

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Age of Fallout

Terraforming Planet Earth

the 22nd Annual Margolis Lecture

This talk tracks the emergence of a new kind of planetary awareness after 1945, one enabled by systematically tracking radioactive contamination through the biosphere. It offers a critical theory of “fallout” as a way to consider the imbrication of nuclear danger and climate danger today. Utilizing a wide range of visual texts, the paper reframes the Cold War nuclear contest as part of a larger global nuclear infrastructure of fallout generating sites. Ultimately, it offers a portrait of the 21st century as increasingly colonized by the environmental fallout of the last century and considers the the planetary scale effects of both nuclear and petrochemical industry today.

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