

Brief Speculations ბრიფ სპეკულაცია

A reading group of the Centre for Modern and Contemporary Studies (CMaCS) PG Forum.

We read speculative fiction short stories—science fiction, fantasy, horror and everything in-between— from the classics to recent gems. We welcome members of the University of York community at any stage of their academic careers from any department who want to dive into these brief speculations. Ask to join our mailing list and receive our biweekly stories by emailing Brianna at brianna.frentzko@york.ac.uk

Meetings are held from 5-6 PM in the CMaCS/CREMS shared office in Heslington Hall (H/B35).

FALL 2026 Reading List

October 13th (TUES): Space for Forbidden Desires

Theodore Sturgeon's "The World Well Lost" (1953)

Samuel Delany's "Aye, And Gomorrah..." (1966)

October 26st (MON): Gothic Heroines

Alyssa Wong's "Hungry Daughters of Starving Mothers" (2015)

Maria Fernanda Ampuero's "Biography"

[Translated from Spanish by Frances Riddle] (2021)

November 9th (MON): Cosmically Horrific

H. P. Lovecraft's "The Colour Out of Space" (1927)

Tananarive Due's "The Wishing Pond" (2021)

November 23rd(MON): Artificial Children

Brian Aldiss's "Super-Toys Last All Summer Long" (1969)

Alexander Weinstein's "Saying Goodbye to Yang" (2016)

December 7th (MON): Fairytale Retold

Amal El-Mohtar's "Seasons of Glass and Iron" (2016)

S.B. Divya's "Two Hands, Wrapped in Gold" (2022)