

# CRUELTY AND BRUTALISM TODAY



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**TECHNO-HUMANITIES LAB,**

**FACULTY OF „ARTES LIBERALES”,**

**UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW**



# Conference Program

Monday, 4 November 2024

All events related to the Conference take place in the Conference Room at the College of "Artes Liberales", University of Warsaw.

08.45-09.00 Opening Address

Jerzy Axer, Agata Zalewska, Szymon Wróbel

09.00-09.50 Keynote Lecture

Michał Paweł Markowski, *Cruelty, Community, and Culture. A Case Study*

09.50-10.00 Coffee Break

10.00-11.30 Panel 1 – Theorising Cruelty

Nikolai Kostin, *"Techne", Personality and Violence. The Theories of L. Karsawin and Y. Hui*

Ivan Dimitrijević, *Cruelty Through Its Opposites*

Bettina Szabados, *Does Cruelty have Ethic?*

11.30-11.40 Coffee Break

11.40-12.30 Keynote Lecture

Adam Lipszyc, *At the Back of My Head: Cruelty, Submission and Desire in Dolan's Tom at the Farm*

12.30-12.40 Coffee Break



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12.40-13.30 Keynote Lecture

Paweł Dybel, *Ontological Cruelty and Art. The Surreal World of Hans Bellmer's Doll*

13.30-14.20 Lunch

14.20-15.20 Panel 2 – Social infrastructures of cruelty

Felix Birch, *Infrastructure and the Rhythm of Cruelty*

Jakub Babuška, Dorota Orzechowska, *Cruelty Without Intimacy. Cruelty Beyond Subjectivity – The Great Silence of Institutions*

15.20-15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-16.20 Keynote Lecture

Alex Taek-Gwang Lee, *Mickey Mouse and Cruel Technicity: Revisiting Walter Benjamin's Concept of Technical Reproducibility in the Age of AI*

16.20-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-18.00 Panel 3 – Technological Cruelty

Brett Zehner, Adam Kingsmith, *The Gray Race: How Tech Is Re-racializing White Supremacy in the Age of Brutalism*

Denis Petrina, *The Cruelty of Code*



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Tirza Ben-Ezzer, *Civilization and its Digital-contents:  
Fascism in the Internet-Age*

18.00-18.10 Coffee Break

18.10-19.00 Keynote Lecture

Monika Rogowska-Stangret, *Slow Brutalism of Exhausted  
Bodies-Environments. Case Study for the Cross-Scale Ethics  
for the Anthropocene*





# Conference Program

Tuesday, 5 November 2024

All events related to the Conference take place in the Conference Room at the College of "Artes Liberales", University of Warsaw.

09.00-09.50 Keynote Lecture

Jakub Momro, *Terror of the Ear*

09.50-10.00 Coffee Break

10.00-11.30 Panel 4 – Representations

Eero Suorsa, *Brutalized Body: Representations of Aesthetic Surgery and Wretched of the Earth*

Alicja Antosz, *Unbearable Happiness of Writing. The Cruelty of Euphoria according to Franz Kafka's Letters and Diaries*

11.30-11.40 Coffee Break

11.40-12.30 Keynote Lecture

Joanna Bednarek, *"That Misbegotten Accident of Space". Realism, Materialism and the Question of Affect in Philosophy*

12.30-12.40 Coffee Break

12.40-13.30 Keynote Lecture

Ewa Mazierska, *The Violence and Kindness of Modernity*

13.30-14.20 Lunch



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14.20-15.10 Keynote Lecture

Andrew Culp, *On the Cruel Thrill of Exploiting Others*

15.10-15.20 Coffee Break

15.20-16.50 Panel 5 – Cruel Capitalism

Andrzej Frelek, *Bourgeois Coldness and Brutalized Nature*

Václav Sklenář, *Capitalist Realism Fifteen Years Later*

Katarzyna Szafranowska, *The Cruel Fantasy of Non-Relationality: Depressed Society in an Isolation Tank*

16.50-17.00 Coffee Break

17.00-18.30 Panel 6 Practices of Cruelty and Brutalism

Daniel Kisliakov, *Envisioning Sociocultural Communication: Australian Insights for Human Cohesion*

Maria Wodzińska, *Brutalism of Migration/ Migration of Brutalism*

Nestor Ngong Dzenchuo, *Cruelness of Belligerents – Ambassonian War*

18.30-18.40 Coffee Break

18.40 Closing Remarks

Szymon Wróbel, *Werner Herzog or Documents of Cruelty*

