

CENTRE FOR SENSORY STUDIES



TALKING SENSE SEMINAR

Human Plus: Taste and Smell

Thursday 01 April 2021
12:00-14:00, [Zoom link](#)

“There’s a whole new level of sensation waiting for you to discover. Take hold ... science is opening up a new world of sensory possibilities.” So goes the blurb for a new documentary series from TV Ontario called “Human Plus.” This sort of triumphalism is very common in science journalism. Is it warranted? How else could or should we regard this technologization of sensation? Were we using our senses to the fullest even before science? These are the sorts of questions we would like to explore in a series of three Talking Sense seminars dedicated to the examination of select episodes of the Human Plus series. You are asked to watch the video on your own time and then attend the seminar at which it is to be discussed. The conversation will be animated by Geneviève Sicotte and David Howes. Each seminar will last one hour.

Link to the [TVO Human Plus documentary series](#).

Taste and Smell: Your sense of smell is much more developed than you might imagine. In your genetic code, 400 genes make up the receptors of your sense of smell. You are able to smell billions of odors.

Link to the [episode](#).