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Making Peace with Nature: Many Methods, Many Worlds



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College of Fellows, Seminar room

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A Methods and Methodologies Workshop on Understanding Relations With and Within Nature

Thursday, 19 November 2026 | 09:00–16:30

Venue: College of Fellows, University of Tübingen (Villa Köstlin, Rümelinstraße 27, 72070 Tübingen)

About the Workshop (In-Person Participation Only)

How do different methods shape the ways we understand and produce knowledge about relationships between people, politics and nature? Bringing together three interactive sessions, this workshop invites participants to experiment with role-play simulation, artistic and creative research practices, and ethically responsible approaches to different knowledge systems. Across these sessions, we will reflect on what different methods make visible, the questions they allow us to ask, and the ethical and practical challenges of researching a world of many worlds.

Programme

Time	Session
09:00–09:15	Welcome and Opening
09:15–11:45	Making Peace with Nature: Confidence, Trust and the Political Psychology of Climate Diplomacy – A Pilot Role-Play Simulation Study (Dr. Wendy He)
11:45–13:00	Break
13:00–14:30	Making Peace with Animals through Arts of Attentiveness (Dr. Andrzej Stuart-Thompson)
14:30–15:00	Coffee break
15:00–16:30	Ethical Research with Indigenous Communities (Dr. Rachel Macreadie)

Session Descriptions and Registration

09:15–11:45 | Dr. Wendy He

Making Peace with Nature: Confidence, Trust and the Political Psychology of Climate Diplomacy – A Pilot Role-Play Simulation Study

How can role-play simulations help us study political decision-making in international climate diplomacy? In this interactive session, participants will take on the roles of negotiators, advisers, and a COP Presidency representative in a simulated climate-finance negotiation. The exercise offers an opportunity to explore how confidence, trust, and advice shape negotiations, followed by a discussion of the methodological possibilities and limitations of simulation-based research. No prior experience of climate negotiations is required.

Participation and compensation: Up to 40 research participants with sufficient proficiency in English may take part. Participants under the age of 21 will be required to provide the necessary consent in accordance with the approved research ethics protocol. Participants who complete the associated research study will receive €25 for their time and participation, regardless of their performance during the role-play simulation. Research participation is entirely voluntary and subject to informed consent.

13:00–14:30 | Dr. Andrzej Stuart-Thompson
Making Peace with Animals through Arts of Attentiveness

How can literature and the arts help us to think beyond a human-centered perspective? This workshop explores humanities and artistic methodologies for developing inter-species curiosity and empathy. Beginning with a presentation on 'the arts of attentiveness', the workshop moves into a collective discussion about how different species, including ocean-dwelling ones, are represented culturally. After this, there will be a creative follow-up activity involving speculative inter-species perspective-jumping and translation. Participants will explore how the arts may capture certain aspects of animals' perspectives, sensory perceptions, and inner lives. What are the emotional and intellectual implications of thinking *with*, rather than purely *about*, animals?

15:00–16:30 | Dr. Rachel Macreadie
Ethical Research with Indigenous Communities

In this workshop participants will explore and discuss ethical considerations in human-centred research methodologies, particularly when working with Indigenous communities. Participants will be given some research and policy frameworks with which to consider hypothetical scenarios of ethical research dilemmas (for discussion in small groups or within the larger group). Participants will be given the opportunity to contribute their experiences and ideas on how to identify potential issues. The scenarios may include, for example: using Indigenous archival material and artefacts, using AI in Indigenous language revitalisation projects, and working with Indigenous communities on environmental projects. The aim is to increase awareness and understanding of ethical research practices.

Registration: Participants are welcome to attend the full-day workshop or select individual sessions according to their interests. Whether you wish to join us for the entire day or only for particular sessions, please register using the link below and indicate which session(s) you would like to attend.
Register your interest here.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, 18 November 2026

Places may be limited for individual sessions. Further information on participation requirements is provided in the respective workshop descriptions.

Research Ethics: All three sessions of the workshop have received ethics clearance from the Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Tübingen (Ref. A2.5.4-517_hb). The research study associated with Wendy He's role-play simulation has additionally received approval from the Nanyang Technological University Institutional Review Board (NTU-IRB, Approval No. IRB-2026-981).

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