

Open Call  
for participation in the international workshop  
„politics of the small act“

Thursday 4 October 2012, 5 pm – 8 pm  
Friday 5 October 2012, 10 am – 8 pm  
Museum of Contemporary Art Leipzig

The initiative „politics of the small act“ invites international actors (activists, artists, curators) to Leipzig for a two-day workshop at the intersection of artistic and socio-political discourses.

With presentations, discussions, working groups and dinner debates, the event focuses on „small acts“ - micro-strategies of self-empowerment and self-organisation - as potential tools to induce social and/or political change. It explores different forms of intervention in the social fabric and maps artistic and civic strategies in the context of small acts.

The workshop takes recent socio-political developments in Hungary as its point of departure. It understands the strongly criticised and arguably anti-democratic policymaking of the current Hungarian government not as an isolated, local phenomenon, but as part of longer-term transformation processes, in a broader, regional and European context.

The workshop in Leipzig creates a temporary platform for strategic encounters and exchange between international actors and through its focus on Hungary fosters collective and collaborative knowledge production, potentially also relevant to other socio-political contexts. Drawing on the notion of small acts, the participants explore the possibilities of intervening in a complex situation with a variety of artistic and civic strategies, renouncing both exclusivity or universal approaches.

The workshop coincides with the Festival of Lights in Leipzig. Taking place on 9 October 2012, the Festival of Lights is a large-scale event that commemorates the peaceful revolution in Autumn 1989. In 2012 the festival will host Hungary as its guest country. The workshop aims to juxtapose the „official“ discourses with different critical perspectives on the current situation in Hungary.

#### Confirmed participants

«One Million for the Freedom of the Hungarian Press» Movement (H), The City is For All (H), Students' Network – HaHa (H), tranzit.hu (H), Attila Bujdosó – Kitchen Budapest / Hungarian Contemporary Architecture Centre (H), Journal of Aesthetics & Protest (D/USA), Krytyka Polityczna / Political Critique (PL), Nash Dom / Our House (BY), Andreja Kuluncic (HR), platform london (UK), finger group (D) a.o.

#### Open call for participation

Alongside confirmed participants, we invite activists, artists, curators, etc. from Leipzig, Germany, as well as abroad to actively participate in the workshop. Please apply with a short description of your activities and a motivation letter (max. 300 words) until 10 September. We are able to host a maximum of 15 applicants.

#### Costs

Travel and accommodation costs are to be covered by the selected participants, however we would be pleased to help you find affordable or free accommodation in Leipzig. Please indicate in your application if you need our assistance. Low-budget catering is provided in cooperation with public soup kitchens in Leipzig.

#### Presentation

On 4 October between 6 and 8 pm a public presentation round (PechaKucha) is planned where participants can present their individual or collective practices. The number of presenters is limited, therefore please let us know if you wish to present your „small acts“.

#### Working language: English

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