

Dear K member,

this letter is your invitation to K, which is made up of an exhibition and a conference. You are selected to support the art and conference part with your incomparable talent.

A room will be equipped with all necessary utilities for a successful conference in a partly virtual, partly real environment. The infrastructure consists of a plateau for the analysis of never seen objects created by artificial intelligence, complemented by communication equipment surrounding the plateau. Given to the participants' physical presence or absence each member will be supported with a regular chair or an appropriate vicarious device.

Apart from that - in memory of the good old times - twenty square metres of white walls will be available for the presentation of an approach to pre-posthumanistic, 21st-century, anachronistic kind. Refreshments will be served as well as we will try to take care of your material well being: Easily digestible food, light torture and gymnastics.

The main issues of discussion will be: The ghosts of virtuality. If we do not believe in ghosts, how to communicate with virtual realities? What if computers are able to write the better love letters? What kinds of objects surround us and how does their blood taste? What is the role of humans after the Anthropocene?

A delicate selection of works composed to an exhibition forms the core part, to which the conference serves as a hybrid support. The main task is to question the established conception of a human-dominated hierarchy concerning organisms, things and virtual equivalents.

What if the constellation of some silicon lithography, copper wires and cryptical binary software codes as presetting of any existing, computer based virtuality is more than material support? How do artists and thinkers picture this world? Computer-aided, machine-made and even manufactured works will be on display.

Theoretically prepared we are still carrying about our bodies with us. How can we make a systemic change towards posthumanism technically possible? To reapproach these ideas once more, we would ask you to feature this undertaking with a contribution in the show.

By the way: K is a placeholder for Karlsruhe, Komputer, Kommunikativ, Kommunistisch, Konsequenz, Konstruktiv, Kybernetik.

The likeliest date for K is Sunday, the 24th of November 2013. We are looking forward to your positive answer and whether you'll be physically present or absent on the K conference day.

We would be pleased to hear your opinion about our suggestions or a proposal of yours, especially regarding your contribution.

This is the second part of a conversation accompanying the preparations of the ambitious scheme described.

With kind regards,

K committee