



The Experimental Society

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The idea of experimentation was always at the heart of modernity's promise of human freedom and self-determination. But, after the experience of the twentieth century, is the experiment now too complicit with power to act as a carrier of hope? Or can its progressive potential be restored through an inquiry into the different forms that it takes in science, technology, the arts and wider culture? To close the year-long Experimentality programme, participants at this international conference will debate different visions of an experimental society in which the emancipatory potential of the experiment could be renewed.

science / politics / economy / publics / religion / music / art
education / design / media / advertising / technology
laboratory / simulating / making / performing / testing / trial
democracy / reflexivity / creativity / event / revolution

Plenary speakers include:

Ulrich Beck
Dieter Daniels
Bülent Diken
Silvio Funtowicz
Josephine Green
Michael Krätke

Scott Lash
John Milbank
Helga Nowotny
Gísli Pálsson
Jerome Ravetz
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