



## American Society for Cybernetics

The Warren McCulloch Award of the American Society for Cybernetics  
is made to

**Thomas Fischer**

for outstanding and profound early contributions to the nurturing of cybernetics.

Thomas Fischer's contribution to cybernetics takes three main forms:

His research addresses the nature of the in between. He shows us how the interplay of distinctions considered opposites can give rise to dynamically interdependent wholes. In seeing cybernetically distinctions such as formal and aesthetic, Eastern and Western or analogue and digital, Thomas Fischer offers us cybernetic understanding through appreciation.

His gift in showing cybernetic ways of appreciating through his writings both engages and challenges audiences from the design and architecture fields, where his radical teaching, developed in partnership with his wife Christiane Herr, has lead to novel workshops encouraging extra-ordinary responses from their students.

Thomas Fischer has also been remarkable in his devotion to the ASC. He has acted as an exemplary secretary of the society, and in building and maintaining conference web sites, has changed the culture of our conferences, as well as our media and style of communication and those we can addressÑoften in a designerly way.

In making the Warren McCulloch Award, we recognize in Thomas Fischer's work both his achievements and the great promise his dedicated and persistent work holds for the field of cybernetics, and to the development of cybernetics through the ASC.

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