

# WE ARE ALL ASTRONAUTS

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## THE IMAGE OF THE SPACE TRAVELLER IN ARTS AND MEDIA

THURSDAY, 22. OCTOBER 2015

6:00 Vivian Sobchack (Los Angeles)  
OPENING LECTURE, Alte Universität, Aula  
"Rocket Man," or Lost in Space:  
On Movie Astronauts and the Myth  
of American Exceptionalism

FRIDAY, 23. OCTOBER 2015

9:00 Henry Keazor (Heidelberg)

**Introduction**

9:45 Colleen Boyle (Melbourne)

**Through the Eyes of the Astronaut:  
Mediator of the Human Imagination**

11:00 Umberto Rossi (Rome)

**All We Mad Starmen:  
The Astronaut as a Psychopath**

12:30 Ansgar Oswald (Berlin)

**Hero of Progress, Environmentalist and  
Advertising Character: The Image of the Space  
Traveller in the Mirror of Society, Architecture  
and Product Marketing (In German)**

3:00 Monica Rùthers (Hamburg)

**The Character of the Cosmonaut  
in Soviet Popular Culture**

4:15 Martin Butler (Oldenburg)

**Remembering the Future: Astronaut Memories  
and the 'Retrofication' of Science Fiction in  
(Surf) Rock Music**

5:45 Jörg Hartmann (Karlsruhe)

**"Off structure!" A Metaphorology of Astro-  
Nautic Accidents – the Examples of the Space  
Movie "Gravity"**

More information and registration via  
<http://www.iek.uni-hd.de/astronauts>

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22 – 25 OCTOBER 2015

VENUE: INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOLOGY,  
LECTURE HALL II, HAUPTSTR. 47-51

SATURDAY, 24. OCTOBER 2015

9:00 Matthew H. Hersch (Cambridge, Mass.)

**Redemptive Space: Duty, Death, and the  
Astronaut-Soldier, 1949–1969**

10:15 Michael Iwoleit (Wuppertal)

**The Dead Astronaut. The Subgenre of Critical  
Space Flight Stories in the Science Fiction of  
the 1960s and 1970s**

11:45 Alexander Geppert (Shanghai / New York)

**The Invention of the "Taikonaut": Images of  
Chinese Space Travellers before and after Yang  
Liwei**

2:00 Marc Blancher (Tübingen)

**"Let's discover Space!" Tintin and Other Cha-  
racters of French-Belgian Comics as Astronauts**

3:45 Bettyann Kevles (Yale)

**Artistic Performance in 0 Gravity**

5:00 FILM

Dana Ranga, Story – I am a Space Person  
(Germany 2003)

SUNDAY, 25. OCTOBER 2015

10:00 Nils Daniel Peiler (Frankfurt am Main)

**"But as to whether or not he has feelings is  
something I don't think anyone can truthfully  
answer". The Image of the Astronaut in Stan-  
ley Kubrick's '2001: A Space Odyssey'**

11:15 Thomas Hensel (Pforzheim)

**Astronaut and Avatar: The Outer Space as a  
Space of Experimentation in the Computer  
Game**

1:15 Marc Bonner (Köln)

**"Climb the penrose stairs to merge with the  
infinite". The Astronaut as the Posthumanistic  
Reverse of Itself**

2:30 Closing Remarks

