

## Perverse Geography / Cursed Geographies (online, 8 May 21)

online / 22nd Bienal de Arte Paiz, Guatemala, May 08, 2021

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Perverse Geography / Cursed Geographies

Symposium of the 22 Paiz Art Biennial - lost. in between. together

08.05.21, 9h - 16h (Guatemalan local time, UTC-6)

Online ESP - ENG

Register via [bit.ly/simposio-22-arte-paiz](https://bit.ly/simposio-22-arte-paiz)

Organised in light of the opening of the 22nd Bienal de Arte Paiz - lost. in between. together, this symposium builds on the exhibition by offering a platform for discussion of Guatemala's cultural context, looking into its ancestry alongside its history of violence and cultural resistance to reflect on the present and the uncertain future of the Global South. Perverse geography / Cursed geographies presents indigenous culture as a central theme and will bring together international speakers from different areas of expertise. Historical violence, inequalities and current conflicts that Guatemalan society faces, as well as forms of ancestral survival, are some of the topics that will be addressed by the speakers, while presentations will also examine artistic proposals that respond to them and draw parallels between cases that afflict Latin America and the Global South more widely. Exploring these issues from the very indigeneity of the place, rather than from a foreign context, is fundamental. As a country where 60% of its total population is indigenous and where racism and genocide have been part of everyday life, Guatemala is a place of profound relevance to organise this debate. Furthermore, by proposing connections with international causes and experiences, the symposium also aims to emphasise the importance of strengthening strategies that articulate support networks and bring people together. The late Maya K'iche' poet Humberto Ak'abal, who, as Miguel Rojas Mix says, thinks as we wish most people would think, has led the way in these debates.

Programme

9.00 GUA / 11.00 NYC / 16.00 LDN

Keynote performative lecture by Jonas Staal and Jan Fermon in Collectivize Facebook

10.45 GUA / 12.45 NYC / 17.45 LDN

The signs of the path: the historical violence

Gladys Turner Bosso

Hugo Quinto

moderated by: Anabella Acevedo

13.00 GUA / 15.00 NYC / 20.00 LDN

The divided paradise: the structural inequalities

María Jacinta Xón Riquiac

Julia Halperin

Rosina Cazali Escobar

moderated by: Beto Díaz Suárez

14.50 GUA / 16.50 NYC / 21.50 LDN

Where the sky begins: ancestry and the heritage of resistance

Ayrson Heráclito

Alejandro Biguria

moderated by: Gabriel Rodríguez Pellece

16.00 GUA / 18.00 NYC / 23.00 LDN | Closing notes

Reference:

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