Special Issue Thinking Cinema—With Plants

Message from the Guest Editor

How does filmic engagement with the vegetal prompt new kinds of thinking? What if film was understood not only to think, but to think like a plant? Michael Marder speaks of plant-thinking as 'non-imagistic', and it is the way in which this vegetal philosophy removes the head from thinking that serves to inspire thinking differently with, about, and through cinema. However, this is just a starting point for a broader series of reflections, interrogations, and imaginings in this Special Issue of Philosophies, 'Thinking Cinema-with Plants'. Building on the steady increase in film scholarship on plants in recent years, this volume will explore how engaging with a myriad of aspects of the vegetal world through film has the capacity to open up new lines of thought, in film and beyond. Contributions are invited to consider the innovative ways of thinking about plants through film.

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