



SKILLS FOR CRISIS

Network & Multiplier Event

Salzburg, October 31st - November 2nd 2025

Agenda

- Intro about the project
- Who is here and brings what experiences
- Crisis, collapse, disaster: A few definitions & reflexions
- Trying out methods
- Reflexions
- Your work
- Open Space
- Closing



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About the project

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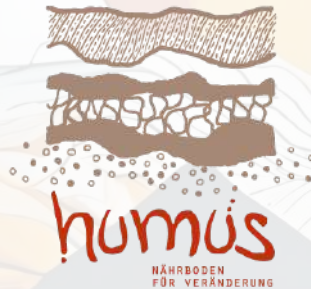
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Background

- Acknowledgment that **ecological tipping points, social collapse and multiple crises have been reached**. They will be and already are our reality.
- Embracing this thought faces us with **questions, feelings and processes**, forcing us to **leave our known ground of “solving” and “saving”**.
- We want to **explore what** civil society organisations, our communities and social movements **need in order to react and act in Solidarity** to crises.
- We want to **learn from the past, support healing in the present and shape the way we enter the future**.

Dwarfs on the shoulders of giants

- Our work is **based a lot on the work** of frontline communities, PoC thinkers and indigenous knowledge. Many peoples have lived through “the end of the world” before.
- We need to **acknowledge that and respect the differences** to our own backgrounds.
- We do not only want to quote “knowledge”, but also **try out practices and approaches from contexts** we borrow from.
- Part of our work is **“unlearning” patterns** that brought us to where we are.

Streams of thought

- Centering **Mental Health**
- Fighting for **Transnational Justice**
- Facing **Extreme Weather**
- Solidarity with **People on the Move**
- Strengthening **Civil Society**



The results

- 1 **Online Event**
- 5 **Online Workshops** in English
- 5 **in-person Workshops** in German, English, Polish
- 6 **Podcast Episodes**
- 1 **Zine**
- 1 **Network Event**





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Definitions

Definitions: **Crisis**

Cambridge Dictionary:

***“a time of** great difficulty, disagreement, confusion, danger, or suffering”*

Definitions: **Disaster**

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UN-DRR):

*„A **serious disruption of the functioning of a community** or a society at any scale **due to hazardous events** interacting with **conditions of exposure, vulnerability and capacity**, leading to one or more of the following: human, material, economic and environmental **losses and impacts**.“*

What about disasters is consciously made by politicians/corporations?



What is called a disaster and what not is a political decision and informed by society.

There are no clear markers.

based on Friedrich Gabel

Definitions: **Collapse**

Wikipedia, simple English:

*“Societal collapse means when a complex human society **falls apart or breaks down**. This can happen because of natural disasters, environmental change, using too many resources, complexity problems, loss of social unity, more inequality, or losing creativity.”*

Definitions: **Vulnerability**

UN-DRR:

„...The **conditions** determined by physical, social, economic and environmental factors or processes which **increase the susceptibility** of an individual, a community, assets or systems **to the impacts of hazards.**”

vulnerability = linked to the likelihood of experience the impacts of a hazard

vulnerability ≠ a hazard is experienced

vulnerability = an entity has lower capacities to deal with the impacts of a hazard

vulnerability ≠ an entity is harmed

based on Friedrich Gabel

Definitions: **Vulnerability**

Vulnerability of **a specific group of people** to **a specific event** is influenced by many factors:

- **individual condition**
(e.g. diseases, existing impairments)
- **living situation**
(e.g. income, education, social capital)
- **structural conditions**
(e.g. existence of protection measures, social exclusion/discrimination)



