

Limits of the Human: Philosophical, Historical and Ecological Perspectives

2-4 September 2009

Venue: A.D. Hope Building, Conference Room, ANU

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2009

Conference Room		Milgate Room	
8.30am	Registration		
9.15am	Welcome		
9.30am			
<p>David Wood, Vanderbilt University <i>Toxicity and Transcendence: Two Faces of the Human</i></p> <p>Chair: Fiona Jenkins</p>			
10.45am	<i>Morning Tea</i>	10.45am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11.15am	ETHICS AND AESTHETICS AT THE LIMITS	11.15am	ANIMALS AT THE LIMITS
<p>Asha Varadharajan, Queen's University, Canada <i>Subjects of Inquiry and Subjects of Injury: Reflections on A Politics of the Inhuman</i></p> <p>Catherine Summerhayes, ANU <i>Google Earth and Crisis in Darfur: the Art of Compassion through Human Embodiment in Virtual Space</i></p> <p>Debjani Ganguly, ANU <i>Frontiers of Life and Death: Literary Globalism and the 'Human'</i></p> <p>Chair: Renata Grossi</p>		<p>Katherine Wright, Macquarie University <i>Invasion/Introduction, Landscape and Animals in Australia</i></p> <p>Dinesh Wadiwel, Independent Scholar <i>Animal Sovereignties</i></p> <p>Jon Seltin, Macquarie University <i>Animals, Technology and Economic Spaces</i></p> <p>Christopher Danta, University of NSW <i>Hyding the Animal within me: at the Limits of Being Human with Robert Louis Stevenson</i></p> <p>Chair: Paul Miller</p>	
1.00pm	<i>Lunch</i>	1.00pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2.00pm	SPECIES THINKING AND THE POST-HUMAN	2.00pm	ONTOLOGIES OF THE (IN)HUMAN
<p>Thom van Dooren, University of Technology, Sydney <i>Vultures and their People in India: Equity and Entanglement in a Time of Extinctions</i></p> <p>Gerda Roelvink, University of Western Sydney <i>Rethinking Marx's Species Being in the Anthropocene</i></p> <p>Rebecca Bishop, Massey University <i>Augmentation and Alterity: the Limits of the Posthuman</i></p> <p>Chair: David Wood</p>		<p>Russell Smith, ANU <i>Beckett's Smiles and 'Humanity in Ruins'</i></p> <p>Jessica Whyte, Monash University <i>A "New Use" for the Self: Giorgio Agamben on the Coming Community</i></p> <p>Mathew Abbott, University of Sydney <i>The Animal Whose Animality is an Issue: Giorgio Agamben and the Legacy of Anti-Humanism</i></p> <p>Chair: Robert Sinnerbrink</p>	

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3.45pm <i>Afternoon Tea</i>	3.45pm <i>Afternoon Tea</i>
4.15pm THE HUMAN AND THE IMAGE Robert Sinnerbrink, Macquarie University <i>A Post-Humanist Moralism: The Films of Michael Haneke</i> Melinda Hinkson, ANU <i>Empathy, Images and the Technologized Other: on Being Human in the Digital Age</i> Chair: Anna Yeatman	
6.00pm <i>Welcome drinks</i>	
7.30pm Conference dinner @ Barocca Restaurant, Marcus Clarke Street, Canberra City	

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2009

Conference Room	Milgate Room
9.30am Eric Santner, University of Chicago <i>The People's Two Bodies: Reflections on the Somatic Sublime</i> Chair: Fiona Jenkins	
10.45am <i>Morning Tea</i>	10.45am <i>Morning Tea</i>
11.15am CREATURELY LIFE Michael Fagenblat, Monash University <i>Ethical Creatureliness: a Non-Anthropocentric Reading of Levinas' Later Work</i> Fiona Jenkins, ANU <i>Human-all-too Human: Excess, Abandonment and Will to Power</i> Undine Sellbach, University of Tasmania <i>Insects and their Vicissitudes</i> Chair: Joanne Faulkner	11.15am EMBODIMENT/TECHNOLOGY Laura Cabrera, Charles Sturt University <i>Nanotechnology: Unleashing our Cyborg Nature</i> Catherine Kevin, Flinders University <i>Locating the Human in the Pregnant Body</i> Chair: Rebecca Bishop
1.00pm <i>Lunch</i>	1.00pm <i>Lunch</i>
2.00pm POST-WAR HUMANISM: ARENDT, CASSIRER AND THE HOLOCAUST Ned Curthoys, ANU <i>Ernst Cassirer: a Humanist in 'Dark Times'</i> Lucy Tatman, University of Tasmania <i>Thinking 'Humanity' with Hannah Arendt (Between Modernity and Postmodernity)</i> Jordy Silverstein, University of Melbourne <i>"It was too, too difficult": Writing Dehumanisation into Jewish Histories of the Holocaust</i> Chair: Debjani Ganguly	2.00pm IMPERIAL REASON AND THE HUMAN Anjali Roy, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur <i>The Dehumanizing Mission of Imperial Reason</i> Barry Hill, Independent Scholar <i>Tagore in Japan: A Telling Moment of Modernity</i> Chair: Caroline Turner

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4.15pm	<p>THE HUMAN AND THE POLITICAL</p> <p>Michele Spanó, University of Rome La Sapienza <i>Law as Subjects' Production: A Foucauldian Argument for the Class Action</i></p> <p>Anthony Burke, ADFA at UNSW <i>Humanity after Biopolitics: a Cosmopolitan Revision</i></p> <p>Chair: Ned Curthoys</p>		

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9.30am	<p>Dipesh Chakrabarty, University of Chicago <i>Between Globalization and Global Warming: The Long and the Short of Human History</i></p> <p>Chair: Debjani Ganguly</p>		
10.45am	<i>Morning Tea</i>	10.45am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11.15am	<p>RETHINKING NORMS</p> <p>Ros Diprose, University of NSW <i>Rethinking the Limits of Human Agency: Toward and Ethico-Politics of the Posthuman</i></p> <p>Simon Lumsden, University of NSW <i>Reason, Identity and Habit: If Norms are Governed by the Space of Reasons why aren't we all Vegetarians?</i></p> <p>Joanne Faulkner, University of NSW <i>Negotiating Human Vulnerability: Innocence and the Limits of Being Human</i></p> <p>Chair: Robert Sinnerbrink</p>	11.15am	<p>TECHNICITY AND HUMANITY</p> <p>Stephen Muecke, University of NSW <i>Biological and Mechanical Reproduction</i></p> <p>Paul Miller, ANU <i>Do Guns Kill People? An expose on the limits of the human through an examination of our relationship with technology</i></p> <p>Paul Alberts, University of Western Sydney <i>Between Singer and Foucault: Notes on the coming of the Anthropocene</i></p> <p>Chair: Melinda Hinkson</p>
1.00pm	<i>Lunch</i>	1.00pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2.00pm	<p>PANEL</p> <p>Dipesh Chakrabarty, Eric Santner and David Wood</p> <p>Chair: Fiona Jenkins</p>		
3.00pm	Conference Close		

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