

## Queer Art and Censorship in Russia (21 Oct 20)

online, Oct 21, 2020

Ksenia M. Soboleva, Institute of Fine Arts, NYU

The last few years have witnessed increased violence against LGBTQA+ identifying individuals in Russia, highlighted by the anti-gay propaganda law of 2013 and several murders and imprisonments of queer activists. The passing of the Constitution Amendment on July 1, 2020 has not only guaranteed President Vladimir Putin's presidency until 2036, but also lawfully defines "family" as a union between a man and a woman, thereby formally stigmatizing queerness. In the wake of recent violence and censorship, this panel brings together leading voices from the queer art and culture community in Russia and the diaspora. This panel will examine the state of censorship around queerness in Russia today and its effects on art and culture. Each panelist will make a 10 min presentation, which will be followed by moderated discussion and an audience Q&A.

### PANELISTS:

Sasha Kazantseva

Saint Petersburg-based lesbian sex blogger & co-founder of O-Zine, <https://o-zine.ru>

Yevgeniy Fiks

(b. 1972) Moscow-born, New York City-based artist whose projects address Soviet-era queerness; co-editor of the forthcoming book *Queer(ing) Russian Art: Realism, Revolution, Performance* (edited by Yevgeniy Fiks, Brian James Baer, and Katherine Carl), <https://yevgeniyfiks.com/home.html>

German Lavrovsky

(b. 1995), Moscow-based artist; his project "Reborn" builds and documents, using a variety of media, a relationship with a reborn doll: a 3D-printed posthuman baby, <https://garage.digital/en/projects/reborn-2020>

### MODERATORS:

Ksenia Nouril

PhD, REES Lecturer and Jensen Bryan Curator at The Print Center, Philadelphia, <https://rees.sas.upenn.edu/people/ksenia-nouril>

Ksenia M. Soboleva

New York based writer and art historian, specializing in queer art and culture. She is the 2020-2021 Vilcek Curatorial Fellow at the Solomon R. Guggenheim in New York.

ArtHist.net

October 21 at 12:00pm ON ZOOM

Link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/queer-art-censorship-in-russia-today-tickets-122433567095>

Organizer: University Of Pennsylvania Department Of Russian And East European Studies

Reference:

CONF: Queer Art and Censorship in Russia (21 Oct 20). In: ArtHist.net, Oct 3, 2020 (accessed Apr 27, 2025), <<https://arthist.net/archive/23648>>.