

# PROGRAM

## Friday, March 10

10:00-11:00

### Keynote

Richard Bartle (University of Essex)  
"Anti-Social Consequences of Social Play"

### Panel 1: Limbo is Other People - Game Design and Tools for Affect and Immersion

Chair: Undine Remmes

11:00-11:20

Angelina Skuratova (Paderborn University)  
"Re-living the Eternal Present: An Exploration of (Narrative) Loops in Video Games"

11:20-11:40

Zlatko Bukač and Emilia Musap (University of Zadar)  
"Fear and Anxiety in Louisiana: Affects and Immersion in *Resident Evil 7: Biohazard*"

11:40-12:00

Alesha Serada (University of Vaasa)  
"Not Actual Gameplay: Affective Non-Playable Characters in Match-3 Game Advertising"

12:00-12:30

Panel Discussion

12:30-13:30

**Lunch Break**

### Panel 2: Cistemic Spectrum - Topics of Gender and Fluidity

Chair: Maria Sulimma

13:30-13:50

Anja Gödl (University of Innsbruck)  
"A Female Rabbit Called Bonbon and a Male Lion Called Elvis: Gender Theoretical Analysis of the Naming of Characters in *Animal Crossing New Horizons*"

13:50-14:10

Rebecca Käpernick (University of Oldenburg)  
"Girls who Run the (End of the) World - Female Protagonists and Side-Kicks in Post-Apocalyptic Video Games"

14:10-14:30

Jasmin Bieber (University of Konstanz)  
"Who is Controlling the Heart?": Non-Binary Identities and Troubled Player Agency in *Deltarune*"

14:30-15:00

Panel Discussion

15:00-15:30

**Coffee Break**

15:30-16:30

### Keynote

Sarah Stang (Brock University)  
"Identity, Embodiment, and Monstrosity: Playing as the Nonhuman Other"

16:30 - 17:00

**Coffee Break**

### Panel 3: The Borderlands - Fleeing (into) Society

Chair: Jennifer Howard

- 17:00-17:20 Marie Zarda (Philipps-University Marburg)  
"There Was No Country For People Like Me!': Ideologies and Identities of *Bioshock's* Rapture"
- 17:20-17:40 Carolin Becklas (University of Oldenburg)  
"Playing 'Climate Refugees' in *Frostpunk*"
- 17:40-18:00 Marko Jevtic (University of Konstanz)  
"Between Interactivity and Activism: Identity Tourism and the 'Playful Translations' of (Radical) Resistance"
- 18:00-18:30 Panel Discussion
- 19:00-21:00 **Two Simultaneous Sessions**  
Workshop 1: Creating Desired Characters. Host: Florian Schäfer  
Workshop 2: Let's Play Multiplayer 'Party' Games. Host: Janna Kaiser

## Saturday, March 11

- 10:00-11:00 **Keynote**  
Lena Falkenhagen (UE Hamburg)  
"Who am I?' Player-collaboration in Digital Games"

### Panel 4: "Despite everything, it's still you." - Tropes of Character Development

Chair: Andreas Rauscher

- 11:00-11:20 Fiona Schönberg (Mainz University)  
"This is my Story, and it will go the way I want it!"
- 11:20-11:40 Ted Richthofen (University of Bonn)  
"Niko Bellic: 'The Gangster as Tragic Hero,' Criminal Embodiment and Capitalist Escapism in *Grand Theft Auto IV*"
- 11:40-12:00 Carmel Anne Abela (Nagoya University)  
"Rethinking the Player Character as an Outsider: a Different Perspective on the Playing Experience and Its Implications"
- 12:00-12:30 Panel Discussion
- 12:30-13:30 **Lunch Break**

### Panel 5: Bravely Default - Breaking From or Adhering To Normativity

Chair: Ece Ergin

- 13:30-13:50 Agata Waszkiewicz and Robin Longobardi Zingarelli (University of Lublin/Institute of Digital Games, Malta)  
"Emergence of Non-Binary Identities in Video Games: a Discourse Analysis Approach"
- 13:50-14:10 Xuan Truong (University of Freiburg)  
"The Feminine Alternate: An Examination of 'Default' Avatar Genders in Role Playing Video Games"

14:10-14:30 Aska Mayer (Aalto University)  
"Transmutation and Mimicry. Shapeshifting Avatars as Spatial Reaction and Modes of Alienation"

14:30-15:00 Panel Discussion

15:00-15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30-16:30 Kübra Aksay, Andreas Rauscher, Undine Remmes (University of Freiburg)  
**"Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Virtual Spaces":  
Poster presentation followed by roundtable discussion**

16:30 - 17:00 **Coffee Break**

**Panel 6: Choose your fighter! - Representation and Perspectives as Design-Tools**

Chair: Sarah Busch

17:00-17:20 Tobias Weißer (PH Ludwigsburg)  
"Nikolay Dybowski's *Pathologic* as a Hypertextual Contemplation on Modernity and Progress"

17:20-17:40 Nour Habib (University of Freiburg)  
"Gender and Race Representation in *Tekken*"

17:40-18:00 Panel Discussion

19:00-21:00 **Conference Dinner (On-Site, in Freiburg)**