

DIGITAL HUMANITIES

HOW TO BE HUMAN
IN THE AGE
OF TECHNOLOGY

FOUR PANEL DISCUSSIONS CHAIRED
BY LUCA DE BIASE

24 FEBRUARY - 27 APRIL 2016

Contemporary society is changing in the wake of the economic and cultural consequences resulting from the pervasiveness of digital technologies. We live in an environment that abounds with information which is recorded, processed and communicated in a digital format, making use of tools that have become such an integral part of our daily lives that they are now authentic neural prostheses, absolutely necessary to participate fully in contemporary society. And this is nothing compared to what the future holds in the fields of robotics and artificial intelligence, genetics and nanotechnology. In order to understand how to be human in an age of never-ending technological innovation, scientific culture and humanistic culture need to merge. The series of four lectures organised by the Italian Cultural Institute in Brussels examines this idea by tackling four frontier issues – human rights, the information system, the human evolution of technology and the new design of urban spaces.

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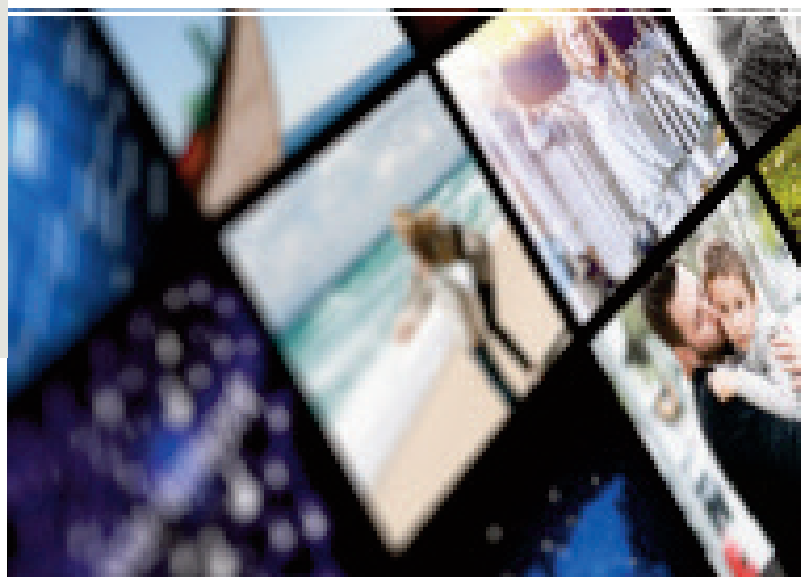
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24 February 2016, Wednesday
Rotonde Bertouille - Bozar

7.30 pm

THE TRANSITION TO DIGITAL JOURNALISM

Ferruccio De Bortoli (former Editor in Chief
of the Corriere della Sera)
Andreas Graefe (LMU Munich - Columbia University)

Digital platforms are the new norm for people looking for news. These platforms are superfast, personalised and also quite amusing. But there is a danger that they may reduce the public sphere to a set of personal echo-chambers governed by algorithmic filter bubbles. If journalism is to adapt, radical technological innovation and a new methodological accuracy are needed.

3 March 2016, Thursday
Rotonde Bertouille - Bozar

7.30 pm

INTERNET GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Juan-Carlos de Martin (Polytechnic of Turin)
Maryant Menendez-Perez (European Digital Rights)

As the digital infosphere becomes the new environment in which societies live and develop, the very notions of social justice and freedom find themselves being challenged. In different states and continents, parliaments and civil societies are taking the initiative to help reconfigure the set of human rights.

13 April 2016, Wednesday
Rotonde Bertouille - Bozar

7.30 pm

DESIGNING SUSTAINABLE CITIES

Mario Cucinella (architect)
Andreas Kipar (architect)

There is no future without a radical switch to sustainability. And as human population is concentrating in cities, the design of urban solutions is going to become a major frontier to achieve a level of consumption of resources which can be compatible with planetary equilibrium. Which is not only environmental, but also cultural and social.

27 April 2016, Wednesday
Rotonde Bertouille - Bozar

7.30 pm

UNDERSTANDING TECHNOLOGY AND THE SCIENCE OF EVOLUTION

Dirk Helbing (ETH, Zurich)
Telmo Pievani (University of Padova)

Innovation is generating an incredible set of new solutions, challenges and opportunities for people to understand. A global perspective is needed. The science of evolution, which has been developed to understand nature, is more and more used in order to interpret technology.