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Identity and Conservation of Contemporary Artworks: Duties and Responsibility

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Presentation

The works of Joseph Beuys, made with the use of organic material, degrade in time; Pier Paolo Calzolari instead uses stabilized natural materials. The works of Anselm and Wolfgang Laib require daily maintenance; the complex installations by Dieter Roth can only be reactivated by his son to whom he hands the work with instructions to install it.

Works of this type open up important questions. Which and how many variations can a work of art bear while still being the same? What are the margins of the owner's intervention in terms of exhibition and conservation of the work? What role does the restorer play today?

Contemporary works of art imply a number of challenges both on the side of philosophy, for problems that concern their identity, and on the legal side, as regards their protection.

There are many contemporary materials, in addition to the more traditional ones: lights, smells, sounds, food, consumables and waste, to name just a few. All of them ask important questions in terms of preventive conservation and restoration.

The summer school will examine the theoretical and practical issues raised by the contemporary arts in the context of law, philosophy and restoration.

The examination of theoretical issues will take place by exploring the many case studies produced by the arts, and will unfold in dialogue with the artists and the industry. The theoretical work also provides a basis for the consideration of the structural characteristics and dynamics that characterize the contemporary art world.

Description

- Location:** La Venaria Reale, Turin; Venice
- Timing:** July 3rd-9th, 2017
- Language:** English
- Audience:** conservators, curators, restorers, gallery owners, professionals and staff working in institutions and museums of contemporary art. Doctoral researchers in the legal, philosophical, historical and artistic fields.
- Duration:** 1 week (seven days, from Monday to Sunday)
- Structure:** **Morning:** lectures
Afternoon: case studies, round tables
Saturday and Sunday: Venice, “La Biennale” (open workshop, meetings and round tables)

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Monday 3

Preventive conservation and collections care

Morning

Chair: **Gianmaria Ajani**

9.00 – 10.00	Welcome and presentation of the Summer School
10.00 – 10.45	Antonio Rava , Restorer, vice-president of IGIIC.
10.45	<i>Break</i>
11.15 – 12.00	Tiziana Andina , Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Turin
12.00 – 12.45	Alessandra Donati , Professor of Comparative Law, University of Milano-Bicocca
12.45 – 13.00	Discussion

Afternoon

Chair: **A. Rava**

14.00	Introduction to the topics of the afternoon session
14.15 – 15.00	Antonio Presti , President, Fiumara d'Arte Foundation
15.00 – 15.45	Maria Vittoria Marini Clarelli , Art Historian, Ministero dei beni e della attività culturali e del turismo
15.45	<i>Break</i>
16.15 – 17.00	Annie Fletcher , Chief Curator, Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven
17.00 – 17.45	Virgina Rutledge , Creative Commons
18.00 – 19.00	Guided visit to restoration laboratories: case studies in conservation of contemporary artworks (S. Abram, M. Cardinali, O. Chiantore, A. Rava)

Tuesday 4

Preventive conservation and authenticity

Morning

Chair: **Oscar Chiantore**

9.00	Introduction to the topics of the morning session
9.15 – 10.45	Martha Buskirk , Professor of art history and criticism, Montserrat College of Art, Beverly, Massachusetts
10.45	<i>Break</i>
11.00 – 12.30	Massimo Sterpi , Lawyer, Senior partner of Jacobacci & Associati
12.30	Discussion

Afternoon

Chair: **Antonio Rava**

Topic: **The participation of the artist in the conservation process: interviews**

14.00	Introduction
14.15 – 15.00	Stefano Arienti , Artist
15.00 – 15.45	Silvia Fabro , Luciano and Carla Fabro Archive
15.45	<i>Break</i>
16.15 – 17.00	Giorgio Griffa , Artist
17.00 – 17.45	Alessandra Barbuto , Art Historian, Fondazione MAXXI
17.45 – 18.30	Mattia Patti , Assistant Professor of Modern and Contemporary Art, University of Pisa
18.30	Discussion

Wednesday 5

The complexities of contemporary art: ontology

Morning

Chair: **Alessandra Donati**

9.00 Introduction to the topics of the morning session

9.15 – 10.45 **Nathalie Heinich**, Sociologist

10.45 *Break*

11.00 – 12.30 **Carol Stringari**, Director and Chief conservator, Guggenheim Foundation

Afternoon

Chair: **Iolanda Ratti**

Topic: **A new ontology for contemporary art - time based media case**

14.00 Introduction

14.15 – 15.45 New media expert, under definition

15.45 *Break*

16.15 – 17.00 **Wang Chengbing**, Professor of Philosophy, Beijing Normal University

17.00 – 17.45 **Pip Laurenson**, Head of Collection Care Research, Tate, London

17.45 – 18.30 Artist, under definition

18.30 Discussion

Thursday 6

The world of art: concept and economy

Morning

Chair: **Tiziana Andina**

9.00

Introduction to the topics of the morning session

9.15 – 10.45

Jonathan Gilmore, Professor of Philosophy, City University of New York

10.45

Break

11.00 – 12.30

Nikolai Ssorin-Chaikov, Professor of anthropology, High School of Economics, St. Petersburg

Afternoon

14.30

Lectio magistralis:
Werner Gephart, Professor of Sociology, KHK, Bonn University

17.00 – 19.00

Workshop in museums of Turin

Friday 7

The restoration as knowledge and its documentation

Morning

Chair: **Sara Abram**

9.00

Introduction to the topics of the morning session

9.15 – 10.45

Carolyn Christov Bakargiev, Director, Castello di Rivoli

10.45

Break

11.00 – 12.30

David Carrier, Philosopher and art historian

Afternoon

Chair: **Alessandra Donati**

Topic: **Preserving art – archives and documents**

14.00

Introduction

14.15 – 15.00

Marilena Pasquali, Critic and art historian, Founder Museo Morandi, Bologna

15.00 – 15.45

Cecilia Fontanelli, Director assistant, Galleria Continua

17.00

Transfer to Venice

Saturday 8 - Venice

Artwork, object ready made

Morning

Chair: **Barbara Pasa**

9.00 – 12.30

Round table in collaboration with IUAV

Afternoon

14.00

Visit to the Biennale Pavillons and meetings with curator **Paola Nicolin** and artists

Sunday 9 - Venice

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Morning

Chair: **Gianmaria Ajani**

9.00 – 12.30

Round table in collaboration with La Biennale
Marina Pugliese, Debora Rossi and others under definition



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