
FREE PUBLIC SEMINAR – ALL WELCOME
Dr Filip Vostal (Czech Academy of Sciences)

Monday 3 September: 12pm - 2pm
Flinders University, Education Building, Room 5.34
via Carpark 2, Ring Road, Bedford Park

Venture Academics

There has been much debate in recent years that institutional life of academia is ‘accelerating’, that scholars need to keep up with abounding expectations, rampant demands associated with new forms of assessing and monitoring, and churning out as many papers and grant applications as possible. Next to the anxiety epidemic resulting therefrom and the armies of academics who resist and question the meaningfulness of scholarly pursuit under this regime, there is also a new academic subjectivity this regime generates: a persona resembling activities and mindset of a venture capitalist. This emerging subjectivity rewards risk-taking, crude pragmatism, ruthless competitive spirit, impudence, capital accumulation, branding, exploitation of various cash-generating opportunities and subordinates particularly when it comes to the construction of academic portfolios mobilised for capital accumulation. In my presentation, I will argue that this prototype of ‘fast’ academic, actively reproducing the epistemic and academic capitalism, accounts for a new normal. However, at the same time, I will also claim that the rival – ‘slow’ and sluggish academic – cannot in any way compete or replace the new normal of fast and agile venture academic.



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