

Jacques Carelman (1968): Catalogue d'object introuvables. Balland: Paris, p. 72.

## Call for Participation International PhD Summer School 2024

## **Technography**Dissertations in interdisciplinary contexts

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Interdisciplinary research entails making an extra effort. This is especially true for dissertations that are written in interdisciplinary projects. PhD projects that examine the significance or implications of technologies for work and everyday life or the interactions between humans and non-humans, often take place in such interdisciplinary constellations — in many cases embedded in decidedly technoscientific logics. The Summer School is dedicated to these challenges at the intersection of the social sciences and humanities with technical and natural sciences. It will focus on two main questions:

- 1) What methodological hurdles arise for empirical approaches when heterogeneous constellations of humans and technologies are studied in an interdisciplinary way?
- **2)** How can doctoral students position themselves through interdisciplinary research in a scientific landscape that is often characterized by disciplinary affiliations?

The Summer School offers a space for the exchange and the discussion of experiences, problems and possibilities of dealing with the efforts, related troubles – and the (academic) surplus value – of such interdisciplinary research.

To this end, the Summer School Technography follows research traditions that examine the relationships between people and technologies in an empirical manner. The contributions of the technical to the social, and vice versa, open up an important perspective for the study of different social fields and dynamics. Whether it is work and organization, family and gender, neocolonial entanglements, economics and law, art and culture, or science and innovation, the mutual influences, boundaries and mergers of technical, social and ethicopolitical issues are evident in practice. Moreover, they pose intellectual and practical challenges to different members of society – whether engineers, cultural workers or family members. The Summer School offers doctoral students a productive opportunity to reflect on the relationships between humans and technologies both theoretically and methodologically while at the same time addressing the challenges of interdisciplinary research.

The Summer School calls for doctoral students from different disciplines who are interested in the use and development of technologies in society. This applies to you, whether you are a social scientist, humanities scholar, or a doctoral student from a technical discipline. All of you are invited to apply. During the Summer School, the individual doctoral projects will be intensively discussed in small groups. Questions of disciplinary positioning in interdisciplinary fields will be worked on together.

A total of 12 places are available. Accommodation costs in Dortmund will be fully funded for participants, individual travel expenses can be reimbursed (up to a maximum of 250 € pp.).

Please apply with an **outline of your doctoral project** (max. 500 words), a **tabular CV** and a **short statement** on why you would like to participate in the Summer School (max. 300 words). The language of the Summer School will be English. Please submit all documents in English.

## Send your application via email by 26.04.2024

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