



Soil granule. Watercolour on paper. Aviva Reed 2022

The Ediths (ECU), Centre for People, Place and Planet (ECU), Common Worlds Research Collective, and Nulungu Research Institute (University of Notre Dame Australia, Broome Campus)

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Building on the *Responsive Roundtable Series 2021: Ecologies in-the-making*, this series continues to think—with Isabelle Stengers' (2005) proposition that ecology of practices is a tool for thinking through the present ecological and climate crisis we are facing. In the spirit of Stengers' scholarship, this **Responsive Roundtable Series 2022: Reactivating Ecologies** features respondents from art, science, and education to approach practices "...as they diverge, with attention and appreciation to difference(s)" (Stengers, 2005, p.192). These various responses bring us together for cultivating "other ways of trusting the world" (Papadopoulos et al., 2022, p. 32).

This 2022 series has a focus on the deep reading of a single text, *Reactivating Elements: Chemistry, Ecology, Practice* edited by Dimitris Papadopoulos, María Puig de la Bellacasa and Natasha Myers. Each Roundtable will begin with a 10–15 minute "reading along and reading aloud" of the Introduction (free and accessible here <https://www.dukeupress.edu/reactivating-elements>) in a practice inspired by *Ecofeminist Fridays*.

This time of shared "reading along and reading aloud" will be followed by interdisciplinary responses to a selected chapter from *Reactivating Elements: Chemistry, Ecology, Practice*. A Roundtable discussion will follow, with the intention of learning how to dialogue across difference(s) and of thinking together.

● Responsive Roundtable 1:

19th April 2022, 9–10 am AWST

Chapter 1: Receiving the Gift: Earthly Events, Chemical Invariants, and Elemental Powers, by Isabelle Stengers

Respondents: Professor Steve Chapman, Vice Chancellor, Edith Cowan University / Professor Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw, University of Western Ontario & Common Worlds Research Collective / Dr Annette Nykiel, slow maker and artist-researcher, The Ediths.

● Responsive Roundtable 2:

3rd May 2022, 9–10 am AWST

Chapter 9: Embracing Breakdown: Soil Ecoethics and the Ambivalences of Remediation, by María Puig de la Bellacasa

Respondents: Aviva Reed, visual ecologist, La Trobe University / Dr Jane Merewether, School of Education, Edith Cowan University & Common Worlds Research Collective / Dr Anna Hopkins, School of Science, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Edith Cowan University

● Responsive Roundtable 3

17th May 2022, 9-10 am AWST

Chapter 7: Tilting at Windmills, by Patrick Besnihan

Respondents: Professor Angus Morrison Saunders, School of Science, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Edith Cowan University / Dr Tonya Rooney, School of Education, Australian Catholic University & Common Worlds Research Collective / Dr Jo Pollitt, School of Education, WAAPA, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Edith Cowan University

● Responsive Roundtable 4:

31st May 2022, 9-10 am AWST

Chapter 8: Crowding the Elements, by Cori Hayden

Respondents: Dr Cassandra Tytler, video and installation artist, RMIT University / Dr Lucy Hopkins, School of Arts & Humanities, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Edith Cowan University / Tatiana Zakharova, University of Western, Ontario & Common Worlds Research Collective

● Responsive Roundtable 5:

28th June 2022, 9-10 am AWST

Chapter 2: Chemicals, Ecology and Reparative Justice, by Dimitris Papadopoulos

Respondents: Professor Pierre Horwitz, School of Science, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Edith Cowan University / Dr Cristina Delgado Vintimilla, York University, Canada & Common Worlds Research Collective / Associate Professor Lyndall Adams, Contemporary Visual Artist, School of Arts and Humanities, Edith Cowan University

● Responsive Roundtable 6:

12th July 2022, 9-10 am AWST

Chapter 4: Substance as Method, by Joseph Dumit

Respondents: Dr Nicole Land, School of Early Childhood Studies, X University, Canada & Common Worlds Research Collective / Dr Stacey Reinke, Centre for Integrative Metabolomics & Computational Biology, School of Science, Edith Cowan University / Dr Ionat Zurr, SymbioticA, University of Western Australia

● Responsive Roundtable 7:

26th July 2022, 9-10 am AWST

Chapter 11: Reimagining Chemicals, with and Against Technoscience, by Michelle Murphy

Respondents: Dr Susanne Pratt, Faculty of Transdisciplinary Innovation, University of Technology Sydney / Professor Mindy Blaise, School of Education, Centre for People, Place, & Planet, Edith Cowan University / Joshua Pether, independent performance artist and ritual practitioner

● Responsive Roundtable 8:

9th August 2022, 9-10 am AWST

Chapter 10: Externality, Breathers, Conspiracy: Forms for Atmospheric, by Tim Choy

Respondents: Dr Blanche Verlie, Sydney Environment Institute, Sydney University, Aimee Smith, School of Science & Centre for People, Place & Planet, Edith Cowan University / Elham Eshraghian, Artist and Forrest Fellow, University of Western Australia

If you are interested in attending any of the Roundtables, please sign-up to [The Ediths](#) and a zoom-link will be emailed to you approximately one week prior. Although the introduction to this text is freely available, you will need to obtain a copy of the book to access the other readings.

The ECU library has purchased copies.



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