

A stylized, abstract still life painting in a painterly style. It features a central yellow-green jar, a dark blue bottle, and several red and brown objects, possibly fruit or vegetables, set against a background of textured, layered colors like blue, green, and pink.

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Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Cost: FREE

Registration: This event is on-line. Please [register on Eventbrite](#).

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The English Romantic poet John Keats penned the term 'negative capability' in a well-known letter to his brothers. To Keats, negative capability occurs when a great artist is “capable of being in uncertainties, Mysteries, doubts, without any irritable reaching after fact and reason.” Numerous thinkers across disciplines have thought about negative capability and what it means for humans. In this café philo, we will discuss what negative capability means now, and what it has to teach us about being in the world.

In this on-line café philo pilot, we’re bringing together interdisciplinary perspectives for hour-long discussions about topics of our time. The café will be moderated by feminist philosopher and educator Katy Fulfer. Joining us for this discussion is religious studies scholar Jeff Wilson, visual artist and educator Gwenessa Lam, and poet, playwright, essayist and editor Luke Hathaway.

As a viewer, you will receive an email with a link prior to the Zoom session. Viewers do not need a Zoom account to participate in the café philo. Viewers will be able to watch the discussion and ask questions during the Q&A.

This is a FREE event and will be held on Zoom.

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