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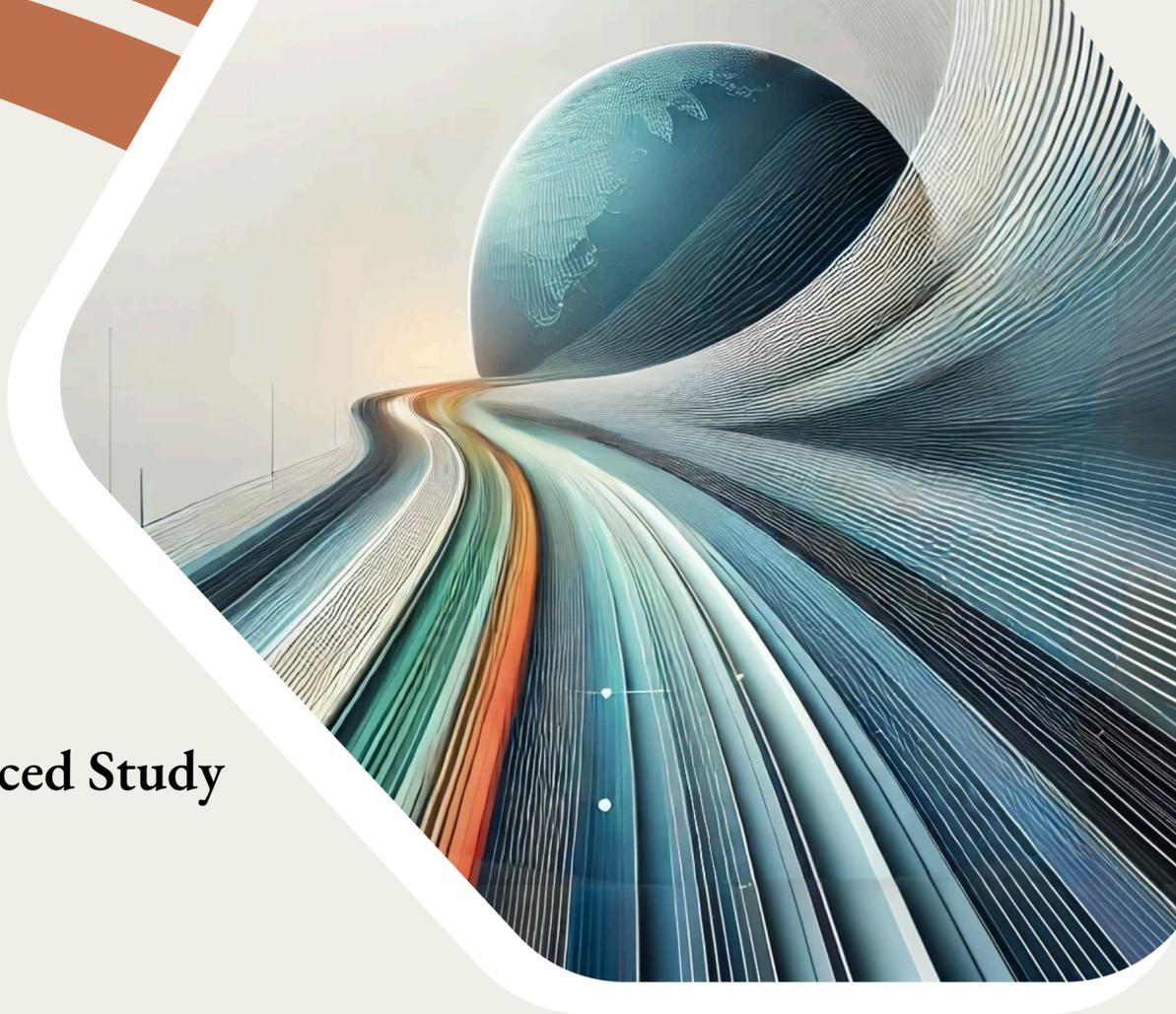


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*Join us for an engaging event with two lectures exploring how future thinking and anticipatory governance help organizations respond to global challenges and shape future scenarios in a rapidly changing world.*



**10 December**

**09:30 - 10:30**

**Reaching for the moon? How to move distant and unknown futures**

**Tor Hernes**

Professor, Copenhagen Business School and USN Business School, University of South-Eastern Norway



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**“Centres of Temporalization: The Tarfala experiment”**

**Anders Ekström**

Professor, Professor at Department of History of Science and Ideas at Uppsala University



