

Methodologies in American Studies – Workshop
American Studies Center, University of Warsaw
al. Niepodległości 22, Warsaw
February 14-17, 2013

Day 1, Thursday, February 14

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| 9:30-10:15 | Registration, corridor, top floor, American Studies Center, al. Niepodległości 22 |
| 10:15-10:30 | Official opening |
| 10:30-13:30 | Workshop, Dr. Paweł Frelak, |
| 12:30-12:15 | Coffee break |
| 13:30-14:30 | Lunch |
| 2:30-16:30 | Plenary Lecture, Prof. Ewa Domańska, <i>The Posthumanist Subject</i> |
| | <p>The paper is a modest contribution to the ongoing debate on “how to live together” and “to compose a world that is not yet common” (Bruno Latour). As one of its challenges, the paper proposes to discuss the problem of the “posthuman/ist subject.” I locate my considerations within the interpretative framework of ecoposthumanities understood here as a non-anthropocentric and post-Western paradigm, and I treat the animist (or animistic) turn as the significant contribution of its development. Following recent works by anthropologists and archaeologists such as Nurit Bird-Rose, Philippe Descola, Graham Harvey, Tim Ingold, and Viveiros de Castro, I will treat new animism as a source of theory of subjectivity and an interesting platform that allows discussing the problem of personhood. New animism will be also treated as an alternative (relational) ontology, a constructive and decolonizing analytical concept, a counter-hegemonic discourse, that allows rethinking the problem of matter and agency that goes beyond human exceptionalism and embraces non-humans.</p> <p>Ewa Domańska is Associate Professor of theory and history of historiography at the Department of History, Adam Mickiewicz University at Poznan, Poland, and since 2002 Visiting Associate Professor at the Department of Anthropology, Stanford University. Her teaching and research interests include comparative theory of the human and social sciences, history and theory of historiography, posthumanities and ecological humanities. She is the author of 4 books, recently <i>Existential History. Critical Approach to Narrativism and Emancipatory Humanities</i> (in Polish, 2012); <i>History and the Contemporary Humanities</i> (in Ukrainian, 2012) and editor and co-editor of 13 books including recently published: <i>French Theory in Poland</i> (with Mirosław Loba, 2010, in Polish) and <i>Theory of Knowledge of the Past and the Contemporary Humanities and Social Sciences</i> (in Polish, 2010). Email: ewa.domanska@amu.edu.pl</p> |
| 19:00-21:00 | Buffet ice-breaker, Sokrates Hotel, ul. Smyczkowa |

Day 2, Friday, February 15

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| 10:00-13:00 | Workshop, Dr. Zuzanna Ładyga, |
| 11:30-11:45 | Coffee break |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch |
| 2:30-17:30 | Workshop, Dr. Justyna Włodarczyk, <i>The Evolution of Feminist Methodologies for Analyzing 19th-century Constructions of Gender</i> |
| 16:00-16:15 | Coffee break |

Day 3, Saturday, February 16

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| 10:00-13:00 | Workshop, Prof. Joanna Durczak, |
| 11:30-11:45 | Coffee break |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch |
| 2:30-16:30 | Workshop, Prof. Bohdan Szklarski |
| 16:00-16:15 | Coffee break |

Day 4, Sunday, February 17

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| 10:00-13:00 | Workshop, Prof. Piotr Skurowski, |
| 11:30-11:45 | Coffee break |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch |
| 2:30-16:30 | Workshop, Dr. Tomasz Basiuk |
| 16:00-16:15 | Coffee break |