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A Short History and Reconsideration of Contemporary Climate Fiction



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Join us to deepen your understanding of how climate fiction is reshaping literature in response to the climate crisis.

The talk offers a brief history of the genre, contextualising it within the rise of climate action and the development of climate criticism in literary studies. It traces the growing awareness of global warming over the last century and current debates around the Anthropocene. Along the way, it questions how climate fiction is defined and how narrative forms have adapted to address climate change. By exploring how literature can foster critical thinking and civic engagement – values also central to the European Union's educational and cultural policies – it concludes by asking whether the urgency of the climate crisis makes climate fiction not only an innovative genre but a boundary case for literature itself—raising key questions about the political, aesthetic, and educational roles of literature in the age of climate crisis.

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