

# ON THE AESTHETICS OF

# RESISTANCE

Manifestations of resistance against normative orders are characterized more than ever by an aestheticization of political and social concerns. Besides the occupation of public space, digital media are deployed as a means to pose radical challenges to existing political and legal systems.

Given the long history of political protests, we can observe a reversal, or new reciprocity, of recording practices enabled by digital media. These recording practices are used by protestors themselves, by the state systems and institutions that they oppose, as well as by spectators and witnesses. Thus, they serve all of these networks as a means to disseminate information. They are also used as a tool for surveillance and punishment. Furthermore, the circulating images are themselves often the source of artistic debates. These „media“ of resistance take on the aesthetics of contemporary visual culture while their images simultaneously reflect the far-reaching dimensions of political action and agency. The global connectivity and immediacy of social media (Instagram, Twitter, etc.) not only enable an effective visual presence but also document and even shape the content and concerns of the protests. This aesthetics of resistance that reflects itself within its images and manifests itself in various aesthetic practices is met with censorship and often with the banning or blocking of access to these media platforms (e.g. China, Turkey).

A systematic description and archiving of the current aesthetics of resistance and the analysis of the forms of artistic appropriation of these aesthetics, especially in terms of the history of public protest, is still lacking. The workshop is therefore devoted to the manifold forms of resistance and the multiple aesthetics of protest, as well as to the related forms of artistic and political practices in the public sphere.

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**14:00**

Begrüßung und Einführung | Welcome and Introduction

**14:30**

**Till Kathmann (Bremen | Soziologie)**

Eine andere Form der Erinnerung:

Der ästhetische Widerstand der Gezi-Park-Bewegung

*Chair: Carolin Behrmann*

*Pause*

**15:30**

**Atreyee Gupta (Berlin | Cultural Theory)**

Politics of Disenfranchisement as

Aesthetics of Resistance

*Chair: Joseph Imorde*

**16:00**

**Heike Munder (Zürich | Migros Museum)**

Zur Ausstellung: „Resistance Performed – Aesthetic

Strategies under Repressive Regimes in Latin America“

*Gespräch mit Carolin Behrmann und Henry Kaap*

*Pause*

**17:00**

**Emeric Lhuisset (Paris | Photographer)**

Maydan – Hundred Portraits

*Gespräch mit Godehard Janzing (Paris | DFK)*

**20:00**

*Dinner für die Teilnehmer/innen des Workshops*

**09:30**

**Ilaria Hoppe (Berlin | Kunst- und Bildgeschichte)**

Urban Art. Formen des ästhetischen Widerstands

*Chair: Brigitte Söhlch*

**10:00**

**Andreas Beer (Konstanz | American Studies)**

Das neue Gesicht der Revolte? Ästhetiken und die politische Philosophie der ‚V-Maske‘ in aktuellen Kulturen des Dissens

*Chair: Felix Jäger*

*Pause*

**11:00**

**Seraphine N. Meya (Karlsruhe | Medientheorie)**

Humor, Optimismus und Utopie im künstlerischen Aktivismus

*Chair: Hana Gründler*

**11:30**

**Christoph Lutz-Scheurle (Dortmund | Kulturwissenschaft)**

Die Systeme zum Tanzen bringen! – Von der Invasion zur Zerstreuung, vom Widerstand zur Widersprüchlichkeit

*Chair: Franziska Lampe*

**12:00**

**Kerstin Schankweiler (Berlin | Kunstgeschichte Afrikas)**

Affektive Dynamiken von Bildern in Zeiten von Social Media. Bildzeugenschaften aus Ägypten, 2010-2013

*Chair: Henry Kaap*