Seminar Series

Topics in the Aesthetics of Music and Sound

Thursday, November 6, 2014 3:15-5 p.m. in U67

Serial Poetry and Music

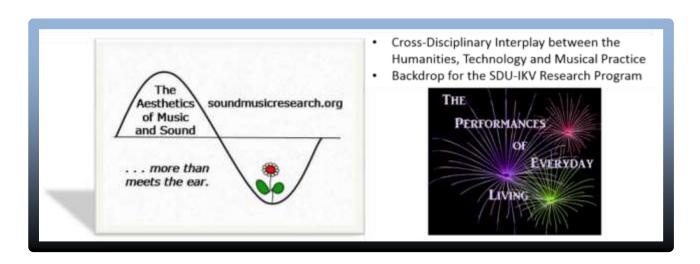
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Abstract: In this presentation I investigate the relations between serial music and serial poetry, understood through the notion of entropy. Entropy is a phenomenon in thermodynamics as well as in information theory (Norbert

Wiener's book *The Human use of Human Beings* - 1950, revised 1954 - is fundamental for the understanding of entropy - or rather "negentropy" - in information). My thesis is that with a notion of entropy in both the physical world and in the "symbolic" world of information (and art), we may have a tool for establishing a connection between the world and the arts,



different from a traditional, predominantly symbolic understanding. We may even be able to formulate a theory of correlativity, which calls for a reevaluation of the mimetic paradigm of the arts.



All are welcome – also via Skype 🐇