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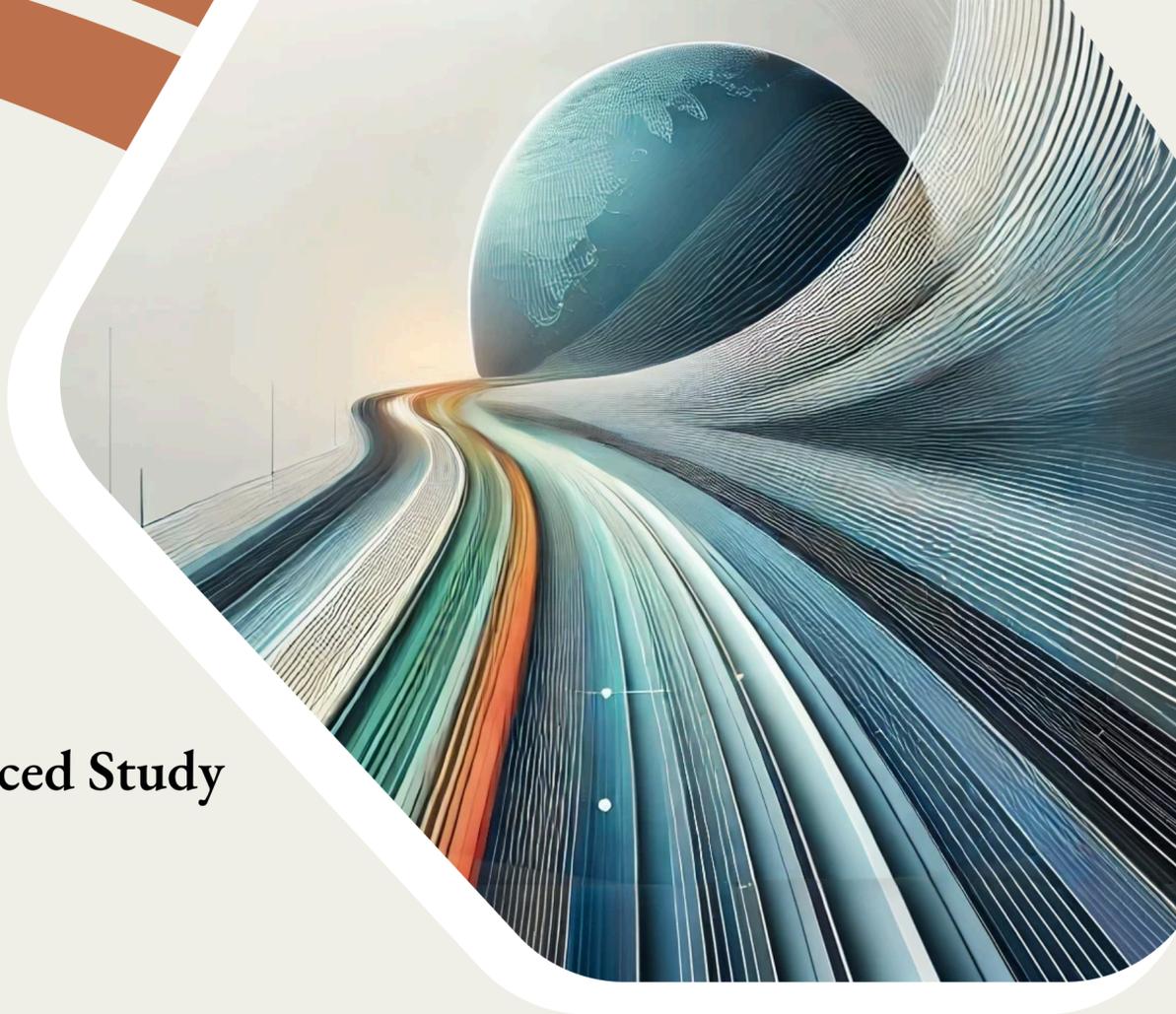


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We know little about how organizations move towards distant and unknown futures. However, it is imperative to understand how, for example, actors can work towards CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral futures, which lie far beyond their strategic time horizons. The field has relied either on goal- or strategy-driven models or processes of imagining distant futures on the other. Neither of these seems satisfactory to understanding this crucially important conundrum of present-day organizations. I will discuss one way of addressing the problem, based on a recent paper co-authored with Miriam Feuls and Majken Schultz, in which I propose the concept of path enactment. Path enactment is a way to understand how future solutions act as “placeholders” that constitute multiple possible paths towards the future. While enacting paths of solutions, actors draw upon various mechanisms to select or validate alternative paths. I conclude the presentation by suggesting further research.

