

Towards a new humanity, and beyond – debating post-human perspectives

07.09.2023 to 09.09.2023
Fribourg University, Switzerland

Thursday, 7.9.2023

16:30

Arrivals and Registration

17:00

Conference opening

17:30 – 18:30

Keynote lecture by N. Katherine Hayles: Cognizing Others: Human Futures with Our Nonhuman Symbionts

18:30 – 19:15

Discussion with the audience

19:30

Drinks Reception / Apéro riche

Friday, 8.9.2023

9:00

Welcome

Panel 1 The New Human (Chair: Oliver Krüger)

9:15 - 10:00

Anya Bernstein: Cosmism and Transhumanism in Russia

10:00 - 10:45

Reinhard Heil: Eine eugenische Utopie: Julian Huxleys Evolutionärer Humanismus

10:45 - 11:00

Coffee Break

Panel 2 (Post-)human(e) Literature (Chair: Julia Straub)

11:00 - 11:45

Hannes Bajohr: Postartifizielles Schreiben: Autorschaft nach der künstlichen Intelligenz

11:45 - 12:30

Sabine Haupt: Voight Kampff-Tests für Bio-Adapter. Literarische Perspektiven eines kritischen „Biohumanismus“

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch Break

Panel 3 Language and Communication
(Chair: Julia Straub)

14:00 - 14:45

Anna Jobin: Semantic Practices and the Negotiation of Meaning with AI: An Empirical Study on (Post-)Human Interpretation of Words

14:45 - 15:30

Melike Şahinol: A Posthuman Perspective on Brain Computer Interfaces as Augmentative and Alternative Communication Device

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee Break

Panel 4 Perspectives from the History of Art
(Chair: Sabine Haupt)

16:00 - 16:45

Caroline Schuster: Jeunesse éternelle ou vieillesse rebelle : L'âge et le corps dans l'art du XIX au XXIe siècle

18:30

Conference Dinner

Saturday, 9.9.2023

Panel 5: New Ethics
(Chair: Julia Straub & Oliver Krüger)

9:00 - 9:45

Janina Loh: How and Why Robot Ethics, AI, Critical Posthumanism, and Queer Feminism is Interconnected: The Examples of Sex Robots and Dating Apps

9:45 - 10:30

Friederike Zenker: Alle Tiere sind verschieden, aber manche sind verschiedener? Individualität bei Mensch und Tier

10:30 - 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:30

Cary Wolfe: Posthumanism: Unavoidably Environmental

11:30 - 12:30: Interactive exchange

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch and Farewells

Participants

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Dr. Anna Jobin
Senior Lecturer and Researcher, University of Fribourg

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Dr. Melike Şahinol
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Vice-directrice, Musée d'art et d'histoire Fribourg (CH)

Prof. Cary Wolfe
Bruce and Elizabeth Dunlevie Professor of English, Rice University (USA)

Dr. Friederike Zenker
Scientific Collaborator at *eikones*: Center for the Theory and History of the Image
University of Basel (D)

Conference hosts at Fribourg University

Prof. Sabine Haupt (Comparative Literature)

Prof. Oliver Krüger (Study of Religions)

Prof. Julia Straub (Modern English Literature)