

CONFERENCE:

Democracy, Migration and Identity in Europe today

A discussion on the occasion of the 20 years anniversary since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain, on the perspective of Democracy today, globalisation and their influence on the reality of contemporary art.

PROGRAMME

Friday, 27.2.09

- 17.00 Introduction
President of the Macedonian Museum of Contemporary Art, Heinrich-Böll-Foundation Brandenburg and ArtBOX.gr
- 17.20 "Citizenship and Migration in the Global City. The Relationship between Centre and Periphery and its Influence on Politics"
Prof. Saskia Sassen (Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University, New York)
- 19.00 End

Saturday, 28.2.09

- 11.00-11.30 "The Mediterranean in the Age of Globalization"
Dr. Natalia Ribas-Mateos (Universidad de A Coruña (ESOMI, Equipo de Sociología de las migraciones internacionales), visiting Professor at the University of Meknes in Morocco)
- 11.30-12.00 "Exclusion, Inclusion, Riots and Democracy"
(tentative title)
Nikos Xydakis (chief editor of newspaper "Kathimerini", Athens)
- 12.00-12.30 Discussion **Saskia Sassen, Natalia Ribas-Mateos, Nikos Xydakis**

12.30-13.00 Break

13.00 Panel discussion:
Augustine Zenakos (co-director of the Athens Biennale)
Syrako Tsiara (Director of the Contemporary Art Centre of Thessaloniki, Co-Curator of the 2nd Thessaloniki Biennial of Contemporary Art) & **Areti Leopoulou** (Curator, Contemporary Art Centre of Thessaloniki)
Iara Boubnova (curator, Director of the Institute of Contemporary Art, Sofia)
Luchezar Boyadjiev (artist, Sofia)
Kostis Stafylakis (artist, art theoretician, Athens)
Moderator: Thalea Stefanidou (art critic, curator, Thessaloniki)

14.15 Discussion

14.45-15.00 Final Comments

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