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HEXAGRAM NETWORK AT TRANSMEDIALE FESTIVAL BERLIN

Exhibition/Presentation

January 26-29, 2017

Haus der Kulturen der Welt
John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10
10557 Berlin, Germany

Conference

February 4th, 2017

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Elusive Life a public exhibition/presentation, will showcase the results of the Elusive Life research-studio that will take place between January 26-29, 2017 at the Museum für Naturkunde (natural history museum) in Berlin. The research-studio asks participants to grapple with the alienness of other forms of life, ecology, and the earth and to explore through research-creation practices new imaginaries, interventions and understandings of "elusive life" as subjected to new forms of technological transformation within the museum's context. Works that might take the form of speculative designs, architectural models, audio-visual-graphic essays, prototypes for artistic creations and/or writings will be on exhibit within the Cafe Stage area of the Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW, Berlin) from Saturday-Sunday, February 4-5, 2017

Alien Middle Conference: On Saturday February 4th at 11:30AM, Chris Salter and Orit Halpern will present Alien Middle Talk at the Studio area of the HKW as part of Transmediale Festival 2017. During this event machine learning, artificial intelligence, algorithmic trading and decision making and catastrophic ecologies will be the starting points for a discussions aiming to shed light not only on new ways of perceiving the machinic nonhuman but also of responding to its autonomous functioning and intervention. In addition to the human and technological axes, however, alienness seems to envelop us: indeed, our very planet seems to rebel against our increasingly violent interventions forcing us to ask not only why but how we are going to relate to our alien others in the future. Featuring a wide array of artists and thinkers in science studies, cultural studies, digital arts, philosophy and design, the alien middle will attempt to plummet the depths of a world that, despite our control, is ever elusive.

Participating Hexagram members:

Orit Halpern (US/QC/CA) is Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Concordia.

Chris Salter (US/QC/CA) is an artist, Concordia University Research Chair in New Media and the Senses, Co-Director of the Hexagram Network and Associate Professor of Computation Arts at Concordia University.

Thierry Bardini (FR/QC/CA) is an Agronomist and sociologist, Thierry Bardini is full professor and chair of the department of communication at the university of Montréal.

WhiteFeather Hunter (QC/CA) is a multiple-award winning Canadian artist/researcher, based in Montreal.

Ida Toft (DK/QC/CA) is a media artist and game developer working with sculptures and installations.

Garrett Lockhart (QC/CA) is an artist and researcher living and working in Montreal. His work is between the fields of visual communication and research-based projects exploring relations of object-hood and signification.