



Seneca

Call for Proposals:
Science Fiction Research Association
(Virtual) Annual Conference 2021
Friday, 18 June - Monday, 21 June 2021
Virtual Host: Seneca College, Toronto, Canada

Conference Theme: The Future of/as Inequality

Keynote Speaker: Madeline Ashby

[*Company Town*, *How to Future: Leading and Sensemaking in an Age of Hyperchange*,
Machine Dynasty series]

Guest Scholar: Dr. Lars Schmeink

[*Biopunk Dystopias: Genetic Engineering, Society and Science Fiction*; *The Routledge Companion to Cyberpunk Culture, Cyberpunk and Visual Culture*]

The Science Fiction Research Association invites proposals for its 2021 annual conference, to be held virtually from June 18 until June 21, 2021 and sponsored by Seneca College, Toronto, Canada. Topics related to the conference theme include (but not limited to the following):

- posthumanism(s) and the economies of/and poverty
- (hyper) exploitation and posthuman labouring bodies
- reinforcing/redefining social class
- utopianism and post-capitalist societies
- the Anthropocene; or, we're not all in the same (sinking) ship, are we?
- Indigenous survivance
- speculative technologies of resistance

We also welcome papers on topics relevant to science fiction research broadly conceived that are not specifically related to the conference theme, including proposals for virtual panels and roundtables, if technologically feasible.

300-500 word abstracts should be sent to Graham J. Murphy (graham.Murphy@senecacollege.ca) or through the Abstract Submission form by **April 1, 2021**. Notification of acceptance will occur by April 16, 2021. At this stage, the plan (although it can change!) is to have papers/presentations organized into thematic "streams" and made available to registered 'attendees' in advance of the conference in an asynchronous manner, coupled with synchronous Q&A sessions on a virtual conferencing platform. Otherwise, general questions concerning this call for papers, conference panels, etc. can be directed to Graham J. Murphy (graham.Murphy@senecacollege.ca) and/or SFRA president Gerry Canavan (gerry.canavan.marquette.edu).

You will also need to [join SFRA](#) (or renew your membership) to register for the conference. For more on registration categories and deadlines, visit the SFRA website.