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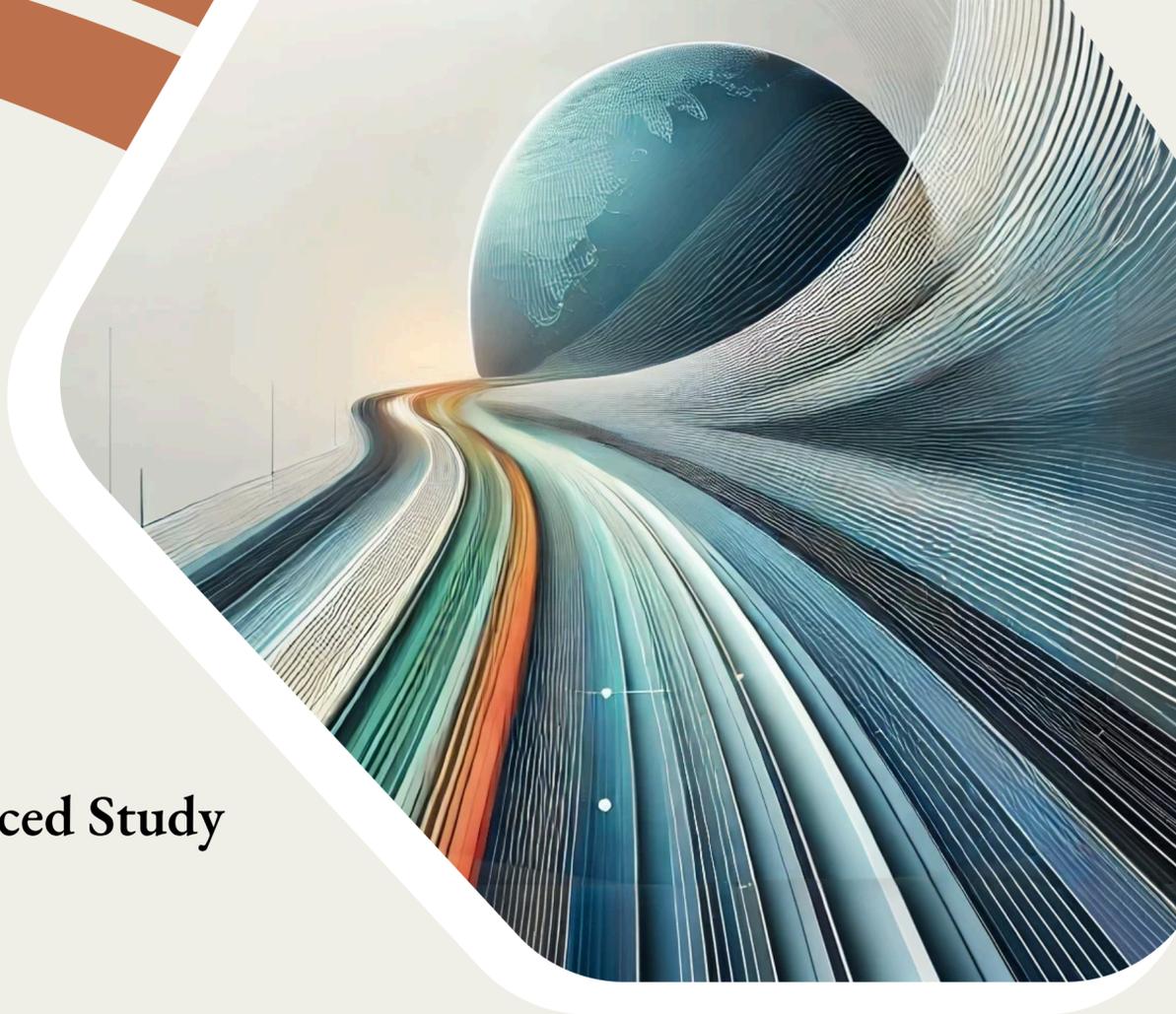


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This lecture argues for the importance of understanding Anthropocene temporalities from the places of their making. Drawing on the history of Arctic fieldwork, and its legacy of knowledge in the intersection of natural and cultural history, the lecture will focus on the Tarfala valley in the high-alpine area of Kebnekaise in northern Sweden as a 'centre of temporalization' in the context of rapid Arctic warming. The lecture also aims to explore the ongoing convergence of temporalities between different scientific fields in the study of Anthropocene history, and the possibilities it brings for collaborative research in the future.

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