



Mind

in the Anthropocene

Modern cognitive science emerged in the period after the second world war, an era marked by technological optimism in the face of global military challenges. Spurred on by advances in computational technology, scientists began to see the mind as a machine for solving problems. Is this view of the mind still relevant in the face of today's global challenges? What might a programme of research for studying the mind look like if it were set up today? And how have approaches to the study of the mind already moved away from the earlier machine-based model?

In this series of talks, cognitive scientists, philosophers, and earth systems scientists will respond to these questions, presenting alternative foundations for studying the mind in a manner suitable for a future in which humanity's major challenges arise from the fact that human activity has reshaped the planet, and from the fact that human activity will have to be reshaped in turn if our planet is to have a sustainable future.

April 6th, 11:15-12:15pm

DIAS Seminar room, Edward Baggs, University of Southern Denmark
The human sciences in the Anthropocene

May 18th, 11:15-12:15pm (online)

Mark Maslin, University College London
Our Human Planet: co-evolution of human society and its environmental impact

June 15th, 11:15-12:15pm

DIAS Auditorium, Ted Toadvine, Pennsylvania State University
When is the Mind? Anthropocene Time and the Memory of the World

October 12th, 11:15-12:15pm

DIAS Auditorium, Louise Barrett, University of Lethbridge
Looking forward to a beastly future

November 16th, 11:15-12:15pm

DIAS Auditorium, John Sutton, Macquarie University
Meshing Minds: interdependence and vulnerability in the cognitive sciences

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