Sea Changes: The fairytale Gothic of mermaids, selkies, and enchanted hybrids of ocean and river

On line 6 September, 2025

Instructions for Online Attendees

Day one of our Sea Changes event is online (with most sessions recorded so attendees can also watch later). This means you will need to have the Microsoft Teams software installed on your PC, tablet, or phone to participate. Please make sure too that you have reliable broadband and Wifi connections. We will send further details regarding the Teams links nearer the event. Please try out Teams first if you're not used to it. Do check that your audio and camera are working.

When setting up your Teams name, remember to put your preferred pronouns after your name.

When you join the conference, please mute your microphone and turn off your camera to avoid background noise and conserve internet bandwidth during the sessions. However, there will be opportunities to meet people and socialise.

There is a full, up-to-date timetable (the 'Sea Changes: Full Conference Schedule' document) which you can download and print from the Conference Pack web page here:

https://www.opengravesopenminds.com/sea-changes-2025/conference-pack/

Teams Conference Room 1 is the main room where all the Plenaries and other activities take place. You can leave this room to join a Panel in Room 2, then return when that has finished.

All panel sessions will take place via the main Teams meeting link and parallel sessions will be hosted within the meeting in breakout rooms. The programme clearly shows each panel as allocated to either 'Teams Conference Room 1' or 'Teams Conference Room 2' and delegates will be reminded which talk is in each breakout room before they begin. Delegates will be able to move to their chosen room and will organisers will move everyone back to the main room once these have ended.

The allocated Rooms are also shown on the online timetable here:

https://www.opengravesopenminds.com/sea-changes-2025/programme/

Speakers should have their PowerPoint (or whatever you're using) presentation open on the desktop ready to use Teams' 'Share Screen' function. Please be aware there can be a slight delay between you speaking and a new slide being displayed.

There will be opportunities to raise questions and make comments so please use the Chat facility in Teams for this at first. The Chair will then select from these and direct them to the speakers.

If you do have any urgent problems, please try a private message in Chat to one of the organisers