

## Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

9.30 – 9.40 am [P 1] Welcome from the Organizers

9.40 – 11.10 am [P 1] Opening Lecture

Matthias Groß What Are and Where to Find Posthuman Perspectives on Nature and Culture? New Prospects and Failed Promises from Environmental Sociology  
Introduction: Christiane Schürkmann

11.10 – 11.30 am Coffee Break

### Philosophy of the Posthuman I

Chair: Annika Schlitte

11.30 – 12.15 am [P 2] Auch Theorieentscheidungen haben ihren Preis. Überlegungen zu anti-essenzialistischen Tendenzen der Gegenwart und ihren Grenzen  
*Jenni Brichzin*

12.20 – 1.05 pm [P 2] Negative Anthropology between Posthumanism and (Neohumanist) Theories of the Anthropocene  
*Hannes Bajohr*

1.05 – 2.15 pm Lunch Break

### Philosophy of the Posthuman II

Chair: Janina Loh

2.15 – 3.00 pm [P 2] Being Subjects. New Ontologies in Posthuman Thinking  
*Andrea Le Moli*

### Posthuman Corporeality

Chair: Cassis Kilian

11.30 – 12.15 am [P 3] Co-Productions of Bodies, Food and Gender  
*Martin Winter*

12.20 – 1.05 pm [P 3] Para-human Ecologies of Hearing  
*Robert Stock*

### Production of Nature/Culture: Disposal and Preservation

Chair: Kornelia Engert

2.15 – 3.00 pm [P 3] The Ecology of Waste. The In-/Visibility of Waste in Phnom Penh as Naturecultures  
*Kathrin Eitel*

3.05 – 3.50 pm [P 2] Beyond the Relation Principle: The Naturecultural Objects of Object-Oriented Ontology  
*Michael Feichtinger*

3.55 – 4.40 pm [P 2] Heinrich Rombachs Konzept des ‚menschlichen Menschen‘ als Interpretation für aktuelle Narrative des Anthropozän  
*Thomas Schmaus*

4.40 – 5.00 pm Coffee Break

5.00 – 6.30 pm [P 1] Evening Lecture  
*Rosi Braidotti* The Critical Posthumanities  
Introduction: Kornelia Engert

7.00 pm Conference Dinner for the Speakers

## Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Posthumanism and Art: Crystals–Bodies–Images

Chair: Christiane Schürkmann

9.30 – 10.15 am [P 2] Anthropogene Minerale in den Spiegeln der Kunstkammer. Von geologischer Kolonialisierung zur musealen Dekolonialisierung?  
*Kerstin Flasche*

10.20 – 11.05 am [P 2] Post-/Homoide. Körper zwischen molekulärer Erweiterung und genetischer Reproduzierbarkeit  
*Sarah Sigmund*

3.05 – 3.50 pm [P 3] The Techno-scientific Production of Natureculture(s) in Seed Banking  
*Franziska von Verschuer*

3.55 – 4.40 pm [P 3] Limits of Hybridity. Towards a Theory of Toxic Objects  
*Christiane Schürkmann*

1.15 – 2.00 pm [P 2] Von Menschen und Tieren in der Moderne. Zur Professionalisierung von Tieren  
*Alexandra König/Annette Schnabel*

11.10 – 11.55 am [P 2] Agalmatophylie und Hermeneutik. Posthumane Kunsterfahrung vor dem Bildwerk  
*Ralf Bormann*

12.00 am – 1.15 pm Lunch Break

### Posthuman Entities: Humans–Animals–Plants

Chair: Olwiia Murawska

1.15 – 2.00 pm [P 3] Auf dem Weg zu einer technologischen Utopie der Alteritäten. Ein kritisch-posthumanistischer Ansatz mit und über Hannah Arendt hinaus  
*Janina Loh*

2.05 – 2.50 pm [P 2] Overcoming Plant Blindness through Plant Revolution: A Challenge to Anthropocentrism  
*Marco Antonio Pignatone*

2.55 – 3.40 pm [P 2] If I Were a Horse: Mimesis as a Means to Overcome Anthropocentrism  
*Cassis Kilian*

3.40 – 4.00 pm Coffee Break

4.00 – 5.30 pm [P 1] Georg Forster Lecture  
*Timothy Ingold* Posthuman Prehistory  
Introduction: Herbert Kalthoff

5.30 – 6.30 pm Closing Reception

11.10 – 11.55 am [P 3] Die Vergesellschaftung künstlicher Intelligenz  
*Henning Laux*

### The Politics of the Posthuman: Responsibility and Governance

Chair: Matthias Groß

1.15 – 2.00 pm [P 3] Auf dem Weg zu einer technologischen Utopie der Alteritäten. Ein kritisch-posthumanistischer Ansatz mit und über Hannah Arendt hinaus  
*Janina Loh*

2.05 – 2.50 pm [P 3] Humans In, On, or Out Of the Loop? Human-Centrism in AI Ethics  
*Nandita Biswas Mellamphy*

2.55 – 3.40 pm [P 3] Posthumanismus und Verantwortung  
*René John/Birgit Peuker*

For registering until September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, see further information:  
<https://posthuman.uni-mainz.de/>

In the past decades, one could witness a growing number of approaches and positions emerging from the humanities and cultural or social studies questioning the focus on the human as an acting individual and primarily cultural being. Despite their different vantage points, these approaches are united by the instance that they all challenge and irritate established dualistic views on nature/culture. We can distinguish between different analytical tendencies, whereby it is not uncommon to argue from a political perspective and an enhanced ecological sensibility. Humankind are to relinquish their hegemonic position by ceasing to conceive themselves as cultural beings superior to 'nature'. Thus, the question of what is *Posthuman* takes center stage – be it that humans are merely regarded as one entity among many, or that the age of humankind appears as fading (Anthropocene). This way, we can make out a *posthuman turn* – when looking at new concepts of biosociality, transformations into biotechnological societies, scenarios of a new climate regime, or the enforced inclusion of powerful materiality.

The conference will give scholars of various fields a broad forum for discussion by welcoming their respective approaches to redefining nature/culture and for taking up the problems raised by posthumanist approaches.

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