



NON-HUMAN IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Dear colleagues, we are pleased to announce:

Non-human in anthropology: an interdisciplinary conference

which will be held on the

4th and 5th of December, 2010

in the premises of the Faculty of Humanities, Charles University in Prague

Anthropologists as well as scholars from a wide range of other disciplines of humanities, social, historical or environmental sciences are cordially welcomed to participate. The conference is international, thus scholars from Central European region as well as beyond are encouraged to apply.

The aim of the conference is to create an intellectually stimulating environment for the debate about the non-human of the (social science) research. Thus the working language of the conference is English.

The conference has three thematic sections:

non-human and hybrid (human - animal - machine)

material culture (things - commodities - sources)

space (home - city - landscape)

The “non-human and hybrid” section concentrates on the relations of human and non-human organisms from the point of view of anthropology, cultural history, literary theory and related disciplines. The “material culture” section is focused at topics generally analysed within material culture studies and wants to initiate dialogue of anthropology with related branches of social science (such as archaeology etc.). The topics of space, place, city and landscape are to be dealt with within the “space” section because of the importance they hold for social science for at least last two decades and because of their implicit presence in virtually all anthropological (and generally social science) research and thinking.

The conference structure stems from the fact that non-human forms an inseparable part of anthropology and related disciplines – a thematic part of what social science studies, but regarding the spatial also of where social science research takes place. However within Czech (sociocultural) anthropology the non-human is rather implicitly present than openly analysed and researched as the very topic. The aim of the conference is thus to bring the non-human into the light and to stimulate interest in and theoretically and empirically grounded debate about it.

The conference in dates:

When: **4th - 5th of December, 2010**

Where: Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Humanities, U Kříže 8, Prague 5

Application deadline: 25th Oct., 2010

Abstracts are due: 25th Oct., 2010

Web: <http://www.fhs.cuni.cz/nonhuman>

E-mail: nonhuman@email.cz

Conference fees (payable at the first day of the conference in cash):

Students – 300 CZK

Others – 500 CZK

Please register on the conference web pages by 25th Oct., 2010 (=last day)

A collective monograph is to be published from selected conference papers by December 2011

Articles for the collective monograph are due 31st March, 2011

Guidelines for the preparation of the article:

Articles on theory or empirical research should not exceed 36.000 signs in length.

Accepted formats are .doc, .odt and .rtf.

The article must contain an abstract and at least three key words

Illustrations (e.g. photographs, figures, drawings) should be sent as separate attachments.

Full author's name, titles, address, phone number and E-mail must be put at the first page of the article.

References are to be cited in the author-date system of The Chicago Manual of Style: (Doniger 1999, 65). They are to be listed in alphabetical order as 'References' at the end of the article.

Citation style guidelines:

book

Doniger, Wendy. 1999. Splitting the difference. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

journal article

Smith, John Maynard. 1998. The origin of altruism. Nature 393: 639–40.

For detailed citation guidelines please consult the Chicago-Style Citation Quick Guide at http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html.

On behalf of the conference team
Yours faithfully,

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