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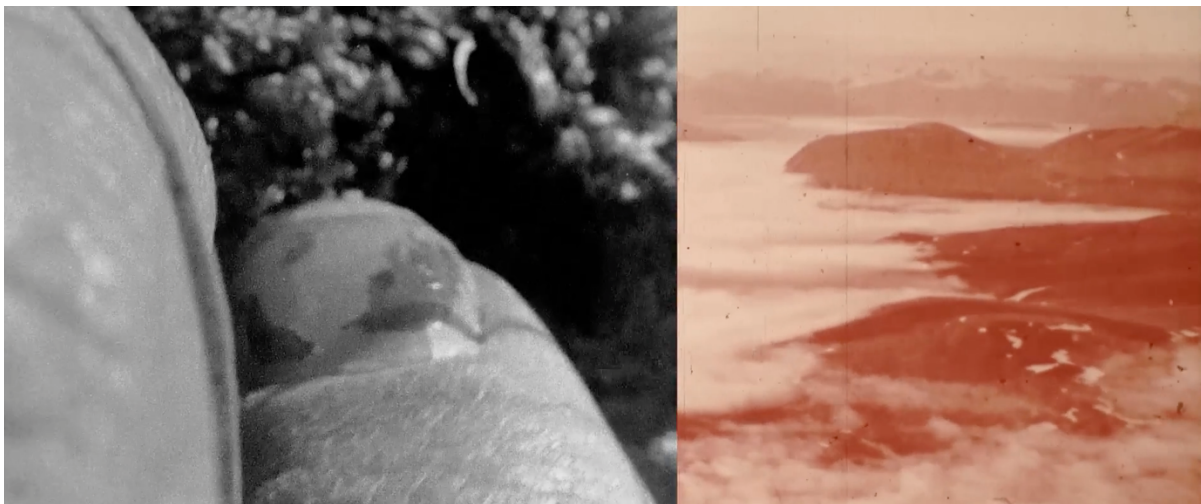
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Images of the melting polar ice caps, even those produced from inside the current crisis, are overwhelmingly images of whiteness, cleanness, and boundary integrity – ultra high-definition photographs of pristine and pointed landscapes, or, where polluted, this pollution is highly contrasted with the unspoilt, clean “nature” it contaminates. This video essay is part of a long-term practice-based project figuring relationships between the melting polar ice caps and other traumatised, abject, alien, and outsider bodies – queering the question of survival towards less boundaried ways of being in crisis. This text proposes a kinship between the melting polar ice caps (leaking, chaotic) and queer, sick, and traumatised bodies. Moving beyond establishing this empathetic relationship, the video traces strategies for living ethically in death worlds (as in the AIDS crisis) and sick worlds (as with chronically ill bodies) and practices of closeness and intimacies against and without the futurity the ecological crisis so clearly deems impossible. Interwoven in this video is documentation from my recent research trip to the Arctic Circle, which focused on becoming the alien, virus, bacteria, and the corpse that is increasingly appearing from underneath the (melting) ice.

Several stills from the film are below. For the full film by Linda Stupart, please follow this link:

<https://vimeo.com/399262621>



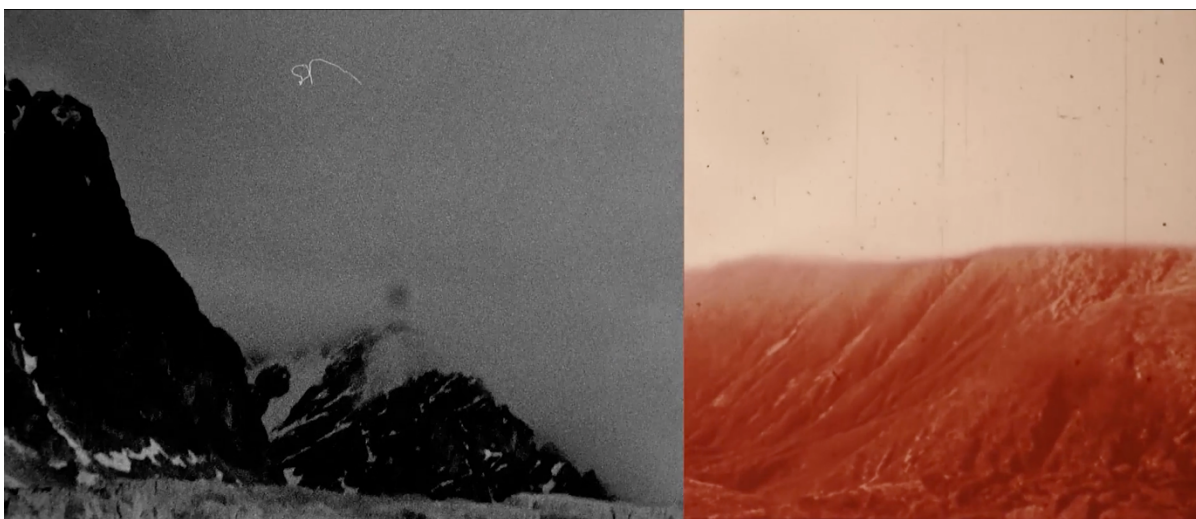
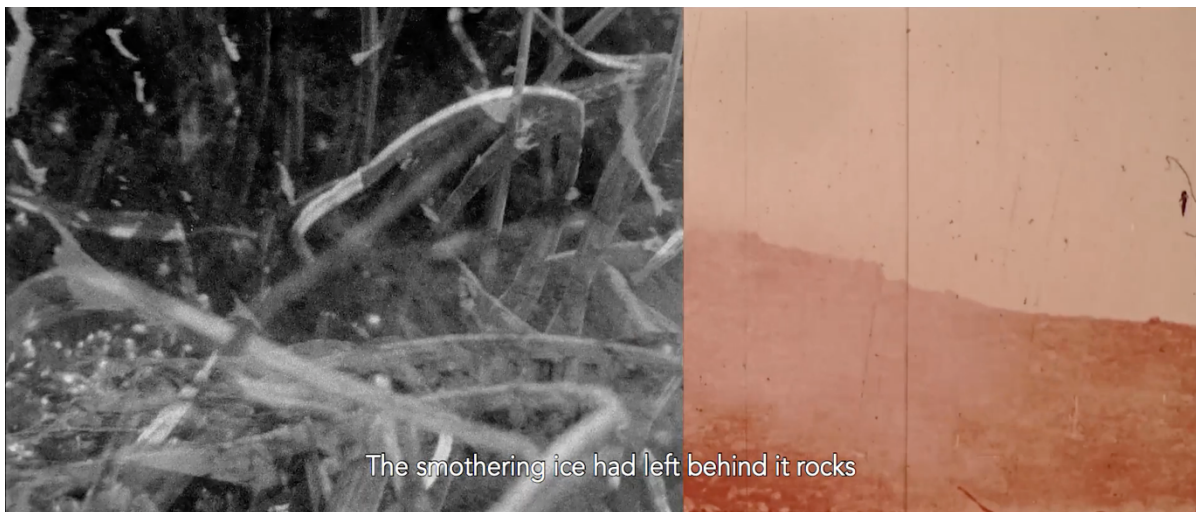


