Workshop
LOCATING PLANTS
Philosophy and Literature

Welcome Address by Eva Horn + Introduction by Isabel Kranz
Heather Sullivan (Trinity University) "The Dark Green and the Shifting Plant Scale"
Emanuele Coccia (EHESS) "Plants as Farmers: For a Cosmic Agriculture"
Michael Marder (University of the Basque Country) "With Plants in the Middle"

10 June 2021, 4-8 PM (CET)
Online via Zoom

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Plants have recently come to the fore in the humanities where the interest in the non-human fostered by ecocriticism, animal studies, and posthumanism has shifted to the vegetal. With increasing urgency, plants, their agency, and their cultural/natural impact are being studied by literary and cultural scholars. In order to radically rethink the status of the vegetal, this workshop investigates the place of plants in philosophy and literature, addressing both specific sites of the vegetal (such as the Earth, the garden, or the middle) as well as the role of plants for our understanding of human-nature relations in the age of the so-called Anthropocene. Particular emphasis will be placed upon questions of scale from an all-encompassing “planthropocene” (proposed by Natasha Myers) to minuscule parts of plants in order to conceptualize the specific spatio-theoretical dimensions of the vegetal.

SCHEDULE

16:00-16:30  Eva Horn (University of Vienna) — Welcome Address
              Isabel Kranz (IFK Research Fellow) — Introduction
16:30-17:30  Heather Sullivan (Trinity University) "The Dark Green and the Shifting Plant Scale"
17:30-17:45  Break
17:45-18:45  Emanuele Coccia (EHESS) "Plants as Farmers: For a Cosmic Agriculture"
18:45-19:00  Break
19:00-20:00  Michael Marder (University of the Basque Country) "With Plants in the Middle"