



mini symposium
cripping warmoesstraat

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17:00 - 20:00

W139

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Toni Kritzer

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Lynn Shore

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During our time para-siting, we tried to attend to herbs, our bodies and urban ecologies, forming beautiful connections with the creatures whom we crossed paths with along the way. We continue to ask what it is that makes something crip, and how might we understand the inherent cripness of urban space with its feral and adaptive life forms? Gathering, processing and being with the resilient, vulnerable, humble and abundant plants of the city, we opened up a fantasy world within W139.

Starting from material health conditions, this final programme moves into an imaginative ecology shaped by contradictions and ambivalences around cultures of healing in the city. Who and why do we need herbal medicinal knowledge? How can solidarities be shared, and which storytelling practices might lead to a crip imagination?

We invite you to this closing gathering to be with us and our guests. We will tend to the city's microbiome, the sick garden, queer hormonal sewage ecosystems and sweet water mermaids. Urban folklore becomes a site to ask whether ecological wounding can be addressed through the bodies of rivers and humans, and whether storytelling can hold space for mourning. The gathering insists on staying with dirt, inequality and access to healthcare, holding together imagination and the conditions that shape it. Afterwards you are invited to taste and smell the many different things that we have been inviting into the space.

The event is free and we kindly ask you to sign up through the link (<https://forms.gle/hznjhc7QL8Sbe79L6>) so we can accommodate your access needs and plan for attendance. Access practices (including masking, COVID testing, etc.) are part of everyone's participation, please read the information provided.

Guests:

Toni Kritzer will talk about 'The sick garden' - entangles Toni's story of illness with that of a garden in need of care, questioning narratives of illness and healing within ecosystems. Along with slugs, viruses, and other crip comrades, they speak of interdependency and more-than-human care webs.

Lynn Shore will contribute by sharing insights into her urban dwelling, her foraging practice in the city, and the effects on her gut microbiome after one month of eating foraged food.

Bogna Bochińska will contribute a text and exercise on sweet water mermaids and urban folklore, exploring the urban mermaid and storytelling practices as ways of engaging with wounds and re-enacting magical creatures as tools for thinking.

Maya Erin Masuda's talk 'Pharmaco-pornographic: toxic queerness and molecular intimacy' discusses how larger governing bodies permeate soft, individual boundaries from molecular scales, affecting our views on reproduction and bodily autonomy.

Schedule of the event:

17:00 – 17:20 Introduction
17:20 – 17:40 Toni
17:40 – 18:00 Lynn
18:00 – 18:10 Break
18:10 – 18:30 Bogna
18:30 – 18:50 Maya
18:50 – 19:10 Q+A
19:10 – 20:00 Drinks, bites and fake healing corner

Accessibility info

Herbal safety: Consumption of herbs or salves during the event is entirely optional. We do not seek to offer medical advice as we are only learning and finding our ways in a vast field of knowledge. If you have any medical conditions or use medication please be well informed and approach the herbal preparations with caution.

Wheelchair access: W139 is spread over two floors. The workshop, dinner, and evening events will all happen on the ground floor, which is wheelchair accessible. Our toilets are located on the first floor, which can only be reached via stairs. The Krasnapolsky Hotel, 150m away, at the start of the road (Dam Square), has agreed that our guests can use their wheelchair accessible restroom. For other questions regarding the accessibility of the building, please contact info@w139.nl.

Seating: There will be chairs, benches, or cushions available for everyone.

Sound: The event will be held in English. There will be sound amplification for the talks.

Covid/infection safety: We ask everyone to do a covid self-test before entering the event space. There will be self-tests and face-masks available for free/on donation at the entrance of W139. Make sure not to consume food or drinks for 30min before testing, and to allow 15min for your test result to show. Mask wearing is encouraged.

If you are experiencing any covid/cold/flu symptoms on the day of the event, we will be sorry to miss you, but ask that you stay home and rest.

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