At the Limits of Imagination: Otherness in Human & Nonhuman Animals

Vienna, 26-28 September 2024

Program

*26 September 2024, University of Vienna, Neues Institutsgebäude, Universitätsstraße 7, Lecture Hall 3D (3rd floor)*

| Workshop Day 1 | |
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| 13:30 | **Martin Huth, Carlo Salzani & Ruadhán J. Flynn** (Innsbruck): Introductory Remarks |
| 14:00 | *Session 1*  **Martin Huth** (Innsbruck): You are Not Like Me: A Political Phenomenology of Otherness between Imagination and Abjection  **Ruadhán J. Flynn** (Innsbruck): Communication Unlimited: Stumbling, Stuttering and Working with Impairment |
| 15:30 | Coffee Break |
| 16:00 | *Session 2*  **Daniel Simons** (Oxford): Human Zoos, Animal Zoos: Fellow-lodgers and Fellow-companions  **Leonie Bossert & Davina Höll** (Vienna/Mainz): The Limits of Imagination in the Light of Microbe, Nonhuman Animal, and Human Entanglements |
| 17:30 | Coffee Break |
| 18:00 | *Keynote Address*  **Alice Crary** (New York): Animals and Wonder |
| 19:30 | Reception |

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| Workshop Day 2 | |
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| 9:00 | *Session 3*  **Alexander Altonji** (New York): “A Knowledge too Humble to Know it is Knowledge”: Cora Diamond, Cary Wolfe, and the Limits of Imagination  **James Trybendis** (New York): Alien Mourning: On the Limitations of Imagining Mourning and Grief of the Other |
| 10:30 | Coffee Break |
| 11:00 | *Session 4*  **Gary Comstock** (Raleigh): Imagining Other Species’ Pains  **Zdravko Radman** (Zagreb/Split): “What Is It Like to Be a Bat?” Reconsidered |
| 12:30 | Lunch |
| 14:00 | *Session 5*  **Julia Langkau** (Geneva): Imaginative Resistance in Empathy with Political Opponents  **Dorna Behdadi** (Gothenburg): Perspective-taking, Address, and Attentiveness to “Moral Audience” |
| 15:30 | Coffee Break |
| 16:00 | Session 6  **Annette L. Bickford** (Toronto): Interpreting Intentionality: Are Yacht-ramming Killer Whales “Orcanizing”?  **Ciska De Ruyver, Claire Diederich & Christel Moons** (Namur/Ghent): Species Bias: Striving to Understand the Non-human Animals’ Perspective |
| 19:00 | Conference Dinner |

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| Workshop Day 3 | |
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| 9:00 | *Session 7*  **Isabella Clarke** (Northampton): Borderland Co-becoming  **Oscar de Nijs Bik** (Antwerp): Poetry and Porousness in a More-than-human World |
| 10:30 | Coffee Break |
| 11:00 | *Session 8*  **Andrew Benjamin** (Melbourne): Living in Peace with Animals: Pythagoras’ Speech in Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*  **Simon Ryle** (Split): The Ecstatic Alterity (That I Am): Passive Flesh in Dostoyevsky, Levinas and Piccinini |
| 12:30 | Lunch |
| 14:00 | *Session 9*  **Radu Damian Nedescu & Deniz Efsunkar Cazu** (Bucharest/Schiedam): To Have Done with the Reductive Typology of Neurodifference: Autistic Alterity Reimagined through Heterography-Homography  **Ombre Tarragnat** (Paris): Perception, Figuration, Amplification, Disorientation: Tools for an Autistic Phenomenology of Animality |
| 15:30 | Coffee Break |
| 16:00 | *Session 10*  **Laura Restrepo-Giraldo** (Paris): Multispecies Radical Imagination: The Practice of Speculative Fabulation as a Political Approach to Non-human Animal’s Alterity  **Isabel Arciniegas** **Guaneme** (New York): A Home for Perla – How Is Writing About a Dog? |
| 17:30 | Final Discussion |