

DiSCourse Seminar

The Digital Science Center and the Department of Systematic Theology
would like to invite you to the following talk:

Johannes Hoff
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Embodied Cognition and Transindividuation:
The Anthropological Challenge of the Digital Transformation

In the last 30 years, the anthropological and neurobiological research on embodied cognition and related discussions in the philosophy of technology have led to two groundbreaking insights: 1. Perceptions, Memories, Meanings and Volitions ain't in the head. 2. Intelligence is governed by emotions and intuitions that support the phenomenon of trans-individuation, i.e. intelligence is not detachable from a unique perspective that makes our perception of the world meaningful. Against this background, it becomes possible to discern between future-oriented, value-based research, and more backward-orientated scientific research projects, such as Elon Musk's highly funded research on brain-machine interfaces.

About the speaker

[Johannes Hoff](#) was appointed Professor of theological Dogmatic at the University of Innsbruck in September 2020. His research focuses on the tradition of Christian mysticism, the anthropological challenge of the Digital Revolution, and the posthumanist discussion of 'technologies of the self', in which Hoff discovers the key to a critical revision of our modern, humanist image of man. Against this background, Hoff's latest FWF-funded research project "Embodiment in Theological Anthropology" explores the role of the 'Körper-Leib-Problem' (body - lived-body problem) from a historical, phenomenological, neurobiological and systematic-theological point of view.

Date, Time, Place

Tuesday, 24 January, 13:00 (CET), hybrid

Participants are invited to join the event at the Digital Science Center, Innrain 15, Open Space Area (1st floor) *or* online via [Big Blue Button](#).