

The Psychopathologies of Cognitive Capitalism Part 2 (Berlin, 7–9 Mar 2013)

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Conceptualized by Warren Neidich, TU Delft School of Architecture and hosted by The ICI Berlin, Villa Aurora, Berlin, and The Office of Artistic Occupation, Los Angeles, “The Psychopathologies of Cognitive Capitalism: Part 2” will bring together an international array of philosophers, critical theorists, media theorists, art historians, architects and artists to discuss the state of the mind and brain under the conditions of contemporary capitalism, in which these cognitive apparati have become the new focus of laboring.

This symposium continues to ask many of the same questions posed in Part 1 held in collaboration with California Institute of the Arts and Art Center College of Design last November, but elaborates upon many of the questions left unattended. Questions such as: What is the future of mind in Cognitive Capitalism?; Can a term such as Plastic Materialism describe the substantive changes in neural architectures instigated by this contingent cultural habitus?; What about the Unconscious as it known to us in dreams and other implicit psychic phenomena? Is it also modified, mutated and modulated by these evolving conditions of global attention?; Is there such a thing as Cognitive Communism, and does it have distinct patterns of pathological enunciation?; How has the idea of the Post-Colonial mutated as a result of these conditions?; Must we think anew such terms as Post-Colonialism. Is parametric design, which is computational and generative, an apparatus of cognitive capital? Is designed space an agent or platform in the production of subjectivity, and is parametrics complicit with its devices? Does architecture have a humane answer to its lack of empathy?; How does artistic research – the methods and practices of artistic production and the knowledge they produce – create new emancipatory possibilities in opposition to the overwhelming instrumentalization of the general intellect in Semiocapitalism?

Thursday Evening March 7th

7:00 pm Introduction and Initial remarks Christoph Holzhey and Luca Di Blasi

7:15 pm Welcoming Warren Neidich

7: 30 pm Plenary 1 Yann Moulier Boutang

Mental quilombos in production of value: flights and counter-forms of mania under cognitive capi-

talism in a postcolonial world.

8:30 pm Abdul Karim Mustapha Mustapha

Antinomies of Flight: Between Cognitive Capitalism and Postcolonialism

9:00 pm Wine Reception

Friday Morning, March 8th

10:00 am Plenary 2 Ina Blom

Video and Autobiography vs. the Autobiography of Video. Technicity and Subjectivity in the Realm of Realtime.

11:00 am Plenary 3 Pascal Gielen

The Chronotopy of Creative Labour

Deborah Hauptmann

The Planet has Grown a Central Nervous System

Lunch 12:30-1:30pm

Friday Afternoon, March 8th

1:30 pm Plenary 4 Alexei Penzin

The Only Place to Hide? Sleep in Cognitive Capitalism

2:30 pm Plenary 5 Sarah Rifky

Nabokov's Synesthesia

3:30-4:00 pm Charles Wolfe

Brain potential and the production of subjectivity: The politics of affect(s) as an unfinished project

4:00 pm Coffee

4:30 pm Plenary 6 Maurizio Lazzarato

Does Cognitive Capitalism exist? Even though we know all its categories we are still unable to explain its' main purpose: the creation of something new ?

5:30 pm Plenary 7 Mateo Pasquinelli

What Mirror Neurons Tell Us About Cognitive Capitalism.

6:30-7:00 pm Arne DeBoever

"All of us go a little crazy at times": Finance and Fiction in a State of Generalized Psychosis

8:00 pm

Faculty: dinner following

Saturday Morning, March 9th

9:30 am Coffee

10:00 am Plenary 8 Sanford Kwinter

The Brain and its Budget or The Difference Engine.

11:00 am Plenary 9 John Roberts

Art and Praxis: Metastability, Legibility, Situatedness

Liss C. Werner

Towards Acognitivist Architecture: A Cybernetic Note Beyond Parametricism

1:00-2:00 pm Lunch

Saturday Afternoon, March 9th

2:00 pm Plenary 10 Tom Holert

Interventionist Investigation. Nongovernmental Politics and Artistic Research

3:00 pm Plenary 11 Hito Steyerl

Withdrawal From Representation

Moderator: Armen Avanessian

The Aestheticization of Research

4:00-4:30 pm Coffee

Round Table discussion

Franco Berardi, Karl Lyden, Kerstin Stakemeier and others.

4:30-6:00 pm

8 pm

Book Launch for Psychopathologies of Cognitive Capitalism Part 1 and dinner at Archive Books.

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