



Contemporary Issues in Technologised Corporeity

by **David Le Breton**

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Conference 4: Contemporary Issues in Technologised Corporeity

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This conference by David Le Breton from Strasbourg University is aimed to provide a reflexive overview session exploring the broad issues underlying the relationships between bodies and technologies as they have been turned around during contemporary times.

This session will cover themes such as traditional myths related to technologisation, e.g. Prometheus or Frankenstein, and also more contemporary ones that pervade embodiment studies and science fiction writings, such as 'cyborgs', 'trans-humans', and 'post-humans'.

This overview will permit exploring the recent care and concern for the body in itself as reflecting the emerging habitude of theorising the body as the receptacle of embodied subjectivity as under re-construction following on its technologisation. A side issue that will be explored too is that of technologisation as subjective strategy, by the delaying of bodily dysfunction, for the human refusal of death.

David Le Breton

Anthropologist and sociologist, David Le Breton is professor of sociology at the *Université Marc Bloch*, in Strasbourg, France, where he is lecturer in anthropology and sociology. He is a membre of the *Institut Universitaire de France*, and of the URA-CNRS « *Cultures et sociétés en Europe* » laboratory. He specialises in explorations of representations of the human body, among others through analysis of risk-seeking behaviours. His works, among which some have been translated, also explore related issues such as pacing, the use of silences, facial expressions. Besides *Corps et sociétés* (1985), he is the author of, at Métailié and the Presses Universitaires de France, of, among others: *La Chair à vif* (1993), *Passions du risque* (1991), *L'adieu au corps* (1999), *La Saveur du monde* (2006), *Des visages* (2003), and of *Anthropologie du corps et modernité* (1st ed. 1990, several re-editions). He has also recently published *Mort sur la route*, a crime novel laureate of the 2008 Prix Michel Lebrun (Métailié, 2008).

Among his publications:

- 2008, *Mort sur la route*, Paris: Métailié, prix Michel Lebrun 2008 (Crime novel).

- 2008, *Cultures adolescentes*, Paris: Autrement.
- 2007, *En Souffrance. Adolescence et entrée dans la vie*, Paris: Métailié.
- 2006, *La Saveur du monde. Une anthropologie des sens*, Paris: Métailié.
- 2006, *Anthropologie de la douleur*, Paris: Métailié.
- 2005, *Anthropologie du corps et modernité*, Paris: Presses universitaires de France, 1st ed. 1990.
- 2004, *L'interactionnisme symbolique*, Paris: Presses universitaires de France.
- 2004, *Les Passions ordinaires. Anthropologie des émotions*, Paris: Payot.
- 2003, *La Peau et la Trace. Sur les blessures de soi*, Paris: Métailié.
- 2003, *Des visages. Essai d'anthropologie*, Paris: Métailié.
- 2002, *Signes d'identité. Tatouages, piercings et autres marques corporelles*, Paris: Métailié.
- 2002, *L'Adolescence à risque*, Paris: Autrement.
- 2002, *La sociologie du corps*, Paris: Presses universitaires de France.
- 2002, *Conduites à risque*, Paris: Presses universitaires de France.
- 2000, *Éloge de la marche*, Paris: Métailié.
- 1999, *L'adieu au corps*, Paris: Métailié
- 1997, *Du silence*, Paris: Métailié.
- 1993, *La Chair à vif. Usages médicaux et mondains du corps humain*, Paris: Métailié.
- 1991, *Passions du risque*, Paris: Métailié.
- 1985, *Corps et sociétés. Essai de sociologie et d'anthropologie du corps*, Paris: Méridiens-Klincksieck

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Tuesday 9th of June 2009

Closing Conference – Embodiment as Device for Reflecting on the Contemporary World? Towards Technologically-Weaved Bodies?

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