

LIMITS OF THE LIVING
(Conference Schedule)

Day One

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023

7:30am - 8:00am, Breakfast

8:00am – 8:30am, Introductions

8:30am – 9:30am, **David Wills**, “Preferring Being Condemned Not To”

9:45am – 10:45am, PANEL ONE: **Vital De-Animations in Art and Literature**

Bruno Penteado, “*Ressorts*: La Mettrie—Derrida/Wills—Sade”

Teresa Vilarós-Soler, “Life as Biotechnology According to Salvador Dalí”

10:45am – 11:15am, Coffee Break

11:15am – 12:15pm, PANEL TWO: **Techno-Organicisms in Simondon and Beyond**

Rodrigo De los Santos Alamilla, “The Technopolitical Object in the Planetary Epoch”

Adam R. Rosenthal, “Originary Biotechnicity”

12:15pm – 1:15pm, Lunch

1:15pm – 2:45pm, PANEL THREE: **Technologies of Corporeality in Heidegger & Malabou**

Michael Ardoline, “Technologies of the Self after Neuroplasticity”

Ananya Usharani Ravishankar, “World Wounded: Forms of Destructive Plasticity”

Rachel Cicoria, “Remembering Without Having Memorized: Technologies of Embodied Resistance”

3:00pm – 4:30pm, PANEL FOUR: **Life After Deconstruction**

Michael Portal, “Exhaustion and Life’s (Im-)Possibilities”

Rafael Fernandez Lopez, “Thinking the Pain of Being or De-Mechanizing Existence”

Ronald Mendoza de-Jesus, “Life or Metaphor? Metaphoricity and Vivacity in Derrida’s *La vie la mort*”

4:30pm – 5:30pm, Coffee Break + **Life, Ecology, & the Anthropocene Discussion Session**

5:30pm – 6:30pm, **Deborah Goldgaber**, “On Analogies and Ontologies: “Writing” and “Code” in the History of the Life Sciences”

7:30pm – Dinner at TBD

Day Two

Friday, November 3rd, 2023

7:30am - 8:00am, Breakfast

8:00am – 9:00am, **Kelle Dhein**, “Tracing the Cybernetic Dream: From Classified Wartime Research to Contemporary Animal Behavior Experiments”

9:15am – 10:45am, PANEL ONE: **Life After Information**

Patrick Gamez, “Extinction, in Theory: On the Vitalist Image”

Joshua DiCaglio, “Biology as scalar mediation, or, Building Life after Information”

Raul Carrillo Covarrubias, “Recursivity and Life in the Artificial Earth”

10:45am – 11:15am, Coffee Break

11:15am – 12:15pm, PANEL TWO: **Alien Life**

Marion Nachon, “Looking for Signs of Life on Mars with Rovers”

Armando Mastrogiovanni, “The Limits of Life Detection: Technologies and Concepts of Life in Astrobiology”

12:15pm – 1:30pm, Lunch

1:30pm – 2:30pm, PANEL THREE: **Planetary Orders**

AJ Baginski, “Environmental Discretion: The Concept of Race & Partitioning of the Earth”

Maddalena Cerrato, “The Nomos of the Mother and ‘*Matr*ianarchy”

2:45pm – 3:45pm, PANEL FOUR: **Sex in Science**

Rene Garcia, “Dissemination, Recombination and Tenacity of Biological Information; Natural Examples in the Roundworm *Caenorhabditis*.”

Meg Perret, “‘The Complicated Sex Lives of Endangered Species’: Scientific Representations of Giant Panda Reproduction in Captive Breeding Programs”

3:45pm – 4:45pm, Coffee Break + **Life & Information Discussion Session**

4:45pm – 5:45pm, **Richard Doyle**, “Ecognosis & the Boundaries of Living Systems: Mind, Life & Awareness From a Self-Aware Planet”

7:00pm, Dinner at TBD

Location: All Events will be held at the Glasscock Library (Glass 311)

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