

Visual Culture & National Identity (Amsterdam, 10–11 Jun 10)

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Visual Culture and National Identity
A Symposium

June 10-11, 2010

Lectures, discussion panels and research workshops

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This symposium and the accompanying research workshops explore the performative and imaginary construction of national identities in relation to visual culture, art history and the visual arts. What kind of images are significant in these constructions and what is the relation between the interpretation of these images as a form of national capital and the process of globalisation, both of which have been increasingly criticised in the past two decades? And do national identities - and the art and popular-culture images attached to them - still matter when supranational communities and their related identities are quickly gaining ground? The symposium will also critically examine how the geographical model has become seemingly ineradicable in the academic and museological interpretation of art and visual culture: will we ever, or should we ever, abandon the concept of nationality as a primary structuring principle?

The symposium takes place on the occasion of the publication of the anthology **Overall Vincent: De (inter)nationale identiteiten van Van Gogh** (Amsterdam University Press, 2010), edited by co-organisers Rachel Esner and Margriet Schavemaker. For more information, see the AUP website: www.aup.nl

Symposium

Date: June 10-11, 2010

Location: Auditorium of the Van Gogh Museum, Paulus Potterstraat 7, Amsterdam

Entrance fee: Euro 15,- (students) / Euro 30 (non-students) (N.B.: students of the School of Art, Religion, and Cultural Sciences (KRC) of the University of Amsterdam have free entrance to the symposium)

Registration and payment in advance is compulsory. Please register via www.nationalidentity.nl

Research Workshops

Date: June 10-11, 2010

Location: University of Amsterdam, PC Hoofthuis, Spuistraat 134, Amsterdam

Entrance fee: None

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