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Reflexion

The bus in us

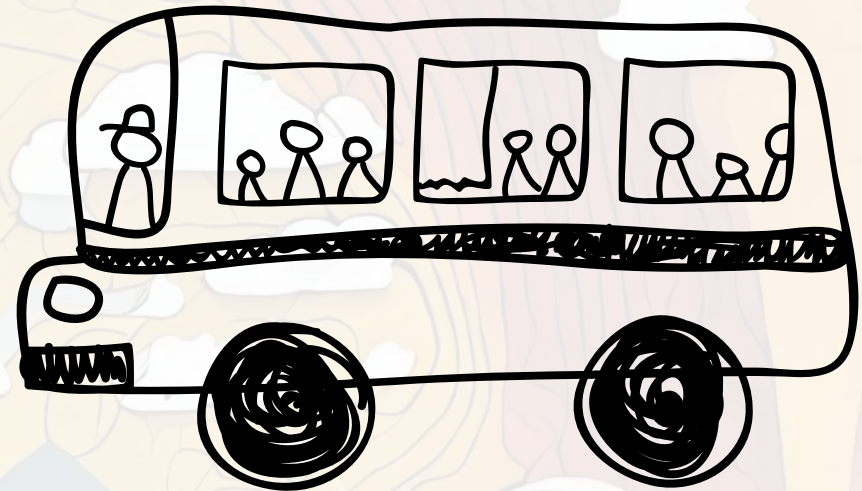
- a method developed by Vanessa Machado de Oliveira and the “Gesturing Towards Decolonial Futures Collectiv”.
- Can be found in the book: **Hospicing Modernity**. A book informed by indigenous knowledge, explicitly written for people in low-intensity struggles.
- based on **non-western** and non-anthropocentric **forms of psychoanalysis**.
- in the capitalist modernity, in which we live, we are taught to be rational and always control our emotions and bodies and have an “objective” glance at the world.
- This hurts our capacity to deal with uncertainty, plurality and the unknown.

The bus in us

- the exercise helps us to **break with a need for coherence**, clarity, simplicity within ourselves.
- practices the **skills to hold complexity**, contradictions, ambiguities in ourselves.
- an attitude we need also in connection with the world

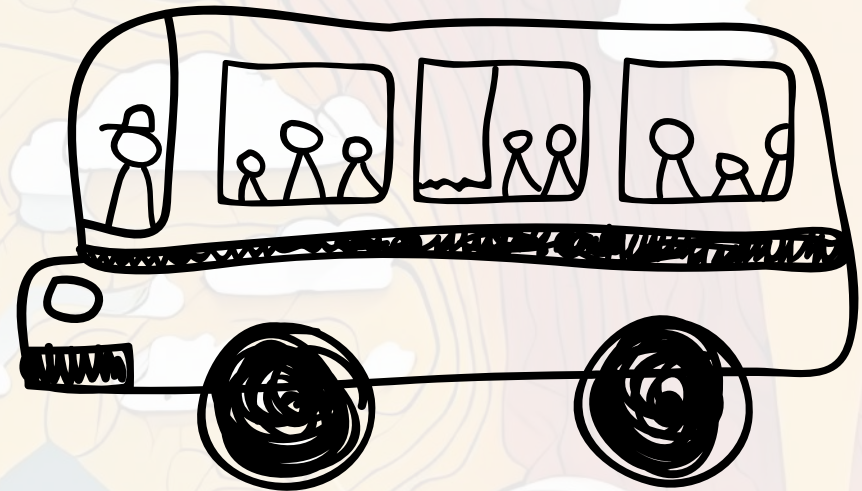
The bus in us

- The bus is your inside
- there is **a driver** and many **passengers**
- the passengers **embody events that have shaped your life**, including unresolved traumas, childhood events, significant others, etc.
- **Every one has an opinion on a certain topic.**
- Some passengers sit in the front and are loud and well-known; some sit in the middle and are only audible on certain occasions; and then there are those who sit in the back and may even be unknown to the driver.

