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SUMMARY

In a time of eco-crises, techno-uto/dystopias, disaster capitalism and necro-politics, communities the world over are compelled to examine the economic systems and narratives that have driven them towards cataclysm. As Janus-faced digital economies, venture capitalists, fintech merchants and enterprise software barons increasingly mediate labour relations in a peri-pandemic world, a vortex of imperialism invents new ways to extract value from the ever-expanding precariat. In this context, we hurtle into futures formed by technologies that engender their own community mythos.

In *The Inoperative Community* (1986), Nancy describes myth as a recitation through which community is conjured; its origins narrated, its destinies explained. Today myths are propagated, busted, contorted and exported through a myriad of file formats, fiscal loopholes and economic fora. Launching with this 2-day event, MoneyLab #X engages artists, researchers, curators, collectors, activists, and geeks in the radical interrogation and re-imagination of financial systems, technologies and discourses. Through this multisite event and an online artistic program continuing through 2021, MoneyLab #X - Economythologies seeks to build a transdisciplinary research network on alternative economies that stretches across our planetary archipelago; Australia, Asia, the Pacific and beyond.

Free. Please note registration is required for in-person attendance (in accordance with COVID-19 safety measures), and for remote audience program updates.
DECOLONISING MONEY: COLONIAL IMPULSES, ECONOMIC AUTONOMY AND SYSTEMS SOVEREIGNTY

Today’s global financial networks are imbued with the tyrannical logic of settler-colonialism. The imperial accumulation of wealth in the Global North has shaped the financial discourse of the Anglocene and beyond, while Indigenous communities across the world work to survive and thrive in the face of their oppressive demands. At a time when the economic status quo appears increasingly untenable, how can Indigenous knowledge systems provide strategies to resist the settler-colonial impulses of advanced capitalism?

DECENTRALISED ISLANDS AND TECHNO-EMPIRES: TRANSFORMING ECONOMIES OF THE ASIA PACIFIC

The ‘Asia-Pacific Turn’ as a shift in our global economic and geopolitical axis has attained almost mythic status in public discourse — welcomed and applauded by some, feared by others. This popular discourse erases the complexity and diversity of perspectives, contexts and challenges faced by the over 54 nations in this region, each with their distinctive approaches to exploring the affordances of decentralised technologies and digital economy.

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The semiotics of the underscore allow it to break, connect and/or emphasise defined terms. A remnant of mechanical word processing, it invokes a process of overwriting. How might the varied forms of our financial and economic rhetoric be likewise broken, reconfigured and over-written through symbolic interventions? What new meaning is generated through the artful underscoring of economic systems through creative and critical interventions?
HOMO ECOLOGICUS: MONEY BETWEEN ECONOMY AND ECOLOGY

The image of Homo Economicus underpins the ubiquity of neo-classical economics, delineating the possibilities of exchange for humans conceived as rational and self-interested beings. How does growing awareness of our ecological entanglements with human and more-than-human beings invite a reimagining of our economies, societies and political systems?

FINANCIAL CHARISMATICS: LANGUAGE, MEMES AND THE SEDUCTION OF (NEW) MONEY

Charisma – a word used to describe an allure that inspires devotion, its charm originally understood as a form of divine gift. As we navigate the pataphysical absurdities of global finance, how does broad devotion these systems (old and new), speak to the charisma of their visual, spoken and written rhetoric?

IMPERMANENT INFRASTRUCTURES: THE CAPRICIOUS COMMERCE OF DIGITAL CULTURE

Despite international and national level investments in securing ‘digital heritage’, the infrastructures to support creative practices, subcultures and experimental spaces are laid to waste. Stifled by rent-hikes and bureaucratic red-tape, how can artists and creative professionals continue to subvert capitalistic logics by developing their own ‘business models’ for 21st century media? How might the concepts of transaction and generative commerce be re-imagined through artistic research, critical thinking and making?
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Look at the Indonesian ecosystem at https://asosiasiblockchain.co.id

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The gifting of metaphorical objects to instigate philosophical discourse stems from Ceri’s recently completed PhD research at RMIT, ‘the making of a Knowledge Casino’ (2016). The creation of low-tech props for treating the urban condition as a 3D movie set were used to enable mutually inspired activities for people that may not consider themselves artists but may become script writers of their own way to play. Over the past ten years Ceri has been a sessional tutor and guest lecturer in the RMIT School of Art and School of Architecture and Design and has an ongoing engagement within the Art in Public Space and MFA post-graduate programs. Ceri has presented work at Gertrude Contemporary (2019), Melbourne Comedy Festival (2017), Liquid Architecture (2015), RMIT Project Space (2014) and run workshops at West Space, Blindside Sound Series and Testing Grounds.

