

EMBODYING ENLIVENMENT – Queer, SM and Eco-Sexual Perspectives Symposium curated by Dr. Sacha Kagan

In an age where the modern myths of Mastery and Control have started to crumble down, the rediscovery of the body, of one & many ecology/ecologies, and of intelligence beyond the narrowly rational intellectual realm, is opening up new perspectives for transformation of individuals and society.

Corporeal practices allow us to learn through embodiment, whether they are sexual, gender-related and/or otherwise exploring new territories of self and others. But how do these practices relate to existing social order? How far do they maintain the status quo, titillate social change, or even maybe foster deeper social transformation?

This symposium will explore some alternative cultures in their relations to mainstream cultures. It will investigate individual practices and temporary communities. The guest speakers will introduce different approaches and perspectives, such as Queer, BDSM, Phenomenological Animism, Queer Ecologies, Eco-Sexuality, Metahumanism, and the philosophy of Enlivenment. We will exchange and explore together how knowing and making worlds with the body, rather than 'against' the body, relates to philosophical, political and civilizational questions about the kind of society we want to become.

The Program



Dr. Phil. Andreas Weber
writer, translator, independant scholar, Berlin
Poetics of the Flesh
Sense and Existence Beyond Body and Culture. Towards a Nondualistic Eros



Caffyn Jesse
sex educator, Salt Spring Island, Canada
Queer Embodiment
Shapeshifting, Pleasure and Wildness



Prof. Dr. Cate Sandilands
Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University, Canada
Queering Communities
Becoming (With) Plants



Dr. Elisabeth Wagner
Scientific associate for the Senior Citizen Education Program at Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität
Strategien der (Selbst)Normalisierung im SM als Potential für eine Kritik an geschlechtlicher Ordnung



Jaime del Val
meta-media artist, philosopher, environmental and postqueer activist, director of Reverso Institute, Spain
Metabody



Dr. Robin Bauer
Professor at the Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University Stuttgart
Transgression, transformation, exuberant possibilities?



Thomas Burø
university lecturer, singer in punk band 'Tivvler', Denmark
Our Sad Contempt for Powerlessness
or, on masculinity and cultures of sustainability



Dr. Sacha Kagan
Research associate, Leuphana University Lüneburg
Symposium Curator, Moderator of Panel Discussion

Tickets: 3-day pass: 60 € / students 40 € 1-day-pass: 50 € / students 30 €
Full Information and ticketing: <http://www.xplore-berlin.de/index.php/en/symposium-en-16>