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Vorankündigung Gastvortrag Prof. Dr. Mirt Komel (Universität Ljubljana):

ATOMS AND DESIRE.

A lecture on Democritus (in englischer Sprache)

The lecture will be dealing with Democritus' atomism and its influence on modern materialism, especially focusing on the issue of hapticism. Namely, it will try to address the question of how does the concept of touch structure the materiality of the atoms, with all its consequences for modern materialistic interpretations from Karl Marx to Althusser, Deleuze, Badiou. In the last part it will work through Democritus' singular concept of *den* in order to put forward a psychoanalytical theory of touch as a lacanian *objet petit a*, i.e. touch as an object-reason-of-desire.

Gastvortrag im Rahmen des Seminars Philosophie, **Montag, 24. 11. 2025, 14:15, DOEG 21**

Dazu bereits am kommenden Freitag:

Gastvortrag in Kooperation mit der Abteilung Interface Cultures: **Freitag, 21.11.2025, 14:00, IC lecture room, Hauptplatz 23:**

Aesthetics of Video Games

The lecture addresses the cultural phenomena of videogames as contemporary *Gesamtkunstwerk*, which encompasses not only the classical artworks (architecture, sculpture, painting, music, poetry, theatre, opera) but also those specific for the "age of mechanical reproduction" (photography, film, tv-series), as well as an element peculiar only to them, immersive interactivity. The lecture will, besides giving the theoretical groundwork for such a conception of videogames in general — or at least a certain portion of them -- demonstrate the validity of such an approach on a very specific case-study, namely, Yoko Taro's *Nier* series, especially *Nier:Automata* (Square Enix, 2017).

Ressourcen:

Lacan, Jacques: Die Seminare (in englischer Sprache)

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Evans, Dylan, An Introductory Dictionary of Lacanian Psychoanalysis, London, New York:

Routledge, 1996; siehe: <https://www.davidbardschwarz.com/pdf/evans.pdf>

Zu Mirt Komel: <https://jazbina.si/products/osma-umetnost-estetika-videoiger>