

Seminar

Affective Politics and the Interface of Culture Wars

In the aftermath of the war against terrorism, the global financial crisis and more recently the humanitarian disaster in Syria so-called culture wars have been intensified. These culture wars are often concerned with national security and cultural coherence and they rely on a particular kind of mediatized affective cultural politics (Reestorff 2016) and on premediations (Grusin 2010) that reflect a "desire to make sure that the future has already been pre-mediated before it turns into present (or past)" (Grusin 2010, p 4). As such culture wars also result in mediatized and premediated – physical as well as imaginary – fortresses (Bermajo 2009; Carr 2015; Hann 2014) in which continents and nations are imagined, guarded and invested with affective levels of experience. At the seminar we investigate the ways in which new fortresses are constructed to restrict, control and surveil movement and to mobilize individuals in affective – often national – collectivities. As such we will investigate the affective forces that contribute to the mobilization, imagination, bordering and surveillance of publics and communities. This will be reflected in studies of datamediation and the affectivity of surveillance and exposure, data generated research and surveillance and the affective politics of border control.

Program

09.00-09.15: Welcome

09.15-10.00: Camilla M Reestorff: The Affective Politics of Border Control

10.00-10.15: Coffee Break

10.15-11.00: Jonas Fritsch: Affective Interaction Design at the End of the World

11.00-11.45: Bodil Marie S Thomsen and Søren Rasmussen: Data Generated Research and Surveillance – or Seeking Patterns in Random Information

11.45-12.30: Lunch Break

12.30-13.45: Richard Grusin: Datamediation, Citizenfour, and the Affectivity of Surveillance

13.30-14.15: Walk to AIAS, Auditorium, 1632, Høegh-Guldbergs Gade 6B

14.15-16.00: Bithaj Ajana: Metric Life: The Biopolitics of the Quantified Self

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Time: 9.15-16

Place: Building 1585-115 (Store sal, kasernen)

