



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Art Against Life: Performance Politics Pedagogy - 5913

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: History of Art

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

Our main subject is the evolution of Performance Art from the 1960s to the present. We will explore the main texts written by the pioneers of this subversive, independent medium, as well as the texts written about their first actions. Many of the artworks that we will explore shake the very boundary between the existence of the artwork and the existence of its creator. As watching documentation of performances, rather than actually being present in them, will qualify most of our investigations, we will discuss this methodological limitation in relation to the construction of knowledge in the discipline of Art History. We will also discuss: the relation of Performance and Conceptualism (the Happenings and Environments); the relation of performance to pedagogy and its political spaces and experiences; the artist-audience relationships; the space for performance in the art market; and the presence of performance art in Israel.

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Students will be introduced to key works in the history of performance art and will gain tools for critical analysis about this medium based on its pedagogic and political dimensions.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

Session 1: Introduction
Session 2: A traceless medium (what is performativity?)
Session 3: A traceless medium (problems with history, display and the market)
Session 4: Performance as conceptual art (the pioneers)
Session 5: What is presence in art (practically political)
Session 6: Every teacher is an artist (politicization of the pedagogic)
Session 7: Art against life (extreme cases, holding on/beholding)
Session 8: Living women (divided)
Session 9: Demonstrations, lectures (public meanings)

Session 10: Performing for cameras (video against life)

Session 11: Participatory art (viewing viewers)

Session 12: On performance art in Israel (beginnings)

Session 13: On performance art in Israel (now)

Required Reading:

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Dorothea Von Hantelmann, "The Experiential Turn," in *On Performativity*, edited by Elizabeth Carpenter. vol. 1. *Living Collections Catalogue* (Minneapolis: Walker Art

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צ'ארלס גרויאן, "הפדגוגיה המשחררת של המיצג", המדרשה 7, 2004, 121-152.

הדס עפרת, מציאות רבה מדי: על אמנות המופע, תל אביב: הקיבוץ המאוחד, קו אדום, 2012, 123-143 [זמין דיגיטלית באתר הספרייה]

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Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 70 %

Attendance / Participation in Field Excursion 30 %

Additional information: