



Lectures and Conversation with
N. Katherine Hayles & Erich Hörl

General Ecology

Erich Hörl: "Critique of Environmentality"
N. Katherine Hayles: "Three Challenges: Toward a General
Ecology of Cognitive Assemblages"

Time: May 22, 13.00-16.00. Place: KY31, Key-huset, Campus Valla, LiU

After this, the Department of Culture and Communication invites to a seminar with
Henriette Steiner & Kristin Veel. Title: "A Tale of Two (and More) Towers". Time: 16.30-
18.00. Place: 4260, Key-huset. Following the seminar, a reception and postseminar
will be held. To sign up, contact: ragnild.lome@liu.se.

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The Department of Culture and Communication is delighted to welcome to an afternoon symposium with N. Katherine Hayles, professor emerita at Duke University and Erich Hörl, professor in media culture at Leuphana University in Lüneburg, Germany.

Following the symposium and seminar, a reception and post seminar will be held in the staff room, Key-house, at 18.00. To sign up, contact: ragnild.lome@liu.se.

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**N. Katherine Hayles: "Three Challenges: Toward a General Ecology of
Cognitive Assemblages"**

Organizers: The Department of Culture and Communication, LMI (Literature, Media history and Information cultures) and Seedbox at Linköping University.

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After this, the Department of Culture and Communication invites to a higher seminar with associate professors at University of Copenhagen, Henriette Steiner & Kristin Veel, titled: "A Tale of Two (and More) Towers". **Time:** 16.30–18.00. **Place:** 4260, Key-house.

Abstract of Steiner and Veel's higher seminar:

The gigantic is everywhere. It is not just in the physical imprint of the grand feats of Western industrial culture. It is also visible in current research and cultural discourse concerning Western society's multiplying economic, climate, security and political crises, which increasingly involve the entire planet. Henriette Steiner's and Kristin Veel's forthcoming book with MIT Press is titled *A Tale of Two Towers: Gigantism in Architectural and Digital Culture*. In this book, they focus on two significant markers of gigantism today that raise sustainability concerns in relation to a range of material, resource-related and cultural issues: architectural gigantism (high-rise towers in cities) and digital gigantism (the all-pervasive digital infrastructures with which we are constantly connected). These two markers come together in the figure of the skyscraper with a transmitting antenna on its roof.