Political Aesthetics: Histories, Genealogies, and Contemporary Challenges

Symposium at Museum Jorn, Silkeborg 6–7 March 2025

Thursday 6 March 2025

| 10.00–10.15 | Welcome by Christian Kortegaard Madsen , Director of Museum Jorn |
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| 10.15–11.00 | Welcome, introduction, and collective discussion facilitated by the organizers |
| 11.10–11.55 | Maria Chehonadskih (Lecturer, Queen Mary University of London) Perspectival Vision: The Communist Expression of Sight, Sense and Point of View |
| | Chair: Tobias Dias |
| 11.55–12.10 | Coffee break |
| 12.10-12.55 | Angela Harutyunyan (Professor, Universität der Künste Berlin) <i>The Material</i> <i>Shell of Ideality: Ilyenkov, Lifshitz and Communist De-Alienation</i> |
| | Chair: Tobias Dias |
| 13.00–14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00–14.45 | Daniel Spaulding (Assistant Professor of Modern and Contemporary Art, University of Wisconsin-Madison): <i>Symbolic Form and Real</i> <i>Abstraction, or: Panofsky with Sohn-Rethel</i> |
| | Chair: Dominique Routhier |

| 14.50–15.35 | E.C. Feiss (Assistant Professor, Providence College): <i>Towards an art theory of reform</i> | |
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| | Chair: Dominique Routhier | |
| 15.35–16.00 | Coffee break | |
| 16.00–16.45 | Eunsong Kim (Associate Professor of English, Northeastern University): Sacrificing the Innocent: Final Avant-Garde and Radical Fantasies Against the Executioner Chair: Dominique Routhier | |
| Friday 7 March 2025 | | |
| 10.00–10.45 | Hannah Black (artist): TBA. | |
| | Chair: Louis Hartnoll | |
| 10.50–11.35 | Jackqueline Frost (Teaching Fellow, University of London, Institute in Paris): Claude Cahun, Freudo-Marxism and Poetry's Political Action Chair: Louis Hartnoll | |
| 11.35–11.45 | Coffee break | |
| 11.45 – 12.30 | Josefine Wikstrom (Senior Lecturer at Södertörn University and University of Gothenburg): <i>The paradoxes of the citizen subject and its potential</i> <i>for a Marxist aesthetic subject</i> <i>Chair: Tobias Dias</i> | |
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12.30–13.30 Lunch

| 13.30–14.15 | Tobias Ertl (Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Art History and Archaeology, Universität Freiburg): <i>From the Critique of Institutions to the</i> <i>Aesthetic of Administration: Otto Neurath, Economic Planning, and Communist</i> <i>Art</i> |
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| | Chair: Dominique Routhier |
| 14.20–15.05 | Rose-Anne Gush (Assistant Professor, Institute for Contemporary Art, TU Graz): <i>Unsettling Aesthetics. Instability of Form. Art,</i> <i>Capital and Planetary Crisis</i> |
| | Chair: Dominique Routhier |
| 15.05–15.20 | Coffee break |
| 15.20–16.05 | Louis Hartnoll (Postdoctoral researcher, History of Art, University of Amsterdam): <i>The Outside In: Theorising the Non-Aesthetic</i> |
| | Chair: Dominique Routhier |
| 16.10–16.55 | Tobias Dias (Postdoctoral researcher, Art History, Aarhus University): Materialist Aesthetics after the "Historical Avant-Gardes" |
| | Chair: Dominique Routhier |
| 16:55–17:30 | Closing discussion led by the organizers |

The symposium is organized by Tobias Dias (Aarhus Universitet), Dominique Routhier (Roskilde Universitet), and Louis Hartnoll (University of Amsterdam) in a collaboration between Museum Jorn, *The Nordic Journal of Aesthetics*, and *Centre for Research in Artistic Practice under Contemporary Conditions* (Aarhus University). If you are interested in attending the symposium, please contact Tobias Dias, <u>idetd@cc.au.dk</u>.

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