

The Art & Science of Visual Research

An international symposium on the current state of visual research

In honour of the career of Prof. Luc Pauwels

WED 12 OCTOBER 2022 - FRI 14 OCTOBER 2022

University of Antwerp, Belgium



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About

During the coming autumn 2022, the Visual and Digital Cultures Research Center (ViDi), University of Antwerp, will host the first international symposium on The Art and Science of Visual Research (ASVR). This event constitutes the peak of the celebrations for the career of Prof. dr. Luc Pauwels, who will become an emeritus in October 2022.

Bringing together some of the most outstanding scholars in the field of visual studies and visual research, the symposium builds upon an integration of emerging and iconic voices of practitioners, methodologists, and theoreticians alike, all united around a common interest: the visual.

We will bring different disciplinary traditions and practices into dialogue: visual and digital culture, visual sociology and visual anthropology, science and technology studies, documentary photography, ethnographic film, and artificial intelligence. This is a unique opportunity for taking stock at what goes on in the world of visual research.



Themes

Each session will be centred around one key question, such as:

- What is 'visual social science' or more broadly 'visual studies'? What is its main subject and objective?
- What exactly constitutes the 'visual' in visual studies?
- And, how 'visual' are visual studies, really?
- How do visual theory, methodology and empirical research relate to one another?
- How do technological changes influence visual research?
- How should we move beyond unproductive quarrels and drawing irrelevant distinctions and divisions between visual fields and subfields? In other words, how can we best develop a more ethical and socially engaged way of doing visual research?
- How can we inspire future visual research? What are some of the ways forward?

Confirmed Speakers

Elena Bougleux (Università degli Studi di Bergamo, IT)

Richard Chalfen (Temple University, USA)

Marina Ciampi (Università Sapienza, Rome, IT)

Paolo Favero (University of Antwerp)

Annalisa Frisina (Università di Padova, IT)

John Grady (Wheaton College, USA)

Paul Hockings (editor *Visual Anthropology*, USA)

Allison Jablonko (co-founder Society for Visual Anthropology, AAA, USA)

Asko Lehmuskallio (University of Tampere, FI)

Tito Marci (Università Sapienza, Rome, IT)

Scott McQuire (Melbourne University, AUS)

Luc Pauwels (University of Antwerp)

Mattijs van de Port (University of Amsterdam, NL)

Katrien Pype (KULeuven, BE)

Jon Wagner (University of California, USA)





Programme

The programme of this symposium will build on a series of frontal lectures given by the invited participants. Each half day offers room for 3 to 4 talks.

Each session will fill 15-20 minutes and will be followed by an extensive discussion (25 to 40 minutes). As audience, you are invited to take active part in this Q&A.

The following pages show an indication of the schedule.

Please note that this is a preliminary version of the programme. The final programme will be communicated in the weeks prior to the conference.



Programme

Preliminary

Wednesday
12 October 2022

10:00

Registration

10:30

Symposium opening

Introductory speech by Prof. Paolo SH Favero
Opening lecture by Prof. Luc Pauwels

12:00

Lunch

13:00

Session 1:
to be defined

13:45

Session 2:
to be defined

14:30

Coffee break

15:00

Session 3:
to be defined

15:45

Session 4:
to be defined

16:30

End of day



Programme

Preliminary

Thursday
13 October 2022

09:00	Walk-in & coffee
09:30	Session 5: to be defined
10:15	Session 6: to be defined
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Session 7: to be defined
12:15	Lunch

14:00	Session 9: to be defined
14:45	Session 10: to be defined
15:30	Coffee break
16:00	Session 11: to be defined
16:45	Session 12: to be defined
17:30	End of day



Programme

Preliminary

Friday
14 October 2022

09:00

Walk-in & coffee

09:30

Session 13:
to be defined

10:15

Session 14:
to be defined

11:00

Coffee

11:30

Session 15:
to be defined

12:15

Closing remarks / Session 16

14:00

Possibility to proceed to Faculty reception



Registration

We invite all *postgraduate* researchers and practitioners in the field to register for the symposium.

Registration fee - regular: 90 EUR

Registration fee - ViDi members: 50 EUR

Registration deadline: September 5th, 2022

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