aistara (Environmental Sciences and Policy)
Alan Watt (Environmental Sciences and Policy)



Oto Hudec, *Cité Radieuse*, remodelled beehive, 2015

Slovak artist Oto Hudec (1981) will present his latest works about bees, water and climate refugees. He has worked in the US, South Korea, Cabo Verde and Portugal, while his practice includes painting, video, sculpture and art in public space with a focus on topics such as migration, social justice, and the impact of globalisation on the environment. See more at: <http://fishisflying.blogspot.hu/>

Founding members of the Environmental Arts and Humanities Initiative will follow with brief responses to Oto's work and reflections on the relevance of the environmental humanities for the research fields of gender studies, environmental ethics, and environmental anthropology.

The **Environmental Arts and Humanities Initiative** at Central European University, Budapest aims to create a common platform for academic researchers, artists, and ecological activists creatively negotiating planetary issues at the intersection between scientific and humanities-based approaches to the environment. It responds to the demand in the Anthropocene for new intellectual and cultural approaches that combine a natural and social-scientific understanding of Earth systems with the knowledge and values of the arts and humanities. Aiming to foster research into the relationship between nature and culture and explore critical transformations in environment and society in conversation with the critical positions of feminism and post-colonialism, it invites perspectives from the human and non-human inhabitants of the margins of a new geological age.

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