

Monday,
18 November 2019
Federico Luisetti

October 2019
– July 2020

Wednesday,
4 December 2019
Eva Horn

Monday,
27 January 2020
Christina Wessely

Monday,
24 February 2020
Didier Debaise

Tuesday,
24 March 2020
Avery Gordon

ICI Lecture
Series

ERRANS environ/s

Monday,
8 Juni 2020
Susan Bernstein

There is hardly a discipline, field, or discourse within the natural and social sciences nor the humanities that hasn't long been touched and transformed by the notions of milieu, environment, or Umwelt. The recent revival and proliferation of ecological discourses can be understood, at least in part, as a response to the increasingly complete immersion in technologically informed environments.

The transdisciplinary impact of these new concepts has not yet been captured, nor is it clear that it can be captured, but while the life sciences play a prominent role in them (having adopted, in the 19th century, concepts from physics and transgressed into the social sciences, for example, as racist discourses and social Darwinism), they don't operate as the leading science in this transformation. Instead, this process appears to be a multidirectional, non-hierarchizable, and errant movement, itself constituting a complex ecology of knowledge.

ERRANS environ/s contemplates aspects of this frequently divergent, potentially errant, and certainly ongoing transformation of not only the sciences or cultures of knowledge, but also cultural and artistic production at large. It will investigate the ways in which an attention to environments can have the effect of dissolving boundaries or making them permeable, questioning clear-cut distinctions, undermining naive ontologies, decentering the subject, folding nature and culture, and producing complex political ecologies attuned to far-reaching entanglements.

All talks start at 7:30 pm
and will be in English.

Monday,
25 May 2020
Jennifer Fay