

## Humanism or Posthumanism?

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The purpose of this session is to open a discussion about connections, conflicts, and boundaries between Humanism and Posthumanism by exploring philosophical and literary scenarios in diverse ages of human artistic creativity and thinking, from the Renaissance to the Romanticism to the Postmodern. The session wishes to create a debate on the complexity of the interplay between Humanism and Posthumanism as a crucial issue of our time, and at the same time as a fundamental question that has crossed the entire history of human artistic and philosophical elaboration without geographical, epochal, cultural or linguistic distinctions. The current debate on the posthuman opened thanks to thinkers such as Michel Foucault, Judith Butler, Donna Haraway, and Peter Sloterdijk, and the reflections on the thin ridge between humanism and posthumanism, explored by Gilles Deleuze, Giorgio Agamben, and Rosi Braidotti, that also goes into the intersection with social and political theory, cultural politics, gender, and postcolonial studies, questioning contemporary subjectivity, feminist theories and the posthuman convergence, is able to create a space of reflection in which moral, aesthetic, political and social problems meet. The session wants to delve into questions like; What is meant by human and posthuman? How does anti-humanism enter the dialectic between human and post-human? What is meant by the idea of “overcoming the anthropocentric position” that undermines the typical doctrine of humanism from the Renaissance to the Enlightenment? What remains of the human in the space of the post-human? And how much of the post-human has always inhabited the human? This session aims to interrogate post-humanist thought by means of an exploration of the relationship between humanism and post-humanism that expands such a debate.

Please, submit your abstract (from 200 to 300 words) by September 30, at NeMla web site, <https://www.cfplist.com/nemla/Home/Login>

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