

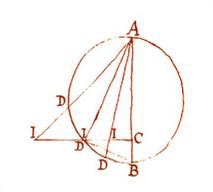
Neurocultures

“The sulcus cinguli extends along the hip of the angel in front of God, across God’s shoulders, and down God’s left arm [...] The important point [...] is [...] to see that the larger image encompassing God is compatible with a brain. Michelangelo portrays that what God is giving to Adam is the intellect, and thus man is able to ‘plan the best and highest’ and to ‘try all things received’”.

Design inspired by Frank Lynn Meschberger, M.D.,
An Interpretation of Michelangelo's *Creation of Adam*. Based on
Neuroanatomy, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 264 (14), 1990, 1837–1841.

Particularly since the “Decade of the Brain,” various neuro fields have emerged. Neurotheology, neuroesthetics, neuropsychanalysis, neuroeducation, neuroeconomics, social neuroscience, and others wish to reform the human sciences on the basis of knowledge about the brain. Their emergence indicates the increasing importance of the brain as the bodily organ with which humans have come to identify. These developments show that neuroscientific knowledge is spreading rapidly beyond the confines of brain research proper into different areas of life and our culture as a whole. The workshop examines such constellations of ideas, practices, and social forms as “neurocultures.”

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Workshop
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Friday 20 February

20:00 "Shapes of Thought."

Art event by Suzanne Anker and Giovanni Frazzetto at Institute for Cultural Inquiry (ICI), Prenzlauer Berg, Christinenstr. 18-19, Haus 8 www.ici-berlin.org

12:45 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:15 Francisco Ortega
Toward a Genealogy of Neuroascesis
Commentator: Sabine Maasen

15:15 – 16:00 Andreas Mayer
Neuropsychanalysis:
A Discussion
Commentator: Ariane Bazan

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:00 Michael Hagner
Synopsis

19:00 Dinner

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:00 Nicolas Langlitz
Dreaming in/of a Unified
Science of the Mind-Brain
Commentator: Thomas Metzinger

12:00 – 12:45 Allan Young
Psychopathy in the Social Brain
Commentator: Hauke Heekeren

12:45 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:15 Andreas Roepstorff &
Martijn van Beek
Neurospirituality
Commentator: Francisco Ortega

15:15 – 16:00 Fernando Vidal
Notes on Neuroethics
Commentator: Sita Kotnis

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:00 Nikolas Rose
Synopsis

19:00 Dinner

Saturday 21 February

9:00 – 9:30 Introduction

9:30 – 10:15 Emily Martin
Identity, Identification,
and the Brain
Commentator: Michael Pauen

10:15 – 11:00 Scott Vrecco
The Neurobiological
Imaginary
Commentator: Thomas Sturm

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:00 Iliina Singh
Born criminals? Genes,
brains, and the risk of
anti-social development
Commentator: Thomas Lemke

12:00 – 12:45 Nikolas Rose
"Screen and Intervene":
Governing Risky Brains
Commentator: Hans Markowitsch

Sunday 22 February

9:30 – 10:15 Andrew Lakoff
"Memory of the Future":
Object Sorting and the
Neural Science of Decision
Commentator: Uljana Feest

10:15 – 11:00 Tobias Rees
Beyond the Synapse –
On the Impact of Adult
Cerebral Plasticity on the
Neurologically Human
Commentator: Alain Prochiantz