Planetary Hinterlands
Extraction, Abandonment and Care

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Esther Peeren will introduce her forthcoming edited volume Planetary Hinterlands: Extraction, Abandonment, and Care, which considers the concept of the hinterland as crucial for understanding the global and planetary present as a time defined by the lasting legacies of colonialism, increasing labor precarity under late capitalist regimes, and looming climate disasters.

The hinterland is offered as a lens to attend to the times and spaces shaped and experienced across the received categories of the urban, rural, wilderness or nature, and to foreground the human and more than human lively processes that go on even in sites defined by capitalist ruin and political abandonment.

Peeren will discuss how hinterlands manifest, historically and presently, and emphasize the importance of looking from the hinterland and reading for the affectivities of the hinterland, both those associated with the destructive demands that Anthropogenic capitalism-colonialism places on it, and those afforded by the hinterland despite and in excess of these demands.

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