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Whither Psychoanalysis in a Computer Culture?

Sherry Turkle fragt nach dem Stellenwert der Psychoanalyse in einer Gesellschaft, in der die Maschine immer mehr zum Subjekt mutiert und mechanistische Denkmodelle immer breiteren Raum in der gesellschaftlichen Diskussion einnehmen:

"Thinking of the computer as an object enters into how people think about their minds in several ways. First, it serves as a model of mind. Computational views of mind, essentially mechanistic in nature, make easy connections to neuro-chemical and cognitive models. Second, the computer enters into our theorization about mind through our everyday interactions with computational machines. These days we see a range of new behaviors and forms of "intersubjective" relationships, some of which take the machine as a subject, problematic though this is. Understanding these new forms of interaction -- on the Internet, with robotic creatures, in virtual reality -- call for psychoanalytic modes of understanding. New genres of objects in the culture serve as "objects to think with" for a revitalized psychoanalytic discourse."

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