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Call for Applications

The Posthuman Life of Methods

Utrecht Summer School Online Course by Prof. Rosi Braidotti

August 18-25, 2022

Apply now! First Come, First Served!

Theme and structure

The course builds on Braidotti's neo-materialist, critical feminist posthuman theory. It focusses on the methodological implications of posthuman scholarship across a broad inter-disciplinary range. The course offers a selected overview of key literature from fields like philosophy, literature, law, media, pedagogy, social theory, postcolonial theory and the arts. Mindful of the exclusions of the sexualised, racialised and naturalised "others" from full humanity, special attention is devoted to perspectives emerging from feminist, Black and Indigenous epistemologies. To think beyond anthropocentrism, the notion of human subjectivity is expanded to interconnect with non-human entities, both environmental and technological ones.

The 2022 intensive Summer School course aims to dig deeper into the methodological innovations introduced by posthuman critical theory, defined as the convergence of critiques of Humanism and critiques of Anthropocentrism. This critical approach introduces new themes and objects of enquiries, but what does it do in terms of methods and approaches? What sort of qualitative transformations are entailed by a critical posthuman framework? The course will explore approaches such as: transversal methodologies; neo-materialism; the new empiricisms; current textual practices; non-representational theories; inter/trans and post-disciplinarity; methods to exit colonialism; critical feminist theory and art practices as research methods. The participants will be invited to discuss and present work related to their own research topics and experiences.

The course is offered entirely online and is sub-divided in 5 small tutorial groups. Each group is led by a lecturer/tutor and Braidotti visits all of them in turn.

Each day is structured around a combination of pre-recorded and live lectures by the course director and invited lecturers, each followed by live Q&A sessions. Tutorial groups, seminar sessions, and immersive art-practice laboratories are offered daily. Informal meetings will also be encouraged and facilitated at lunchtime and at leisure.

PLEASE NOTE: The groups are organized by different regional time-zones: one for Australia and the Pacific; one for North and South America; and three groups for Europe.

- The European time zone programme runs from 9:00-15:00 CET daily.
- The Americas time zone programme runs from 8:00-14:00 PST/11:00-17:00 EST.
- The Australia-South Pacific time zone programme runs from 14:30-20:30 AEST daily

Applicants are free to select which time zone they prefer to attend (e.g. Europeans may want to select the North American time zone if they work full time) but the content is the same for every region. **Please state in your letter of motivation for which time zone you would like to apply.**

Competition for registration is strong so you are advised to apply early, as places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Confirmed Lecturers (and more to come...):

Prof. Rosi Braidotti (Utrecht University), Dr. Simone Bignall (University of Technology Sydney), Dr. Ruth Clemens (Utrecht University), Dr. Emily Jones (University of Essex), Dr. Kay Sidebottom (Leeds Beckett University), Dr. Fiona Hillary (RMIT University), Goda Klumbyte (University of Kassel), Jasmijn Leeuwenkamp (Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis).

Assigned reading

- *Posthuman Feminism* (Polity Press, 2021), by Rosi Braidotti
- *Posthuman Knowledge* (Polity Press, 2019), by Rosi Braidotti

Background reading

- *The Posthuman* (Polity Press, 2013), by Rosi Braidotti
- Selected entries from the *Posthuman Glossary* (Bloomsbury Academic 2018), edited by Rosi Braidotti and Maria Hlavajova

Application procedure

Course fees Course fee for students: €750

Course fee for non-students: €1000

Application deadline: May 15, 2021.

For more information, contact PosthumanSummerschool@uu.nl

SUMMARY OF KEY ACTION POINTS:

- Due to high demand, applications are approved on a first come, first served basis
- When maximum participation is reached, the applications will be closed
- Indicate your preferred time zone in your motivation letter
- Your registration is finalized only after the fees have been paid
- You are expected to do the background reading before the start of the course
- You are expected to buy the assigned books by Braidotti
- Apply via [this](#) link

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