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The Longyearbyen graveyard dates back to 1918



were not decomposing because of the extreme cold.



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are springing back to life.



we have already reached the tipping point



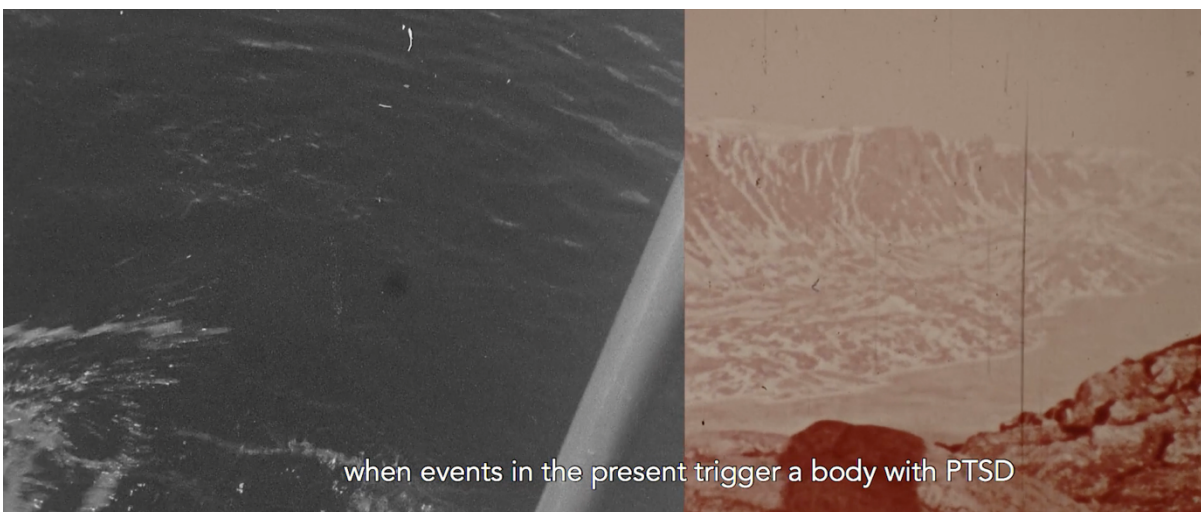


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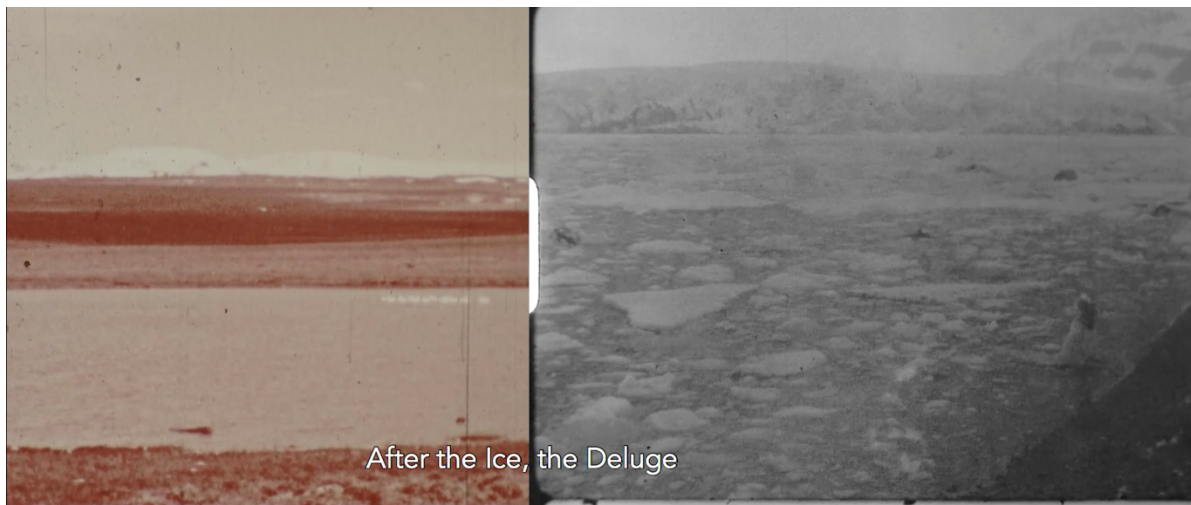


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