

New Materialisms and Politics

A two-day workshop funded by CISRUL

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7th floor meeting room, Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

New materialist philosophies emerged towards the end of the 20th century as an interdisciplinary intellectual movement advancing new conceptualisations of materiality, ontology and agency. Their distinctive understanding of matter as dynamic and self-generative force has been taken up across the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities for its potential to move beyond well-worn dualisms and open up new meaning- and world-making possibilities. Against this background, this workshop brings together scholars from the Netherlands and the UK to explore how power and the political might be reconfigured in new materialist terms.

Thursday 21 September

1:00 Natasha Mauthner and Beth Lord (Aberdeen): "New Materialisms and Politics"

2:00 Iris van der Tuin (Utrecht): "Practices and Politics of New Materialist Citation"

3:15 Coffee break

3:45 Rick Dolphijn (Utrecht): "What Keeps on Mattering"

5:00 Close

Friday 22 September

9:00 Coffee

9:30 Karolina Kazimierczak (Aberdeen): "Medical imaging and the 'borderline gaze of touch and hearing': the politics of knowledge beyond sense atomism"

10:45 Astrid Schrader (Exeter), "Thinking with Microbes across Times: Towards a Marine Microbiopolitics"

12:00 Response

12:30 Close

Abstracts available at <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/sdhp/events/11908/>

Registration: free and open to all. Please contact one of the event organizers if you wish to attend, for the purposes of ordering refreshments.

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Information about travelling to Aberdeen and campus maps: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/about/campus/maps/>

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