

The body as object: the human as material culture

The human body is developed, changed, and shaped by nature and culture. As a site of experience, expression, and interpretation, the body offers sensation and feeling, but also form and substance that may be inspected and analyzed by the self and others.

This symposium discusses human bodies in relation to the material world: bodies are considered as real, physical entities that are manipulated, depicted, and understood as places where interior sensibility meets external form.

Speakers will cover topics such as:

Susie Orbach: How we 'get' a body; Ben Barry and Becky Conekin: How the bodies of fashion models are presented and viewed both today and in the past; Pirkko Markula: How male and female bodies are shaped through exercise; Jorg Scheller: How bodies may be considered as deliberately-constructed works of art; and, Lianne McTavish: How medical imagery may depict bodies as cultural objects that are endowed with moral value.

Join us for what promises to be an exciting day of intriguing ideas about the body!

Speakers, talk titles, and professional titles:

Susie Orbach

How do we get a body?

Psychoanalyst and writer

The New School, New York, and London School of Economics

Becky Conekin

Pretty hard work: Professional fashion modeling in London & Paris, 1947-1967'

(slightly shorter) title suggestion: *Pretty hard work: Fashion modeling, London & Paris, 1947-1967*

Senior Research Fellow

London College of Fashion, University of the Arts, London

Ben Barry

Why reflect reality? Ideal and 'real' models in fashion.

PhD Candidate

Judge Business School, University of Cambridge

Jorg Scheller

The body as an object of artistic expression

PhD Candidate

University of Arts and Design, Karlsruhe

Lianne McTavish

The embryo as a modern object

Professor, History of Art, Design and Visual Culture
University of Alberta

Pirkko Markula

'Sculpt your body': Exercise as body management

Professor, Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation
University of Alberta

Current Schedule:

-some speakers have requested specific time slots

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	Welcome and opening comments
9:15-10:00:	Ben Barry
10:00-10:45:	Becky Conekin
10:45-11:15	Coffee
11:15-12:00	Susie Orbach
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:45	Lianne McTavish
1:45-2:30	Pirkko Markula
2:30-3:00	Coffee
3:00-3:45	Jorg Scheller
3:45-4:30	Roundtable discussion