

Fifty Years of Seeing with John Berger (Metz, 20–21 Oct 22)

University of Lorraine, Metz, France, Oct 20–21, 2022

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Ways of Picturing, Thinking and Telling Our Time: Fifty Years of Seeing with John Berger.

October 20th-21st, 2022. University of Lorraine, Metz. PROGRAMME

Day 1. Writing and looking after Berger

Thursday, Oct. 20th

UFR Arts, Lettres et Langues, Ile du Saulcy, Metz. Pierre Grappin Room (A208)

9.15-10.00. Coffee, welcome & introduction.

10.00-11.30. Berger's legacy within contemporary writing

- Peter D. Mathews, Hanyang University, Seoul. "The Double Gaze in Deborah Levy's Hot Milk"
- Liliane Louvel, University of Poitiers. "Looking at Art: art criticism and fiction or how to write both" (on How to be Both, Ali Smith)
- Flora Hibberd, singer-songwriter. "Ways of Saying: Songwriting after John Berger"

11.30-13.30. Lunch Break and post-prandial walk to Lorraine's Regional Contemporary Art Fund.

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13.30-14.30. Keynote by Tom Overton, editor of Portraits: John

Berger on Artists (2015) and Landscapes: John Berger on Art (2018).

14.30-17.30. Ways of looking at and speaking of images

- Edith Doove, ESADHaR École Supérieure d'Art et Design Le Havre Rouen. "Opacity as curatorial gesture"
- Gerrie van Noord, editor and educator. "Ways of Seeing: A 'Curatorial' Knowledge Event"

15.30-16.00. Coffee break.

- Marie-Odile Demay, Université de Montréal. "Television art criticism in the series Ways of Seeing"
- Riccardo Venturi, École des Art de l'Université Paris 1 Panthéon- Sorbonne. "'Encyclopedia of Silences'. John Berger dans la grotte Chauvet"
- Olivia Meehan, Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne. "Stepping into the Landscape: A Meditation on Observance"

Day 2. Sharing visual and textual spaces. Politics of representation and (in)visibility

Friday, Oct. 21st

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9.30-10.00. A reading from Olivier Cohen, founder of Éditions de l'Olivier, on publishing Berger's fiction in France.

10.00-10.30. Coffee break.

10.30-12.00. Interconnected lives: looking beyond/beside humans

- Jean-Michel Ganteau, University Paul Valéry Montpellier 3. "King: A street Story and the Ethics of Attention"

- Todd Christopher Simmons, New York University. "Seeing the swinish multitude: pigs, people, and revolution in nineteenth-century New York City"

- Maura Coughlin, Northeastern University. "'We do not live apart': John Berger and the radical politics of rural life"

12.00-14.00. Lunch Break.

14.00-16.30. Ways of thinking and narrating through images

- Imke Lichterfeld, Bonn University. "Looking at the Relation – Picturing Performances"

- Frances Babbage, University of Sheffield, and Michael Pinchbeck, Manchester Metropolitan University. "Ways of Staging: An immersive adaptation of Berger and Mohr's A Seventh Man"

15.00-15.30. Coffee break.

- Rachel Schaetzel Barber, CIESAS Occidente, Guadalajara. "A Way of Showing: Collaborative Film-making With A Tsotsil and Tseltal Artisanal Collective"

- Mallika Roy Chowdhury, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. "'Agitprop on Ephemera.' Understanding Political Graffiti in Calcutta in 1979-84 through Berger's Lens"

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