

## Bauhaus Palimpsest (Harvard Univ, 14-15 Mar 08)

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Bauhaus Palimpsest: the Object of Discourse

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Harvard University

Arthur M. Sackler Museum

485 Broadway, Cambridge MA

Free and open to the public

Conference mailer:

[http://www.gsd.harvard.edu/users/rschul/Bauhaus\\_Palimpsest.pdf](http://www.gsd.harvard.edu/users/rschul/Bauhaus_Palimpsest.pdf)

The Bauhaus has proved an unwieldy, even unstable, historical subject, couched as an idea, crucible, and-for some-pariah.

This symposium brings together scholars of art history, architecture, and design to discuss the various strategies through which the history of the Bauhaus has been told and, importantly, how so-called Bauhaus objects function-in the past or today-in light of the school's mercurial identity.

Presentations will address the practice of key Bauhaus personalities, including Paul Klee and Lyonel Feininger, and the work of the sculpture, weaving, metal, and other Bauhaus workshops. Objects produced by Bauhaus masters and students are on display in the Busch-Reisinger Museum.

Friday, March 14

6 p.m., opening lecture

Barry Bergdoll

The Museum of Modern Art

Fabrication and Authorship: New Perspectives on Making at the Bauhaus

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Saturday, March 15

9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., conference

Robin Schuldenfrei

University of Illinois at Chicago  
and  
Jeffrey Saletnik  
University of Chicago  
Introductory Remarks: Provisions

Session I: Agents

Karen Koehler  
Hampshire College  
The Bauhaus Manifesto Postwar to Postwar: From the Street to  
the Wall to the Radio to the Memoir

Greg Castillo  
University of Sydney  
The Soft Power of the Bauhaus: Design History as Cold War  
Palimpsest

Frederic J. Schwartz  
University College London  
The Disappearing Bauhaus: Architecture and its Public in the  
Early Federal Republic

12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch

Session II: Transference

Paul Monty Paret  
University of Utah  
Picturing Sculpture: Allegories of Bauhaus Modernism

Annie Bourneuf  
Princeton University  
Paul Klee's Grids and the Ends of Reading at the Bauhaus

Laura Muir  
Busch-Reisinger Museum, Harvard University  
Lyonel Feininger's Bauhaus Photographs

Session III: Object Identity

Maria Stavrinaki  
Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne  
The Object Vanishes: the Fate of Marcel Breuer's Chair(s)

Magdalena Droste  
Brandenburgische Technische Universität Cottbus  
How to Sign a Chair? Bauhaus Objects between Authorship and  
Anonymity.

T'ai Smith  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
The Identity of Design as Intellectual Property

Alina Payne  
Harvard University  
Respondent

This symposium has been organized by Robin Schuldenfrei  
(Harvard University Graduate School of Design and the  
University of Illinois at Chicago) and Jeffrey Saletnik  
(University of Chicago), with Peter Nisbet (Daimler-Benz  
Curator of the Busch-Reisinger Museum, Harvard University).

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