Application Period Summer Term 2015

Public space is a hole everybody strove to close, but it could not be plugged; that is why it was called public.

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Spatial Strategies

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Gordon Matta-Clark
Window Blow-Out, 1976

… The money that permeates this hole is like a sieve.
It preserves nothing and and retains nothing, so far as we can remember.

Master of Arts in Spatial Strategies / Weissensee School of Art, Berlin

The Master of Arts course in Space Strategies is founded on a conception of praxis in urban space that draws on architectural and artistic practices, focussing on the discipline of art in public space. In the context of post-war modernity, art in public space has played a crucial role in the discussion of the social relevance of art. However, it has become necessary to reconsider the concept of 'space' and the concept of 'publicness'.

Space Strategies parses the concept of 'space' in terms of virtual, global and urban spaces, confronting “public space”, and artistic production within it, with the actuality of these three 'spaces'. With global developments of the past two decades having completely undermined what is regarded the shared conception of 'publicness' (Öffentlichkeit), the Master course seeks to redefine the challenges and political responsibilities of the individual within contemporary contexts. Space Strategies aims to understand artistic work as an insistence on 'publicness' as a sphere where democratic participation constitutes social spaces, living spaces, and the allocation of essential resources.

Applicants are sought from all disciplines of fine arts and humanities, as well as graduates and professionals from the fields of architecture, urbanism, and cultural and social sciences. The Master course offers further qualifications in the cutting edge between artistic praxis and discourse, from art theory and art criticism to political theory and art history, critical urban research, migration studies, and automata theory. Catchphrases such as 'artistic research', 'interdisciplinary', 'intervention' and 'artistic curating' are critically scrutinized. In the same way, the structure of the course itself is interrogated as a product of the Bologna Process of European education reforms. This process is part of a trend that is rendering knowledge subordinate to efficiency, reducing it to an artefact that is expedient to the market one day, only to be rationalised away the next. Since the economisation of knowledge goes hand in hand with the economisation of urban space, it is of particular importance to tease out these parallels in relation to the urban, the virtual, the global and ourselves.

Spatial Strategies above all aims to develop an independent artistic or art-related praxis that above all draws on a sense of autonomy and a political sensibility.

The Master of Arts degree is awarded upon successful completion of the program.

Andreas Siekmann, Alice Creischer

Lecturers:
Alice Creischer, Andreas Siekmann: Political Theory / Art in Public Space
Günter Nest: Intercultural Comparative Studies
Stephan Mörsch / Gerda Heck: Migration / Urbanism
Michael Schwarz: Automata Theory
Kathrin Wildner: Critical Urban Research

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Teaching at Berlin-Weissensee School of Art is designed to promote effective integra- tive working practices in every subject area. The art college includes the following departments: Art History and Theory, Foundation Course, Fashion Design, Industrial Design, Painting, Sculpture, Stage and Costume Design, Textile and Surface Design, Visual Communication, and the two postgraduate programs Space Strategies and Art Therapy.
Students have the opportunity to use any of the school's eleven workshops, which are open to all departments. They provide a site for exchange between the various disciplines and a solid foundation for interdisciplinary work.One of the school's strong points is the grounding it provides in theory (cultural theory, aesthetics, art and media history), enabling its students to take a scholarly approach to artistic projects. One of the aims of the Weißensee education is to actively influence the social environment and its complex forms of communication through processes of designing and creating.
Weissensee Academy of Art Berlin maintains partnerships with about 90 art academies in Europe, Asia, Australia and America, offering students the opportunity of taking part in exchange programs. International students currently make up 30% of the student body.

Application and Costs
This two-year tuition-based program is intended for undergraduate degree holders in a variety of fields – visual artists, designers, architects, media and cultural theorists, sociologists – who wish to obtain a postgraduate degree (MA) in the arts.
Admission requirements: Applicants must be at least 24 years old and possess an undergraduate degree and at least one year of relevant work experience as well as artistic and academic suitability. Foreign applicants must also prove sufficient knowledge of German.

Application period: December 1- 31
Semester start date: April 2015
Application materials
1. Portfolio of recent artistic work
2. Evidence of academic and transdisciplinary suitability in the form of a written statement (3–4 pages) outlining the applicant's academic goals and presenting a proposal for a project to be carried out during the program
3. Certified proof of undergraduate degree
4. Proof of at least one year of work experience in a field relevant to the program
5. Brief curriculum vitae
6. Application form with passport photograph
7. Proof that the applicant is at least 24 years old (copy of passport / government-issued ID)
8. Certified translation of the proof of undergraduate degree and the proof of work experience
For international applicants
9. Proof of sufficient competence in written and spoken German (DSH 1 or TestDaF 3)
10. Copy of valid passport
11. For Chinese applicants: APS certificate

Tuition
1,250 € per semester plus 101.13 € administration charge /
or 189.40 € incl. student ticket

For additional information:
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