Put to the Test: Critical Evaluations of Testing

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WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Day 1: Monday, December 10th

9:30-10:00 Welcome and Registration

10:00 – 10:15 Workshop introduction
   Noortje Marres and David Stark

10:15 – 12:00 Session 1: Testing beyond the laboratory
   Joan Robinson - *Sex reckoning: pregnancy testing and intimate life.*
   Noortje Marres - *Co-existence or displacement? Street trials of driverless cars as experiments in society*
   Respondent: Daniel Neyland

12:00 – 12:45 LUNCH

12:45 – 14:30 Session 2: Materializing methodologies of testing
   Janet Vertesi - *Agential Gerrymandering: Testing objects and social relations.*
   Martin Tironi - *Prototype intervention with humans and more-than-humans: Exploring the political effects of design testing.*
   Respondent: Antoine Hennion
15:00-16:45  Session 3: Testing the polity

Willem Schinkel - *Border as test. The state and the testing concours of citizenship.*

Jonathan Bach – *The social credit system in China*

Respondent: Chris Anderson

16:45-17:00  BREAK

17:00-18:45  Session 4: Repurposing experimental formats

Luciana de Souza Leão - *The (Developing) World as a Laboratory: The Use of Randomized Controlled Trials in International Development.*

Dan Neyland and Vera Ehrenstein - *Testing (in)tangible futures: the counterfactual and the economic design of the social*

Respondent: Jonathan Bach

Day 2: Tuesday, December 11th

9:00 – 10:45  Session 5: Test subjects

Giovanni Formilan and David Stark - *Testing the creative identity: personas as probes in underground electronic music.*

Antoine Hennion - *How does testing redefine (or not) our esthetic and political identities? The forging of musical taste and the sorting of migrants in France.*

Respondent: Michael Guggenheim

10:45- 11:15 COFFEE

11:15 – 13:00  Session 6: Governed/-ing by test

Nathan Coombs - *Testing the future or performing the present? Central bank stress tests as a new conception of regulatory control.*

Francisca Gromme - *The ambiguities of testing in crime control: producing lingering technologies and suspicions.*

Respondent: Elena Esposito

13:00 – 13:45 LUNCH

13:45 – 14:45  Closing Discussion
Workshop participants

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