

Interdisciplinary Workshop

“Reality and Virtuality: Manifestations, Differences, and Transitions”

Venue: Seminarraum Mitte, Thibautstraße 4, University Hospital Heidelberg

Date: April 10–11, 2025


Thursday, April 10, 2025

08:45 – 08:55 – Welcome Address

Section 1: Foundational Research on Reality and Virtuality


08:55 – 10:10 – Michela Summa (University of Würzburg)

"Gamification of Violence: Reassessing the Boundaries Between the Real and the Virtual."

 10:10 – 10:25 – Short Break


10:25 – 11:40 – Jörg Noller (LMU München)

"Realism about Virtuality."

 11:40 – 11:50 – Short Break

11:50 – 12:30 – Laura Oppi (University of Copenhagen)


"On the Blurred Line Between Reality and Virtuality."

 12:30 – 14:00 – Lunch Break (90 min)

Section 2: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Reality and Virtuality


14:00 – 15:15 – Roland Imhoff (University of Mainz)

"Psychology of Conspiracy Mentality."

 15:15 – 15:30 – Short Break

15:30 – 16:10 – Daniel Kim (University of York)

"Hallucination as Embodied Imagination."

 16:10 – 16:25 – Short Break

Section 3: The Virtualization of the Lifeworld

16:25 – 17:40 – Thomas Fuchs (University Clinic Heidelberg)

„What will become of the body? Embodiment and virtualization”


17:40 – End of Day 1

 18:30 – Workshop Dinner

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Section 3 (continued): The Virtualization of the Lifeworld

09:15 – 10:30 – Mark Coeckelbergh (University of Vienna)
(Title TBD)


 10:30 – 10:45 – Short Break

Section 4: Immersion and Interactive Media


10:45 – 12:00 – Jens Bonnemann (University of Jena)
(Title TBD)

 12:00 – 13:30 – Lunch Break (90 min)

13:30 – 14:20 – Odysseus Stone (University of Copenhagen)
"On Seeing a Virtual Thing in Space: VR Experience, Pictorial Seeing, and Presence."

 14:20 – 14:35 – Short Break

14:35 – 15:50 – Thomas Arnold (University of Heidelberg)
"Narcissus in His Man-Cave: On Immersion and Compensation."

 15:50 – 16:05 – Short Break

16:05 – 16:30 – **Concluding Discussion:** Open Questions & Future Research

16:30 – End of Workshop