Digital Worlds Workshop 2026

"Digital (dis)embodiment in human practices"
Day 1 - Thursday, March 26

9:15 Welcome and opening remarks - Daniel Vazquez (Head of Philosophy, MIC)

9:30 - 10:15 "The Landscape is Where We find Ourselves: Embodiment and The Digital Landscape" - Micheal Butler and Michael Conlan (University of North Dakota, Grands Forks)

10:15 - 11:00 "Biomimicry in Digital Embodiment: Toward a Generative Concept of Virtual Bodies" - Donald Beith (University of Maine)

Break

11:15 - 12:00 "Seeing what to do: affective responses, social norms, and action in the digital world" - Leda Berio (University College Dublin)

12:00 - 12:45 "Arguing with echoes. The unsettling tensions of digitally enacted linguistic bodies" - Marek McGann (MIC)

12:45 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 14:45 "Digital Malfunctions: Subversive Play in Deleuze's Philosophy of Thinking" - Corry Shores (Middle Eastern Technical University)

14:45 - 15:30 "Silence screaming or Scream silencing: Examining 'technomythology' via mythological and posthuman voices' ambiguities" - Katerina Maniou (University of Athens)

Break

15:45 - 16:30 "Learning in Motion: The Future of STEAM Through Digital Embodiment" - Ayşegül Liman Kaban and Kayla Rush (MIC)

16:30 - 17:15 "Artificial Intelligence and the Emergence of the Algorithmic Unconscious" - Luca Possati (University of Twente)

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Day 2 - Friday, March 27

9:45 - 10:30 "DIS_EMBODIED: Experimental artistic research into post-bodily human existence" - Marleine van der Werf (independent visual artist, Rotterdam, the Netherlands)

Break

10:45 - 11:30 "Empathy, Reciprocity, and Reversibility in BeAnotherLab's 'Machine to Be Another'" - Catherine Fullarton (University of King's College)

11:30 - 12:15 "Digital Patchwork for a Quilting Tradition" - Brooke Rudow (University of Central Florida)

12:15 - 1:45 Lunch

1:45 - 2:30 "Against Digital Embodiment As Such" - Robin Parmar (University of Limerick)

2:30 - 3:15 "Neither 'dis' nor 'em': my body and another's numbers" - Giuseppe Torre (University of Limerick) and Basil Vassilicos (MIC)

3:15 - 3:45 Closing remarks, discussion

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