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In the Anthropocene —
Towards a Neganthropology.

Seminar, summer term 2015, tuesdays, 4–6 pm

Programme

In the final pages of *Tristes tropiques*, Claude Lévi-Strauss in the middle of the 20th century claimed that it would be better for us to speak of entropology, rather than anthropology. Sixty years after this statement, and since the year 2000, we refer now to a new geological period that we call the Anthropocene, about which I shall try to show that what must be thought is how to prepare our escape, into what I propose calling the Neganthropocene.

This means, obviously enough, revisiting questions of entropy, negentropy (or negative entropy), open systems, dissipative structures, and so on, and this seminar will introduce, describe and formulate the concepts of *general organology*, *pharmacology* and digital studies in order to show:

- that the *neganthropos* opens the question of another apprehension of entropic and negentropic processes, different from the manner in which this has been undertaken by thinkers from Carnot to Schrödinger and beyond;
- that the digital age opens the perspective of another economy, one based on negentropy as the new »value of values«, capable of overcoming the coupled pair, use value/exchange value, and based on a practice of automatisation in order to produce desautomatisation.

April 28	Introduction into general organology first part
	Introduction by Wolfgang Schäffner

- May 5 Introduction into general organology second part
- May 12 About Lévi-Strauss and his «entropology»
- May 19 Escaping the Anthropocene towards an economy of negentropy
- May 26 Was ist denken in the Anthropocene?
- June 9 From anthropology to neguanthropology
 (about Maurice Godeliers's Les métamorphoses de la parenté)
- June 16 Knowledge, negentropy and neguanthropology
- June 23 Knowledge, categorisation and organology
- June 30 Contributive categorisation and digital organology of knowledge
- July 7 Digital studies, phenomenology and general organology. Designing the Neguanthropocene