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#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

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

To join the meeting, please use Chrome and join the meeting room at:

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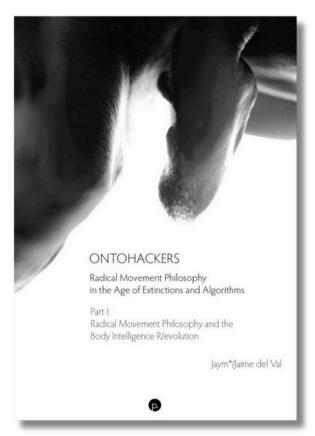
The materials for the meeting are accessible via this **LINK** 

A reminder that any member can volunteer to serve on the Executive Committee.

Elections will take place during the AGM. You can either send your self-nomination by email to cdaigle@brocku.ca or self-nominate at the meeting.



### NEW BOOK: Ontohackers by Jaym\*/Jaime del Val



Ontohackers redefines what movement, worlds, and bodies are through the sense of proprioception reconceptualized as formless fluctuation field, a movement matrix that is itself also thought, and which underlies all life forms and fields including the inorganic.

The book's structure expresses Enferance Theory with regard to how processes of becoming have a triple movement: an incipiency unfolding the field (Part I); a condensation-expansion where the field acquires full consistency (Part II), and a resonance or memory of the field relating to other fields (Part III).

Part I includes Books 1 to 3 out of 7. The preface sets the context of the book: the extinction crisis. Book 1 provides an introduction to the entire field of the book and metareflects on the book's structure and process. Book 2 is a full treatise on proprioception, developing the theory of Body Intelligence and addressing core issues of cognition, perception, communication, and an ontological redefinition of the body as proprioceptive swarm. Book 3 develops all core concepts of Radical Movement Philosophy, unfolding into several sections, first introducing the fluctation, field, and swarm theory, secondly the core concepts of clinaos (indeterminacy), metabody (consistency), and intraduction (variation), coming together in the concept of enferance. Finally, another triad further unfolds the previous as rhythm (affect), orientation (desire), and contact (sex), closing with an orgiastic cosmo-ontology that opens the way to Part II.

### MORE INFO



### 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 humantechnology 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?

#### MORE INFO



### **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.