

Radikale Koexistenz – Menschliches und Nicht-Menschliches in Design und Kunst

Mittwoch, 18. Oktober, 17:00 – 20.00 Uhr:
Conviviality and Interspecies Learning

DESIGN FOR THE HUMAN TO COME The future for coming generations is not a problem to be solved but a life to be lived. It can lie only in relearning to coexist with other planetary beings, as our ancestors once did. This calls not for a posthuman settlement but for a new humanism, which prioritises the renewal of life over the innovations of technology. Even without today's digital enhancements, our descendants will still be possessed of exceptional gifts of writing and speech. Our best hope is to draw on these gifts to engage the voices of other beings in responsible conversations around questions of how to live.

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TOWARDS AN INTERSPECIES CONVIVIALITY. LEARNINGS FROM A GENEALOGY OF RELIGIOUS SPECIECISM Even from a theological perspective, it is difficult to avoid admitting that the confrontation with "religion" has been and is very rarely beneficial for non-human animals - and this perception is probably still very cautiously phrased. Since in the monotheistic religions, animals are subordinate to humans in a fundamental way, the paradigm of anthropocentrism, which in many cases is still guiding our perception today as well, is undoubtedly tied to the history of religions. Contrary to the often suggested tendency to replace this anthropocentrism with its supposed (!) opposite, i.e. a biocentrism or ecocentrism that indiscriminately includes all living beings, the lecture will rather try to reconstruct the reasons for the development of religious anthropocentrism genealogically: This attempt to really understand the historical, but above all epistemological and ethical conditions of a religious speciesism is the first step towards an "Interspecies Conviviality".

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