

Online Workshop | Tuesday, 24.09.2024

Polycrisis and Civilizational Transitions

Prof. Arturo Escobar



About the Workshop: Arturo Escobar's work on pluriverse, transitions, relationality, activism, and terracide resonates with projects in arts, design, and social sciences. This workshop, based on his book «Relationality: An Emerging Politics of Life Beyond the Human,» examines the shift from an ontology of separation to one of relationality.

Key points of the workshop include:

- Relationality vs. Ontology of Separation: Discussing relationality as a new foundation of life compared to traditional ontologies of separation.
- Defining Ontology: Exploring multiple definitions of «ontology» to understand its implications.
- Reactivating Co-Creativity: Presenting a case study of a systemic regional transition in the Cauca River Valley, addressing social and climatic crises.
- Applying Concepts to Research: Encouraging participants to apply Escobar's theoretical concepts to their own research projects.

Participants will gain insights into how relational principles can transform their research and practice.

Arturo Escobar is an activist-researcher from Cali, Colombia. He is professor of anthropology emeritus at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and Adjunct Professor, PhD Program in Environmental Sciences, Universidad del Valle, Cali. His most recent books are Designs for the Pluriverse (2018); Pluriversal Politics (2020); and Relationality: An Emergent Politics of Life Beyond the Human (2024, with M. Osterweil and K. Sharma).

When: Tuesday, 24.09.2024, 15:00-18:00

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Target group: PhD students of the GSAH (priority), remaining places: MA and PhD students

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