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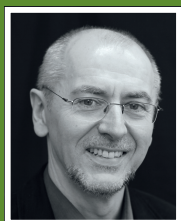
## LIFE AFTER THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER: HUMAN SURVIVAL IN TIMES OF ECOLOGICAL CRISES

Chernobyl: the so-called poster child for the USSR's peaceful atomic energy program became the site and symbol of a nuclear accident with catastrophic consequences for both nature and humanity. In this conversation, historian Kate Brown and technology assessment expert Armin Grunwald will examine the ways in which residents near the Chernobyl exclusion zone have learned to adapt to the new biological and social realities of the post-nuclear age.



**KATE BROWN**

Bosch Fellow in Public Policy, American Academy in Berlin, and Professor of History, University of Maryland, Baltimore County



**ARMIN GRUNWALD**

Director, Institute for Technology Assessment and Systems Analysis, and Professor, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology; Director, Office of Technology Assessment at the German Bundestag

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## NETWORK SCIENCE, SEGREGATION, AND THE EMERGENCE OF POLITICAL EXTREMES

Today we are bound to distinguish between two different kinds of segregation: the physical and the digital. But how does this distinction actually impact our digital culture? How do cultural formations and technological artifacts fit together? Digital media theorists Wendy Chun and Nishant Shah, drawing on their mutual expertise on the intersections of media, identity, and representation, will examine the resonances between physical and virtual segregation by analyzing the fundamental principles that drive networks.



**WENDY HUI KYONG CHUN**

Holtzbrinck Fellow, American Academy in Berlin, and Professor of Modern Culture and Media, Brown University



**NISHANT SHAH**

Dean, Graduate School, ArtEZ University for the Arts; and Guest Professor, Institute for the Culture and Aesthetics of Digital Media, Leuphana Universität

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