

ART IN CONFLICT

A practitioner's forum on the potential and limitations of art initiatives in processes of social transformation and peace building

TUESDAY 26.5.2015

Starting at 13:00, Foyer

Arrival and Registration

Inform yourself about the table presentations and book time for the tables you wish to join!

14.30, Hörsaal 1

Welcome and opening

Thomas D. Meier (Chancellor ZHdK), Ambassador Manuel Sager (Director-General Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC), Dagmar Reichert (artasfoundation)

15:30, Viaduktraum

Table presentations

Dialogues at 15 tables with artists or organisations (4 rounds of 20 minutes)

- 1 Ruth Daniel: *The power of art to transform communities, making something out of nothing. Zimbabwe, Brazil, Colombia, DR Congo.* (Art in Place of War, Manchester)
- 2 Cynthia Cohen: *Acting Together* (Brandeis University)
- 3 Ananda Breed *Youth Theatre for Peace (YTP), Kyrgyzstan* (University of East London)
- 4 Maja Leo & Tamara Janashia: *Tskaltubo Art Festival, Georgia* (artasfoundation)
- 5 Regula Gattiker: *Les voy a contar la historia* (Connact/Fundación Chasquis)
- 6 Heyam Al Hayek: *Culture and Conflict: Lessons from the Field* (Qattan Centre for the Child, Gaza/SDC partner)
- 7 Mauro Abbühl: *Access to Swiss cultural markets* (artlink / SDC partner)
- 8 Syafiatudina & Nicola Müllerschön: *Curating Commons* (KUNCI Cultural Studies Centre, Yogyakarta/ KfW Stiftung)
- 9 François Matarasso: *Telling better stories* (Regular Marvels)
- 10 Julius Heinicke: *How to analyze the aesthetics of applied theatre/theatre in conflict* (Free University Berlin)

- 11 Frédérique Lecomte: *Theatre for community reconstruction: child soldiers in RDC* (Theatre & Reconciliation)
- 12 Hannah Reich: *Civil and non-violent education in Jordan: Why using cartoons and interaktiv theatre for transformation?* (Berghof Foundation)
- 13 Iman Aoun: *Theatre, the art of transformation* (ASHTAR Theatre, Ramallah)
- 14 Fortunat Frölich: *Spannung ist spannend – the creative potential of conflict* (choR inteR kultuR)
- 15 Dietrich Heißenbüttel: *Art in Conflict: Interventions in War and Crisis. A survey of worldwide initiatives commissioned by ifa* (Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations, Germany)
- 16 Mihai Fusu: *Documentary Theatre in Moldova and the Taboo Topics* (Coliseum, Moldova/SDC partner) Moderated by Marcel Bleuler (artasfoundation)

17:30 Break

18:00, Hörsaal 1

Public event

Art in peace building – a supplement?

A conversation between Ambassador Alexandre Fasel (FDFA/UN-Geneva), Ruth Noak (indep. curator, Berlin), Heba Hage (SDC Lebanon), and Gillian Slovo (author, playwright, London). Moderated by Dagmar Reichert (artasfoundation) and Alice Thomann (SDC)

19:30 Dinner (registered participants)

starting at 20:45
Hörsaal 1, 5.T04, 5.T05, 5.T07

Film screenings

Acting together on the world stage (2012, 54 min.), Cynthia Cohen and Allison Lund
Zwei Flüsse - Zwei Lieder (2014, 52 min.), Sarah Derendinger
Tomorrow will come (2015, 110 min.), Ricardo Torres
Global Arts Corps: The First Fives Years (2014, 11 min), A Global Arts Corps Production

After the Rain (2014, 26 min), A Global Arts Corps Production
Moderated by Emina Hadziabdic

WEDNESDAY 27.5.2015

08:30, Viaduktraum

Warming up

Moving community: body exercises with Eva Bischofberger (dancer, therapist, Zürich) – no workout clothes needed!