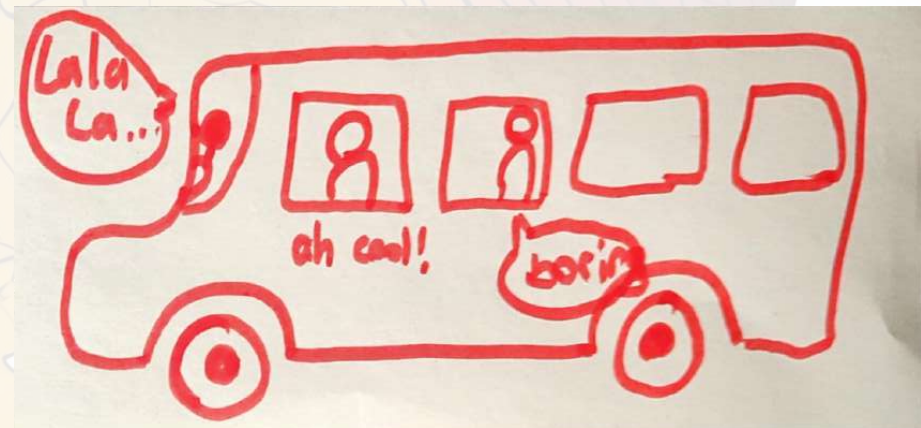
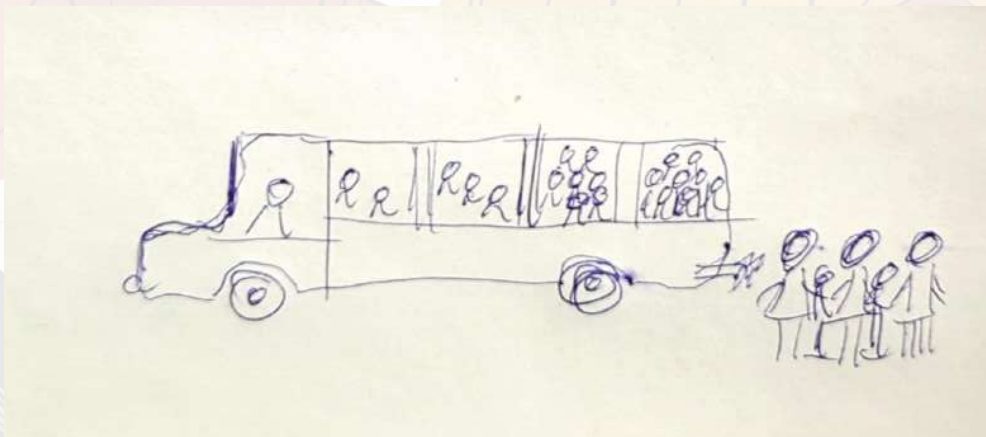
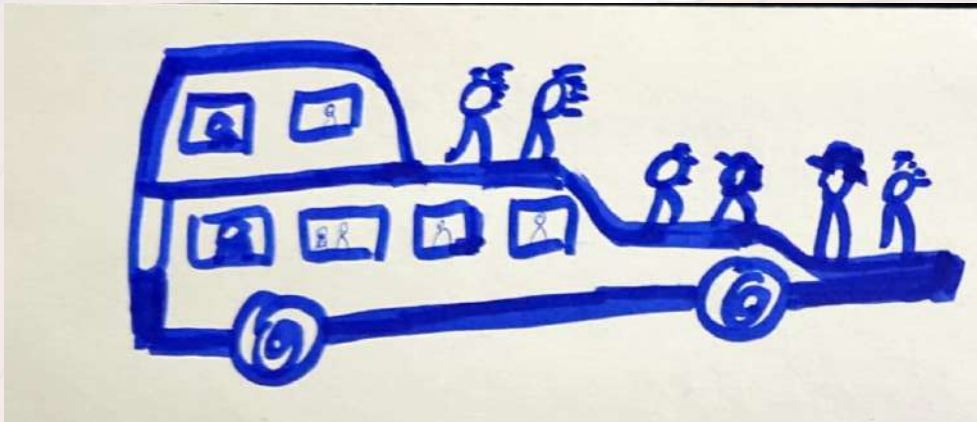


The bus in us

- **Think about the two case studies we've just shared**
- Look at your bus? What does it look like?
- If you want, you can draw it
- Who is driving the bus?
- Do you know the passengers? What are they saying?
- **Focus on three different passengers** with different reactions.
Draw them, if you like
- **Sit next to them and find out what they say and feel**



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The background is a stylized illustration of a turbulent sea with white-capped waves. The sky is a mix of orange and red, suggesting a sunset or sunrise, with several white, fluffy clouds. A large, semi-transparent blue circle is positioned in the upper right quadrant, containing the text 'SKILLS FOR CRISIS'.

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Workshop Recap

Feedback

- As part of an EU - funded project we need to collect feedback
- Please fill it out now

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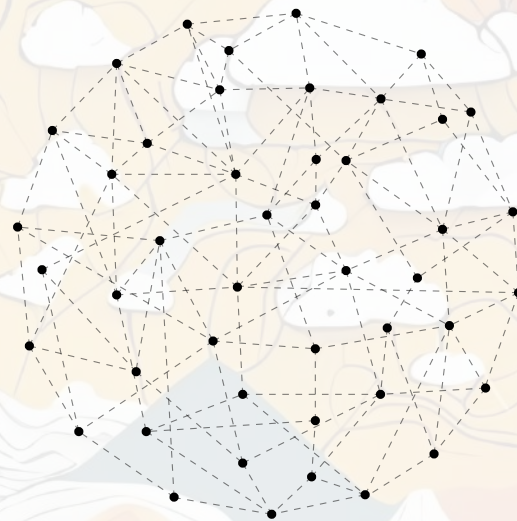
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