

**Thursday, April 26, 2007**

UL 6, R 2103

**18:00 - 21:00: Opening**

*Welcome*

Philipp Kneis, HU Berlin (organizer):

*Introduction: Political Utopias*

*Between Fictional Politics and the Fictionalization of Politics*

Discussion of

*Stargate Atlantis* Ep. 1.07 "Poisoning the Well"

*Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* Ep. 6.13 "Far Beyond the Stars"

**Friday, April 27, 2007**

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**11:00 - 12:30: Session I: Ecotopia**

Rasmus Damkjær Christensen, Rikke Bjerg Jensen,  
Martin Christensen Grøn, University of Southern Denmark:  
*Ecotopian Perspectives*

**12:30 - 14:00: Joint Lunch**

**14:00 - 15:30: Session II: Star Trek**

Bert Bobock, HU Berlin:

*From Kantian Space-Time to Star Trek?*

Sandra Beyer, HU Berlin:

*A Utopia for Conservatives and Old Men:*

*Gendered Relations and Sexual Politics in Star Trek –  
a Feminist Polemic*

**16:00 - 17:30: Session III: Religion and Metaphysics**

Dave Lojek, HU Berlin:

*Posthumans in Fact and Fiction. Notes on the Abolition of  
Death and the Transmigration into the Digital*

Philipp Kneis, HU Berlin:

*Feeding False Gods. Religion and Creationism at the Stargate*

**Wrap-Up**

**Saturday, April 28, 2007**

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**11:00 - 12:30: Session IV: 24**

Michael Lattek, FU Berlin:

*"Do it now!" The Politics of Immediacy in 24*

Katarzyna Sobieraj, HU Berlin:

*What is Utopian About 24?*

**12:30 - 14:00: Lunch**

**14:00 - 15:30: Session V: Literature & Heroism**

Berenike Jung, FU Berlin:

*Utopian Heroes*

Jia Wei Chan's paper on "Dystopias in American Literature" had to be cancelled  
on short term notice.

We will be discussing episodes from a *.hack* series instead to prepare for the  
following session.

**16:00 – 17:30: Session VI: Reality**

Daniela Simon, HU Berlin:

*.hack//In Too Deep*

Manuela Mangold, HU Berlin:

*The Construction of Community on The Wire*

**Concluding Discussion**

**Joint Dinner**

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