

LaConference 2025

Feminine Desire:

Honoring the Life and Work of Anne
Dufourmantelle and Mari Ruti



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that LaConference takes place on the unceded, ancestral, and continually stewarded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We honor their enduring relationship to this land, and we recognize that the work of thinking, analysis, and creativity we do here unfolds in that ongoing context of relation and responsibility.

Venue: Djavad Mowafaghian World Art Centre
Goldcorp Centre for the Arts, Simon Fraser University
149 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1H4
(Located on the 2nd floor)

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Day 1 – Friday, October 17

8:30 – 9:00 AM Registration & Morning Coffee

9:00 – 9:10 AM Welcome: Hilda Fernandez

9:10 – 9:30 AM Land Acknowledgement, Opening Remarks:
Wayne Wapeemukwa

9:30 – 11:00 AM Panel 1: Feminine Threats

- Alois Sieben: *The Fantasy of Babygirl*
- Susanna Zhang (online): *Unvoiced Ethics: Jocasta's Secrecy and Echo's Disembodiment Beyond Jouissance*
- Juan Luis de la Mora and Manuel Outón: *Contemporary Echoes of Feminine Ghosts*

Moderator: Clint Burnham

11:00 – 11:15 AM Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:45 PM Panel 2: Risk

- Kenna Borland: *Risking Being: The Ontology of Feminine Jouissance*
- Jake Cowan: *To Err is Human: Dufourmantelle, Pedagogy, and the Dignity of Risk*
- Kamla Persaud: *Risk as Passive Activity in Anne Dufourmantelle's In Praise of Risk*

Moderator: Rachel Moxham

12:45 – 2:00 PM Lunch Break

2:00 – 3:30 PM Panel 3: The Clinical

- Ana Minozzo: *Risk, Gentleness and Hospitality: Toward a Feminist Ethics of Encounter in Catastrophic Times*

- Colt Hutchinson: *Beyond the Drive, Lacan on Love*
- Angie Voela (online): *Unconditional hospitality, responsibility and our new nomadism*

Moderator: Hilda Fernandez

3:30 – 3:45 PM Coffee Break

3:45 – 5:15 PM Panel 4: Personal Encounters

- Erin Soros: *A Vase Named Mari: On Psychosis, Longing and The World of Fragile Things*
- Nicolette Noble: *He was Hungry and was Fed: Breaking Frame as an Act of Love*
- Eddy Wang: *Empty Room, Spinning Center*
- Hilda Fernandez: *Who Decides How We Die? Letter and Fate*

Moderator: Am Johal

5:15 – 5:30 PM Coffee Break / Transition to Keynote

5:30 – 7:00 PM Keynote Address followed by Q&A: Noëlle McAfee.

7:00 – 8:00 PM Dinner Break / Transit to Gallery Gachet

8:00 – 10:00 PM Gallery Gachet – Curated by Dan Starling, Keynote by Carol Owens at 8:30 PM

Day 2 – Saturday, October 18

9:00 – 9:15 AM Morning Announcements

9:15 – 10:45 AM Panel 5: The Political

- Clint Burnham: *Was Mari Ruti a Lacanian Centrist or a Centrist Lacanian?*
- Fionna Fisher: *The Political Potential of Feminine Desire*
- Calum Matheson: *Vulnerability, Risk, and Rhetoric as Equipment for Living in the Moment of Reaction*

Moderator: Cindy Zeiher

10:45 – 11:00 AM Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 PM Panel 6: Theology

- Ethan Yu: *Psychoanalysis as Secularized Prophecy: The Lacanian Theology of Anne Dufourmantelle*
- Rayan Magon and Jaelyn Guardado: *Flesh and Spirit: Dualism's Secrets, Feminine Jouissance, and the Ethics of Religious Explanation through Ruti and Dufourmantelle*
- Paria Rahimi: *God is the Man's Rib: Toward a Materialist Topology of Feminine Jouissance*

Moderator: Juan Luis de la Mora

12:30 – 1:45 PM Lunch Break

1:45 – 3:15 PM Panel 7: Queering Analysis

- Simone Atenea Medina Polo: *The Tiresian Unconscious and Variances in Modelling the Unconscious*
- Rachel Moxham: *Venus in Furs: Masochism Queering Desire with the Feminine*

- Nicole Monaco: *The Singular Subject and Feminine Desire: Sidonie Csillag's Encore*

Moderator: Nicolette Noble

3:15 – 3:30 PM Coffee Break

3:30 – 5:00 PM Panel 8: Écriture Féminine

- Cindy Zeiher: *Dufourmantelle and Ruti: Living and Dying by One's Words*
- Mara Gonzalez: *Encountering the Divine Other: Mystic Literature, Feminine Desire, and Secrecy*
- Suhrida Yadavalli (online): *Missed Hysterics: The Voice of Feminine Enjoyment*
- Desiree Jung (online): *A Poem in Three Acts*

Moderator: Mandana Mansouri

5:00 – 5:15 PM Coffee Break / Transition to Keynote

5:15 – 6:45 PM Keynote Address followed by Q&A – Ana Hounie

6:45 – 7:00 PM Closing Remarks & Farewell

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