

Imagined Bodies Conference

September 15, 2023

The Concordia University Media Studies Graduate Conference planning committee is thrilled to announce the Imagined Bodies Conference. This event will highlight the academic talents of local graduate student presenters as well those from across Canada, as well as the innovative work of many of Concordia's research labs, to foster a space for learning, networking, and collaboration. The conference will be held in a mostly in-person, but hybrid, manner on **September 15, 2023 at the Centre for the Study of Learning and Performance (CSLP) on Concordia University's downtown Montreal campus.**

The theme of this year's conference, Imagined Bodies, is a generative topic that speaks to issues of embodiment across various disciplines. The current discourse around artificial intelligence asks what a body can do that a machine cannot. Concerns around bodies are central to today's politics, as debates swirl about who and what institutions have control over our bodies, and to what end. Scholars from multiple disciplines challenge the rhetoric around the Anthropocene, asking how geologists can ignore the bodies that were enslaved and marginalized, whose blood is literally etched in the rocks, in order to satisfy the material desires of capitalism. Attendees and speakers will be tasked with investigating their own preconceptions about what a body can be and how our embodied perspectives alter how we view the world.

Keynote Speaker

We are honoured that University of Alberta professor of Media, Communications and Cultural Studies, **Dr. Sheena Wilson** has accepted to deliver the keynote address. Dr. Wilson's work on petroculture, energy imaginaries and decolonial energy futures speaks directly to the themes proposed by our conference. Her research interests involve an interdisciplinary and intersectional approach to studying how the extractivist world-view that has contributed to climate change through the exploitation of land and resources, likewise allows for the exploitation of gendered, classed and racialized bodies, and the erasure of knowledge held by those bodies.



Conference Details

Location: CSLP 1211 St. Mathieu Street
Tiohtià:ke / Montreal,
Québec, Canada
H3H 2S2

Website:

<https://imaginedbodies2023.wixsite.com/imagined-bodies-conf>

Facebook: imaginedbodiesconference

Instagram: @imaginedbodiesconference

This conference is made possible thanks to generous support from our sponsors:



Department of Communication Studies

THE FEMINIST
MEDIA STUDIO

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



NEXT-GENERATION
CITIES INSTITUTE



CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF
LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE

