



# The Experimental Society

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The idea of experimentation was always at the heart of modernity's promise of human freedom and self-determination. But, after the experience of the twentieth century, is the experiment now too complicit with power to act as a carrier of hope? Or can its progressive potential be restored through an inquiry into the different forms that it takes in science, technology, the arts and wider culture? To close the year-long Experimentality programme, participants at this international conference will debate different visions of an experimental society in which the emancipatory potential of the experiment could be renewed.

science / politics / economy / publics / religion / music / art  
education / design / media / advertising / technology  
laboratory / simulating / making / performing / testing / trial  
democracy / reflexivity / creativity / event / revolution

## Plenary speakers include:

Ulrich Beck  
Dieter Daniels  
Bülent Diken  
Silvio Funtowicz  
Josephine Green  
Michael Krätke

Scott Lash  
John Milbank  
Helga Nowotny  
Gísli Pálsson  
Jerome Ravetz  
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