

# POSTHUMANISM RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The PRI will hold its annual general meeting on **June 6, 10:00-11:30 (ET)**.

This is the chance for all members to make their voices heard and contribute to making plans for activities over the coming year. We will also elect members of the executive committee. Please be in touch if you have an interest in serving in this role.

**To join the meeting, log on to:**

**LIFESIZE LINK**

**Password : 3316#**

**Chrome is the preferred browser for this app.**

Documents for the meeting will be circulated in advance.

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## EPTC/PRI 2024 PANEL – POSTHUMANISM AND THE HUMAN-TECHNOLOGY NEXUS

**June 17, 2024 – Birks 105, McGill University**

Chaired by Christine Daigle (Director, Posthumanism Research Institute, Brock University)

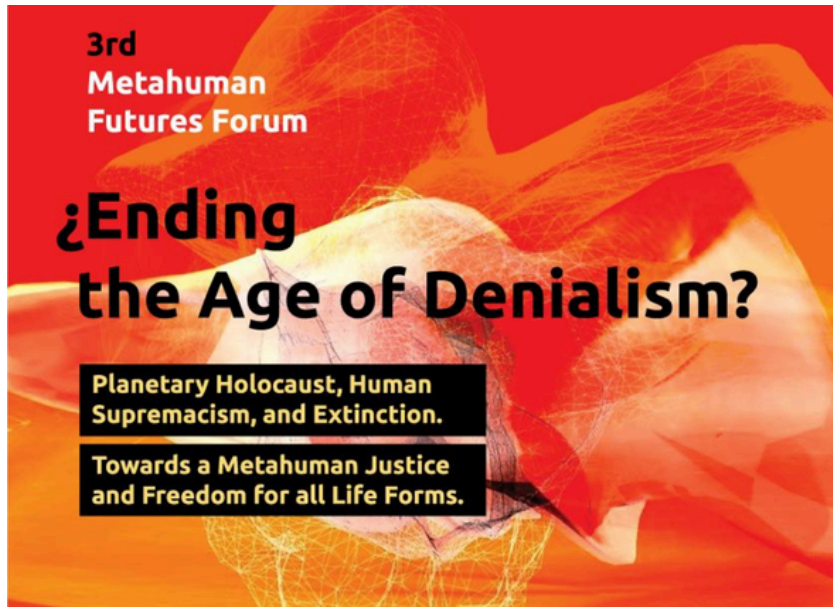
**The PRI is hosting a panel jointly with EPTC at Congress again this year.  
The meeting is taking place at McGill University (Montreal) on June 17th.  
All are welcome!**

The Posthumanism Research Institute (PRI) at Brock University hosts a variety of local and international members who are interested in tackling questions pertaining to our contemporary state of multiple crises. If a Humanist worldview—with its human exceptionalism, binary thinking, and oppressive hierarchical patterns—has driven us to our current situation, which is often the starting point for posthumanist thinkers, what might be pathways to thinking ourselves differently? This entails exploring the multiple relations and entanglements in which we exist and reflecting on the nature of these relations and the thriving of entities involved.

It is in this context that this year's EPTC/PRI panel decided to explore the human-technology nexus. Since our human and nonhuman existences are permeated by various degrees of technologization, it is important to think through that particular entanglement. **Our panel seeks to generate a reflection on emerging questions in the human-technology relationship, identifying dominant narratives, worldviews, and social structures that facilitate Humanist tendencies. As posthumanists, we are interested in leaving a Humanist conception of the human behind, not the human itself. What of that human itself and how it relates to technology? In what way has technology contributed to our evolution and to the shaping of our identity(ies)? What are the ethical implications of embracing accelerated technological developments such as AI and advanced computing? What potentials lay in such developments for mutual thriving?**

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### 3RD METAHUMAN FUTURES FORUM: A Meta-academic Metahumanities Encounter



**Hybrid format: online & in-person – all sessions streamed and recorded**

1st & 2nd June 2024, Conference  
 31st May – Workshops by Stelarc, Jean-Marc Matos, and Anthi Kosma  
 3rd-4th June other workshops to confirm.  
 + Exhibition  
 In University of the Aegean. Department of Cultural Tecnology and Communication, Geography Building, Mytilene, Lesvos, Greece  
 + 28th-30th May – Metahuman Lab in Skala Eressou at the Queer Festival

Since 2022 the MFF has been proposing an integrative frame for understanding the interrelatedness of all aspects of the crises unleashed by human dominion over the past millennia, and to do so without concessions to the human supremacism that, either bluntly or under cover, still seems to reign supreme in other circles. In this 3rd edition of the MFF we aim to bring the discussion further by **focusing on the issue of denialism, including more specifically the mechanisms by which denialism reaffirms itself within circles of supposed critical thinking and in the academia, amongst others.** Reaching out toward meta-academic criticality and transdisciplinary life practices and knowledges, and against human supremacist indoctrination and fanaticism, the EU project that serves as frame for the MFF, Bodynet-Khorós, further instigates the activation of techniques of living and thinking that by far exceed any form of eurocentric, logocentric, verbocentric, academic supremacism: from indigenous knowledges to novel embodied choral practices and gathering techniques, for a metahuman mutation and a liveable future.