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EXHIBITION AND EXPERIMENTAL PUBLICATION PROGRAM
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Petr Sourek is a playwright and philosopher. He is founder of The new “Corrupt Tour” company takes groups around Prague, to gawk at places tied to our country’s many political and financial scandals. The tours are educational and fun. His guides offer background information and all kinds of titillating details as they show off the Blanka tunnel, an unfinished construction project that has already run half a billion dollars over budget. The next stop is an empty field near Letnany, where an Olympic stadium was supposed to be built; although millions of dollars were spent, construction never even began. Other sites include Prague’s City Hall, where tourists hear about the many graft allegations against politicians, and the Defense Ministry, plagued by accusations that it mismanaged weapons purchases. “Our goal is to get Czech corruption on a UNESCO list of the world’s cultural heritage,” said Pavel Kotyza, one of Corrupt Tour’s organizers. “We want to show,” says Sourek, “that something that seems negative can still be a source of income and entertainment.”

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Dement’s solo and collaborative work has been has been widely exhibited internationally and locally, in galleries and festivals, the Institute of Contemporary Art London, Ars Electronica Austria, various International Symposia of Electronic Art, Impakt Media Arts festivals and Transmediale Berlin. She is twice winner of the Australian National Digital Art Award has been awarded a New Media Arts Fellowship by the Australia Council for the Arts. Her work is held in collections such as ArtBank, the Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Australian Video Art Archive, New York Filmmakers Co-op, Rose Goldsen Archive Cornell University and the Daniel Langlois Foundation.

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IN HER INTERIOR

In Her Interior (Francesca da Rimini and Virginia Barratt)

In 2015 In Her Interior (IHI) began co-creating live works of spoken/sung and recorded text and video within site-specific installation environments. As an unfaithful follower of constraint-based experimentation across various art traditions, IHI’s work often involves accomplices – the land and its inhabitants, local knowledge custodians, sound artists, sculptors, printmakers, bird watchers, writers, philosophers, gleaners. The themes that engage us include collaboration and symposium, climate change, mutual aid, alternatives to capitalism, narrative experimentation, intersectional critiques of systemic oppression. IHI has performed in galleries, performance spaces, repurposed industrial settings and academic environments—in Helsingør, London, Berlin, New York, Adelaide, Byron Bay, Sydney, Melbourne, and Graz. Collaborations include B.A.B.S., The Darkening: Language lined with flesh lined with language, Songs for Skinwalking the Drone (a commissioned libretto), Hexing the Alien, echolalia: golden iterations, Xenoblood, The Tender Alembicians Suite, a mouth swallowing the storm and Tell me what you see outside.

As two of the four co-founders of cyberfeminist group VNS Matrix (est. 1991), da Rimini and Barratt have contributed to global critiques of gender and technology across three decades. In 2016, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of A Cyberfeminist Manifesto for the 21st Century, VNS Matrix wrote and performed a new text, A Tender Hex for the Anthropocene.

https://www.inherinterior.net
SIDDHARTA PEREZ
Siddharta Perez is a curator and educator. Their practice is parented by independent communities in Manila and the regions surrounding the Philippines, chiseled by museum employment and softened by peers who, like them, contend with oblique prompts on public histories and think about the rehabilitation of personal legacies. Sidd is currently affiliated with the National University of Singapore Museum and is 1/2 of Planting Rice, a curatorial platform that continues to reorient lost, unloved, poorly circulated, misrepresented archives and approaches to exhibition-making.
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CLAIRE FIELD
Claire Field is an independent curator and artist. Her curatorial methodology fosters community engagement through collaborative and inclusive contemporary art experiences. Clare’s visual art practice is cross disciplinary, primarily focusing on expansive forms of communication and technological relics from a feminist standpoint.
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ANU SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN - MONEYLAB PROJECTS
Thirteen students from the ANU School of Art & Design present their creative interventions as part of the MoneyLab#X programme. Using performance, speculative design, video and installation, they share their critical perspectives on the significance of Economythologies today.

Participants: Cameron Palmer, Emily Davidson, Lama Rafehi, Madeleine Hepner, Mackenzie Gniel, Samantha Thomas, Rebecca Rawnslcy, Jemima Campey, Monique Norton, Rachel Agnew, Ke Yao, Madelaine McCusker, Tahlia Duncan-Kring.

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