

# Inevitable Ends, Meditations on Impermanence

the final conference of 'Precious Relics: Materiality and Value in the Practice of Ethnographic Collection'

Hosted by Aarhus University and Moegaard Museum  
All events at Moesgaard Museum, unless otherwise noted

## Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> @the Auditorium

14:00-14:30

Welcome and Introduction to the Precious Relics Project

### 14:30-15:30 **Keynote Presentation**

Carole McGranahan, 'The Politics of Social Death: Buddhism, Impermanence, and Family in Tibet'

### **Impermanence as a Concept**

15:30-16:15 Ton Otto, 'Making Transient Cultural Worlds'

16:00-16:45 Cameron David Warner, 'Do What You Think About': Fashionable Responses to the End of Tibet'

(Museum Closes, Reception and Dinner for Conference Participants at [Skovmøllen](#))

## Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Impermanence and Materiality**

#### **@room 302**

9:00 Anna-Karina Hermkens, 'Creation, Decay and Destruction: Predicaments of Papua New Guinean Things'

9:30 Cecil Marie Schou Pallesen, 'On Vanishing Communities, Perishing Houses, and the Need to Hold on to Something'

10:00 Laura McAtackney, 'Impermanence and Memory-Making at an Abandoned Institution'

10:30-11:00 Coffee

### **The Impermanence of Museum Collections**

#### **@room 302**

11:00 Haidy Geismar, 'Conserving the Social (in Museums)'

11:30 Martin Grünfeld, 'The Metabolic Collection'

12:00-13:00 **Lunch** @Moesgaard Museum Café

13:00-14:30 **Guided Tours of the Exhibitions, 'Impermanence Museum' and 'Lives of the Dead'**

### 14:30-15:30 **Keynote Presentation**

**@the Auditorium**

João Biehl, TRACES-OF-WHAT-ONE-DOES-NOT-KNOW: Storying Affective Archives of War and Transcendence

15:30-16:00 Coffee

### **Heritage and Impermanence**

**@room 302**

16:00 Caitlin DeSilvey, 'Foundering'

16.30 Ulrik Høj Johnsen, 'Permanent Stairways to Heaven?'

### **An Artists' Talk with Champagne**

17:00 Sarah Schorr and Winnie Soon, 'Screenshooting Impermanence'

18:00-19:00 Dinner- Sushi catered from TBD

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**@room 302**

### **Aging and Disease**

9:30 Ralph Litzinger, 'Dust and Decay: Black Lung and the Un-Making of 'Shenzhen Speed''

10:00 Henry Llewellyn, 'The Disclosure of Impermanence in the Care of People with Terminal Disease'

10:30-11:00 Coffee

### **Absolute Ends: Death**

11:00 Maria Louw, 'Atheist Endings'

11:30 Miki Chase, 'A Reflection on Impermanence, Self-Effacement, and Bodily Undoing in the Jain Fast Until Death'

12:00-13:00 **Lunch** @Moesgaard Museum Café

### **Identity and Impermanence in Practice**

13:00 Ward Keeler, 'Asserting One's Identity vs. Subordinating to Power in the Face of Impermanence'

13:30 Julia Cassaniti, 'Certainly Uncertain: Thai Buddhist Religious Practice as a Critique of Malinowski's Uncertainty Hypothesis'

14.00 Walk through the forest to Moesgaard Beach/return to town

19:00 Dinner at [Sct. Pauls Apoteket](#)