09:15, Hörsaal 1

Short assembly, information

09:30, Viaduktraum, 5.T04, 5.T05, 5.T07

Thematic working groups I

On art projects in conflict transformation and post-conflict reconstruction

1 & 2: **Why (not) art? – Ambitions, capacities and limits of art-projects in regions of conflict**

Group 1: *Directed by:* Ananda Breed (University of East London)
Rapporteur: Celine Yvon (indep. consultant, Geneva)
Group 2: *Directed by:* François Matarasso (artist/consultant, Nottingham)
Rapporteur: Sandro Lunin (Theater-spektakel, Zürich)

3 & 4: **What lies behind our wish to engage? – Interests and motivations of artists, organisers and sponsors**

Group 3: *Directed by:* Gillian Slovo (author and playwright, London)
Rapporteur: Jasper Walgrave (Pro Helvetia)
Group 4: *Directed by:* Hannah Reich (ifa Berlin)
Rapporteur: Tamara Janashia (Culture and Management Lab, Tbilisi)

11:20, Foyer Coffee break

11:45, Hörsaal 1

Assembly

Summarising and comparing the results of the working groups
Moderated by Ambassador Alexandre Fasel (FDFA/UN-Geneva)

13:00, Mensa Joint Lunch

14:30, Hörsaal 1

Asking for feedback

Practitioners of art projects in the context of social transformation invite their peers to join them for a feedback-discussion (2 rounds of 35 minutes)

- 1 Agnieszka Dudrak (University of Neuchâtel): *Depending on who we talk to, we justify our engagement in a different way...*
- 2 Sabine Jenni & Linda Pfenninger (artasfoundation): *Project participants: How to reach who you want to reach?*
- 3 Lukas Pairon (Music Fund): *- to be defined -*
- 4 Annemarie Bucher & Dominique Lämmli (FOA-FLUX and ZHdK): *The artist's working reality! Collaborative processes and transformation projects. Criteria for best practice?*
- 5 Mona Chirie Mijthab (ZHdK): *Cooperation: how not to create false expectations and hopes?*
- 6 Bitten Stetten & Francis Müller (ZHdK): *Presenting photographs of the South in the North: which ethics?*
- 7 Nora Landkammer (ZHdK): *Putting universalizing notions of 'art' and 'education' in conflict.*
- 8 Elisabeth Danuser (ZHdK): *Music in multicultural groups: which cultural background do we relate to?*
- 9 Ragheda Andoni (SDC, SCO Gaza and West Bank): *Increasing civic participation and social accountability: Can cultural activities contribute?*
- 10 Olivier Lechien (Fondation Hirondelle): *When songs aired on radio become a conflict tool...*
- 11 Maja Leo (artasfoundation): *From participation to self-organization: the case of a youth club.*
- 12 Carte blanche
Moderated by Dagmar Reichert (artasfoundation)

16:30, Foyer Coffee break

17:00, Hörsaal 1

Public Lecture

Art in social transformation
Carmen Olaechea (Buenos Aires) invited and introduced by David Keller (ZHdK)

18:30, Foyer

Departure to Joint Dinner

BBQ on Käferberg with a concert
Eastward – Songs from Eastern Europe performed by members of the Swiss choir *Singfrauen Winterthur*

THURSDAY 28.5.2015

08:30, Viaduktraum

Warming up

Getting your body and mood involved: with Diana Rojas-Feile (performer & director, Bogotá/ Zürich) – no workout clothes needed!

09:15, Hörsaal 1

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Thematic working groups II

On art projects in conflict transformation and post-conflict reconstruction

5 & 6: **What can sustainability mean for art-initiatives? – Different types of sustainability and strategies to achieve them**

Group 5: *Directed by:* Hanane Hajj Ali (artist, theatre maker, researcher, Beirut)
Rapporteur: Simon Mason (Center for Security Studies, ETH, Zürich)
Group 6: *Directed by:* Frédérique Lecomte (artist, Bruxelles)
Rapporteur: Petra Bischof (artangle – Balkans)
7 & 8: **Making results visible Options for an evaluation of art projects in regions of conflict**
Group 7: *Directed by:* Michelle LeBaron (University of British Columbia, Vancouver)
Rapporteur: Iman Aoun (ASHTAR Theatre, Ramallah)
Group 8: *Directed by:* Cynthia Cohen (Brandeis University, Boston)
Rapporteur: Julius Heinicke (Free University Berlin)

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Concluding the practitioner's forum

13:15, Mensa Joint Lunch

14:30-17:30, Viaduktraum

Special Forum DEZA

Art Matters – Cultural percent in practice (for SDC staff only)

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After the conference a report will be prepared for download at: www.artasfoundation.ch.

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