In face of the ongoing 6th Great Mass Extinction created by anthropogenic action since the last millennia and exponentially accelerating, threatening all life on earth including “humans”, it is urgent to stop our flight forwards. **The challenge is that all life on earth needs to be equally taken care of. There are no human rights without the rights and freedom of all other life forms.**

**Human health and rights = Animal health and rights = Planetary health and rights.**

**BOOKLET**

## **METAHUMAN SUMMER LAB - 2024**

### ***Techniques of the Body & Body Intelligence: the Reversal of Extinction***

17 to 21 July – Inscriptions till 15th June

In rural SPAIN: in Casa de la Libertad, in a small village of Salamanca two hours away from Madrid and 40 min. from Salamanca. There is train or bus to Peñaranda de Bracamonte, which is 13km away.

At the METAHUMAN LAB we explore ways of being in the world that may help undo the planetary catastrophe that human dominion has created over the past 10 millennia. Challenging ruthlessly all forms of oppression, non-human and human, and their underlying concepts (of species, gender, race, ability, etc.) we confront the fact that it is the totality of forms of sedentary living and its related overpopulation emerging since the rise of farming that have created the extinction cycle that drags us along all other species.

The lab onto-hacks our most deeply rooted Human Supremacist assumptions and proposes experiential practices and techniques for rediscovering a lost moving-sensing body, which is the only means to undo our toxic ways of living and regain a symbiotic relation to the Earth and its 8,7 million species. From movements exercises based on proprioception, through flexinamic structures and interactive projections, to gathering plants this fully vegan event proposes techniques for transforming our ways of living and regaining the dance of life.

The Original Affluent Society theory stemming from the 1960 in anthropology tells us that gatherers hunters lived and live better than sedentary cultures, and for 99% of its history of around 300.000 we lived only like that and we were just one million population: never accumulating, with egalitarianism and respect for other life forms and the environment, moving with the earth and its flows. All modes of oppression have appeared with accumulation and our devastating occupation of the earth with farming, agriculture and cities. But the Lab, building upon Del Val's movement philosophy suggests that it is the gradual loss of movement in the Sapiens that lies in the roots of the problem. Regaining the moving body is key.

For the program and detailed information, click [HERE](#)

Fully VEGAN event.

The space has a strict “Holocaust-free” policy and doesn't allow animal products in the place.

## SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE:

### *The Feminist Philosopher, the Nomad, The Posthuman*

#### A Week With Rosi Braidotti

The 2024 intensive Summer School course aims to dig deeper into and provide an extensive overview of Rosi Braidotti's many essential contributions to the academic, political, and social world over her career, illuminating the converging work of the generations that followed through guest-lectures and panel discussions with those who have worked closely with Braidotti's innovative work. As such the course will explore matters and methods of inter/trans and post-disciplinarity, post/decolonialism, posthumanism, as well as critical feminist theory and artistic practices.

**Registration deadline**  
**01 June 2024**

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The course will take place in person, at Utrecht University, with 30 participants. Selection of this course will be done by Professor Braidotti herself.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS:



— COLLECTIVE FOR RESEARCH ON — EPISTEMOLOGIES AND ONTOLOGIES — OF EMBODIED RISK

### Call For Papers for Somatechnics 16.1

*Eco-horror's Minor Intimacies: Affective Embodiments, Ecological Desires*

Issue editors: Lynn Kozak and Alanna Thain (McGill University)

Publication date: Winter 2026

300 word proposals due: June 15, 2024 to [corerisk@gmail.com](mailto:corerisk@gmail.com)

We seek work that attends to the risky business of eco-horror and the relations it animates.

We welcome work that addresses media and performance, fiction and documentary, platforms and content, from perspectives that foreground minoritarian lifeworlds. Our key question is: **what does embodied survival look and feel like in minoritarian eco-horror?**

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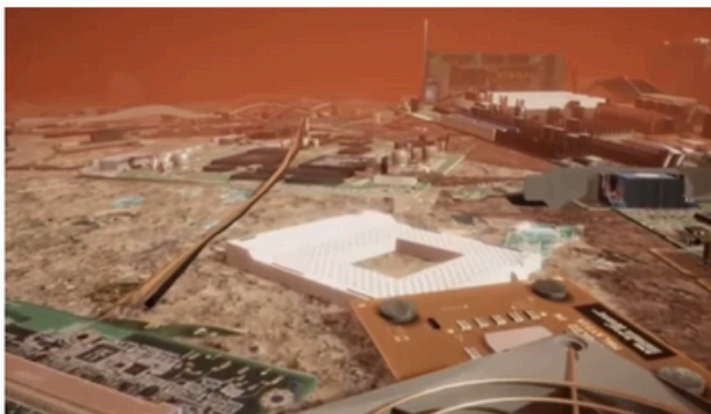


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