In recent years, the concept of atmospheres has emerged as a focus for interdisciplinary research in the humanities and social sciences. It is rapidly overtaking the previous interest in spatial analysis, discursive formations and the like. But how is it possible to get a purchase on such a nebulous notion, or analyze such a diffuse experience, as that of “atmosphere”? The work of philosopher Gernot Böhme helps by suggesting that atmospheres are quasi-objective, co-produced by objective constellations of factors and the experience of the sentient subject. Taking its cue from Böhme, this CISSC Virtual Lecture series (via zoom) will explore climatic, architectural, racial and moral atmospheres, as well as our relationships with plants.

All lectures and ensuing discussions will be live on zoom at the designated hour and last about 90 minutes. Please write to cissc@concordia.ca to register (include ATMOSPHERES in the subject line). You will be sent a zoom link by return email for whichever lecture(s) you indicate you wish to attend.

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