Media Rurality

16-17 June 2022

A two-day conference convened by Patrick Brodie and Darin Barney at McGill University's MacDonald Campus in Centennial 162

Day 1 (June 16)

9am: Opening remarks

9:30am: Session 1 - Rahul Mukherjee (University of Pennsylvania), "Jamtara's Mobile Phishing Scammers: Rural Mediations in 'Digital India'"

• Respondent: Burç Kostem (McGill University)

10:30am: Session 2 – Cindy Kaiying Lin (Cornell University), "Clustering Sameness: Data Science and the Politics of Peatland Fires in Rural Indonesia"

• Respondent: Janna Frenzel (Concordia University)

11:30am: Break

11:45am: Session 3 – Ishita Tiwary (Concordia University), "Suitcase Networks: Media and Migration Across the India China Border"

• Respondent: Stacey Haugen (University of Alberta)

12:45pm: Lunchtime excursion to the Morgan Arboretum

2:45pm: Session 4 - Patrick Bresnihan (Maynooth University) and Patrick Brodie (McGill University), "Energetic Mediation at Marconi's Connemara Station"

• Respondent: Laticia Chapman (University of Alberta)

3:45pm: Session 5 - JT Roane (Arizona State University), "Plot"

• Respondent: Montiana Ashour (Concordia University)

4:45pm: Break

5pm: Session 6 - Jenna Burrell (University of California-Berkeley), "The Preservation of Embodied Masculinity in Tech-Altered Workplaces"

Respondent: Helen Hayes (McGill University)

Day 2 (June 17)

9am: Session 7 - Ayesha Vemuri (McGill University), "Infrastructures of Border-Making in Rural Assam"

• Respondent: Isabelle Boucher (Concordia University)

10am: Session 8 - Andrew Curley (University of Arizona), "Decolonizing the Colorado Compact"

Respondent: Malcolm Sanger (McGill University)

11am: Break

11:15am: Session 9 - Omolade Adunbi (University of Michigan), "'They Just Want Us to Die a Slow Death': Energy Practices, Climate Crisis and the Social Death of the Environment in Nigeria"

Respondent: Sanaz Sohrabi (Concordia University)

12:15pm: Lunchtime trip to McGill Student-Run Ecological Gardens

2pm: Session 10 - Lisa Parks (University of California-Santa Barbara), Assatu Wisseh (University of California-Santa Barbara), Gaylene DuCharme (Blackfeet Community College), and Sarah DesRosier (Blackfeet Community College), "The Nuances of Network Sovereignty: A Collaborative Study of Internet and Digital Technologies in the Blackfeet Nation"

• Respondent: Robert Marinov (Concordia University)

3pm: Session 11 - Darin Barney (McGill University) and Roger Epp (University of Alberta), "Accumulation by Automation: Mediating Agricultural Dispossession in the Canadian Prairies"

 Respondents: Hubert Alain (Université de Montréal) and Laura Pannekoek (Concordia University)

4pm: Break

4:15pm: Session 12 - Jordan Kinder (McGill University), "Jerry Can Imaginaries: Fossil Fascist Horizons and the Politics of Combustion"

• Respondent: Hannah Tollefson (McGill University)