



Aarhus University

Department of education

SEMINARS WITH DR. ROBERT ROSENBERGER

Future Technology, Culture and Learning invites to open seminars on postphenomenology and cultural historical theory.

Location: Tuborgvej 164, 2200 Copenhagen NV, room A405

Join the series of seminars with our guest professor Dr. Robert Rosenberger, Georgia Institute of Technology. The theme is connections between post-phenomenology and cultural historical theory.

May 9, 14.00-16.00: Roots & Entanglements

This will serve as an introduction to postphenomenological and cultural historical thinking. We will review some of the key concepts and figures from the philosophical tradition of phenomenology and cultural historical theory, and consider the connections and divergences of the contemporary school of thought called "postphenomenology" and cultural historical theory. After covering many of the main ideas of postphenomenology, we will explore some of the connections that have been made between these theories and others, and which new connections might be possible.

May 23, 14.00-16.00: Mediation & Multistability

The notion of "mediation" is central to many theories of technology across many disciplines, from anthropology, to the philosophy of technology, to Science & Technology Studies. We will explore postphenomenology's conception of technological mediation, and its implications for how we should think about subjects, artifacts, and the objective world. Central to

this discussion will be the postphenomenological notion of "multistability," i.e., the understanding that technologies can have different purposes and meanings for different users in different contexts. The cultural historical concept of mediation will be discussed in relation to multistability.

June 6, 14.00-16.00: The Antonym of the Virtual

Here we explore the notion of the "virtual." We consider the possibility that its antonym may be something other than the "real." In its place we will need to develop a conception of technological embodiment, one that takes seriously the materiality of technology and the deep description of user experience.

June 20, 14.00-16.00: Activity & Potentiality

At our final session, we will bring together our discussions on postphenomenology to explore its potential connections with activity theory and cultural and historical theory. This will involve discussion into our conceptions of artifacts, collectives, and perception, and will include a cross analysis ideas from the field of Science & Technology Studies.

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