

ONLINE RESEARCH SEMINAR
2PM – 4PM (GMT+1)

MIND THE GAP II: Dialogues beyond the human

A growing body of work between social sciences and the humanities has been questioning foundational categorical oppositions. The analytical gaps between mind and body, nature and society, individual and collective, local and global, spiritual and material, social and economic, and long and short duration, on which the modern western epistemic order is founded, have become increasingly unable to address some of the most crucial problems of our time. One of these theoretical borders is that which is drawn around the very notion of human. Mind the Gap II will discuss contributions from authors who question this border.

In this seminar series we will discuss texts on vitalism, new materialism, more-than-human societies, post-humanism, and others, exploring concepts such as things, cyborgs, hybrids, actants, networks and meshworks. In a time in which the circulation of water, viruses, carbon fumes, plastic waste, information, and capital intertwines ever more closely with human life, social theory has been moving away from anthropocentric theories of social and historic action. As they grapple with the notion that humans have taken up the agentic power of planetary geological forces, social sciences and humanities are redefining the meaning and impacts of more than human associations and post-human worlds.

Every fortnight we will meet online to discuss an article or book chapter circulated in advance. The sessions will start with a 20-30 minute presentation, followed by discussion.

Everyone is welcome.

REGISTRATION: bit.ly/mindgap2022

ORGANISATION:

Institute of Contemporary History – NOVA FCSH / IN2PAST
Interuniversity Center for the History of Science and Technology – NOVA SST
Centro de Estudos Globais – Universidade Aberta
Centre for Research in Anthropology – Iscte-IUL
Centre for Social Justice and Global Responsibility – London South Bank University

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PROGRAMME

**04
APR**

Timothy Mitchell, *Rule of Experts. Egypt, Techno-Politics, Modernity* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002)
Davide Scarso
CIUHCT — FCT NOVA

**13
JUN**

Tim Ingold, *Being Alive. Essays on Movement, Knowledge and Description* (London: Routledge, 2011)
Toby Austin Locke
University of Roehampton

**19
APR**

Patrick Joyce & Tony Bennet, *Material Powers: Cultural Studies, History and the Material Turn* (London: Routledge, 2010)
Elisa Lopes da Silva
CRIA — Iscte-IUL

**27
JUN**

Jane Bennett, *Vibrant Matter: A Political Ecology of Things* (1st Edition) (Durham: Duke University Press, 2010)
Des Fitzgerald
University of Exeter

**03
MAY**

Christophe Bonneuil & Jean-Baptiste Fressoz, *The Shock of the Anthropocene: The Earth, History and Us* (London: Verso, 2016)
Marc Jacquinet
CEG — Universidade Aberta

**11
JUL**

Donna Haraway, *Staying with the trouble. Making kin in the Chthulocene* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2016)
Amy Slaton
Drexel University

**16
MAY**

Anna Tsing, *The Mushroom at the End of the World: On the Possibility of Life in Capitalist Ruins* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2021)
Catarina Neves
CEPS — Universidade do Minho

**25
JUL**

Rosi Braidotti, *Posthuman knowledge* (Utrecht: Utrecht University Press, 2019)
Ana Oliveira
CES — Universidade de Coimbra

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MAY**

Bruno Latour, *We have never been modern* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1993)
Sanjay Seth
Goldsmiths, University of London

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