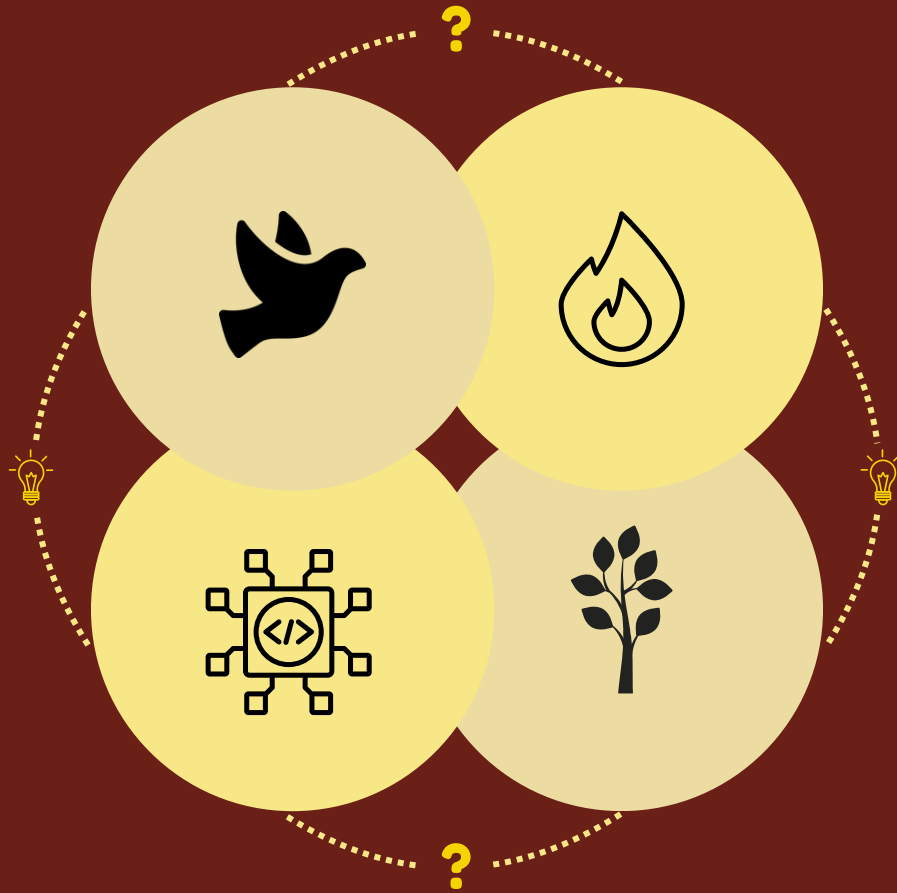


UNRULY MATTERS: EXPERIMENTING WITH SPECULATIVE MULTIMODAL METHODS

HANDS-ON SESSION – ANIMAL DAY CONFERENCE 2025



ABSTRACT:

Join us for a half-day of experimentation and play as we follow a cast of more-than-human 'unruly' characters—from pigeons to acacias and from algorithms to fires and more—and ask: how might we investigate more-than-human entities? What imaginaries and discourses do they evoke? What sort of researchers do we need to become to listen, feel, and see them better? And how might speculative, multimodal approaches open new ways of thinking and researching? Working in small groups and combining creative making with critical reflection, the session aims to encourage participants to move beyond textual accounts of more-than-human entities. We will use a variety of materials and approaches—including multimodal and metaphorical practices—to imagine, sense, and devise speculative research projects that engage with the agencies and worlds of these