

## Remote Control – Scales of Mediated Intervention (Berlin, 29–30 Jun 17)

Berlin, Cluster of Excellence Image Knowledge Gestaltung, Sophienstrasse 22a,  
Central Laboratory (2nd courtyard, 2nd floor), Jun 29–30, 2017

Kathrin Friedrich

Remote Control - Scales of Mediated Intervention  
International conference

The two-day conference assembles scholars from different disciplines to discuss the conditions and scales of remote control in contemporary media practice. It covers three perspectives on remotely controlled interventions:

- The practices of remote intervention as ways of operating "from a distance", such as the transmission of commands in robotics.
- The infrastructures of remote intervention as ways of defining the possibilities of action, such as user interfaces, databases or control terminals.
- The politics of remote intervention as a transformation of the relation between humans and machines, such as the distribution of responsibility in remote warfare.

Read the full concept at: [www.remote-control-conference.org/about](http://www.remote-control-conference.org/about)

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(Please RSVP online, participation is free of charge)

### PROGRAM

Thursday, June 29

9.00-9.30 Registration and Coffee

9.30-10.00 Welcome and Introduction

10.00-13.00 Panel: Remote Sensing

Chair: Kathrin Friedrich

10.00-11.00

Keynote

Jennifer Gabrys, Goldsmiths, University of London

"Instrumenting the Planet: Sensing and Actuating Remote Environments and Smart Cities"

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00

Isabell Schrickel, Leuphana University CCP | CGSC

"Climate Mediation – Shifting Scales of Atmospheric Intervention"

Luci Eldridge, Royal College of Art, London

"Glimpsing Mars from the Centre of the Image: Terrain Models and Rover Driving"

Carolin Höfler, Cologne University of Applied Sciences

"The Void: Feedback Spaces and Scale Differences Between Vision and Haptics"

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-17.30 Panel: Remote Targeting

Chair: Moritz Queisner

14.00-15.00

Keynote

Jutta Weber, University of Paderborn

"Social Network Analysis in Data-Driven Warfare"

15.00-15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-17.30

Lucy Suchman, Lancaster University

"Situational Awareness and Meaningful Human Control"

Antoine Bousquet, Birbeck, University of London

"A Ghost in the War Machine: Human Autonomy within Contemporary Military Architectures of Control"

Kate Chandler, Georgetown University

"Death by PowerPoint"

Nina Franz / Moritz Queisner, Image Knowledge Gestaltung, Berlin

"Co-operative Killing. Controlling humans and machines in remote warfare"

19.00 Conference Dinner

Friday, June 30

10.00-13.00 Panel: Remote Computation

Chair: Nina Franz

10.00-11.00

Keynote

Timothy Lenoir, University of California, Davis

"Into Deep: The AI Explosion, Machine Learning and the Closeness of Remote Control"

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00

Matthias Bruhn, HfG Karlsruhe, Humboldt University of Berlin

"Artificial Proximity"

Matteo Pasquinelli, HfG Karlsruhe

"Neural networks as control paradigm: Frank Rosenblatt and the birth of learning machines"

Panel discussion with Antoine Bousquet

13.00-14.30 Closing and Lunch

Conference chairs:

Nina Franz, PhD-scholar of the Gerda Henkel Foundation

Kathrin Friedrich, Cluster of Excellence Image Knowledge Gestaltung, Humboldt University of Berlin

Moritz Queisner, Cluster of Excellence Image Knowledge Gestaltung, Humboldt University of Berlin

Lisa Weber, student associate, Cluster of Excellence Image Knowledge Gestaltung, Humboldt University of Berlin

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