

## “Complexities of Time”

19 - 21 March 2018

Nanyang Executive Centre (NEC)  
60 Nanyang View, Singapore 639673

### Conference Program

#### Monday, 19 March

Venue: Auditorium, NEC Level 2

8:15am - Registration

9:00am - Opening address by senior advisor to the Centre for Strategic Futures, Singapore  
Peter HO

9:15am - Welcome remarks by director, Para Limes  
Jan W. VASBINDER

Chair of the day: Mikhail FILIPPOV, research fellow, School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences,  
Nanyang Technological University

9:30am - Geoffrey WEST  
Former president and distinguished professor of the Santa Fe Institute, United States  
*The emergence of a universal time in living systems from cells to cities*

11:00am - Coffee break

11:30am - Douglas H. ERWIN  
Senior scientist and curator, National Museum of Natural History, United States  
*The tempos of evolution and the complexities of deep time*

1:00pm - Lunch

2:00pm - Helga NOWOTNY  
Professor emerita of Science and Technology Studies at ETH Zurich and former  
president, European Research Council, Austria  
*Timescapes of complexity*

3:30pm - Coffee break

4:00pm - Semir ZEKI  
Professor of Neuroesthetics at the University College London, United Kingdom  
*The enigmatic relationship between micro- and macro-perception*

5:30pm - End of day one

5:45pm - Cocktail reception  
Venue: Auditorium lobby

## Conference Program

### Tuesday, 20 March

Venue: Auditorium, NEC Level 2

Chair of the day: Jan W. VASBINDER, director, Para Limes, Nanyang Technological University

- 9:00am - W. Brian ARTHUR  
External professor at Santa Fe Institute  
*Time in our society*
- 10:30am - Coffee break
- 11:00am - Aaron MANIAM  
PhD candidate/Clarendon scholar, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University,  
United Kingdom  
*Between chronos and kairos: Overlapping timeframes in public policy*
- 12:30pm - Lunch
- 1:30pm - [Parallel sessions](#) by Complexity Institute (NEC Level 3, Lecture Rooms 3 & 4)
- 3:30pm - End of parallel sessions
- 3:45pm - Transport pick up at NEC guest wing lobby to ArtScience Museum, 6 Bayfront Avenue  
(only one-way transport is provided)
- 5:00pm - Guided tour - exhibition ["Treasures of the natural world"](#)  
Free & easy - exhibition ["Future world: Where art meets Science"](#)
- 6:30pm - End of day two

### **Dinner for speakers and invited guests only**

- 7:00pm - Dinner at Orgo Bar & Restaurant, 8 Raffles Avenue, #04-01, Esplanade-Theaters on the Bay, Roof Terrace
- 9:00pm - Transport pick up to NEC guest wing lobby

## Conference Program

### Wednesday, 21 March

Venue: Auditorium, NEC Level 2

Chair of the day: SAW Vee-Liem, research fellow, School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Nanyang Technological University

- 9:00am - Virginie VAN WASSENHOVE  
CEA, NeuroSpin; INSERM, Cognitive Neuroimaging Unit; Université Paris-Saclay; Ecole des Neurosciences, Paris, France  
*Making sense of time in the human brain*
- 10:30am - Coffee break
- 11:00am - J. Stephen LANSING  
Professor in the Asian School of Environment and co-director of the Complexity Institute at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore  
*Language and society in deep time*
- 12:30pm - Closing remarks by director, Para Limes and co-director, Complexity Institute  
Jan W. VASBINDER and J. Stephen LANSING
- 12:45pm - Lunch
- 1:45pm - [Parallel sessions](#) by Complexity Institute (NEC Level 3, Lecture Rooms 3 & 4)
- 3:30pm - Coffee break
- 4:00pm - Parallel sessions resume
- 5:45pm - End of day three

### **Closing dinner for speakers & invited guests only**

- 6:15pm - Transport pick up at NEC guest wing lobby to The Arena Country Club, 511 Upper Jurong Road
- 6:30pm - Dinner at Tung Lok Seafood Restaurant
- 8:30pm - Transport pick up to NEC guest wing lobby