

## 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. 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.

## Lecturers:

Alice Creischer, Andreas Siekmann: Political Theory / Art in Public Space Stephan Mörsch: Migration / Urban Interventions / Modell construction

Michael Schwarz: Automata Theory

Günter Nest, Elisa Bertuzzo: Intercultural Comparative Studies / Critical Urban Research

Giulia Palladini: Performative Space

Application period: March 1st - April 30th 2017

Semester start date: October 2017

## **Tuition**

1,250 € per semester plus 109.09 € administration charge (facultative) / and 203.80 € student ticket (optional)

Since winter semester 2015 / 16 a part time course is possible.

For additional information:

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