

Thursday, September 19th, 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] Parahuman 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 Interpretament 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 20th, 2019

Posthumanism and Art: Crystals–Bodies–Images

Chair: Christiane Schürkmann

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

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

3.05 – 3.50 pm [P 3] The Technoscientific Production of Nature-culture(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

Human–Machine: KI and Robotics

Chair: Torsten Cress

9.30 – 10.15 am [P 3] Humanoide Roboter. Zur Ambiguität von Maschinenwesen
Hannah Link/Herbert Kalthoff

10.20 – 11.05 am [P 3] Interfacing the Human/Machine. Auf dem Weg zu einer posthumanistischen Analytik
Benjamin Lipp/Sascha Dickel

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

12.00 am – 1.15 pm Lunch Break

Posthuman Entities: Humans–Animals–Plants

Chair: Oliwia Murawska

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

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

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

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
Renè John/Birgit Peuker

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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