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THEME ISSUE: RE-WRITING OR RE-AFFIRMING THE CANON? CRITICAL READINGS OF EXHIBITION HISTORY

"It is now widely accepted that the art history of the second half of the twentieth century is no longer a history of artworks, but a history of exhibitions."

Florence Derieux "Introduction" in Harald Szeemann: Individual Methodology Zurich 2007.

THEME OUTLINE:

For this thematic issue #2 of Stedelijk Studies we welcome essays that critically reflect on the contemporary re-readings of art and art history through the history of exhibitions.

In recent years, the re-staging of exhibitions has become a popular practice in museums. Think of the Recollections series as part of the temporary opening of the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam in 2010/2011 and the precise re-enactment of When Attitude Becomes Form at Fondazione Prada in Venice during the 2013 Biennale. Moreover, Afterall Publishers launched a series of publications devoted exclusively to contextual and critical readings of key exhibitions of the past decades.

How are the exhibitions that are being re-staged and/or written about, being selected? What are the criteria of selection, in other words: how is the canon of exhibition history being established? What does the current trend of exhibition re-enactment add to the art historical appreciation of these exhibitions? And what does it imply for the field of art history and curating/exhibition making? Are we simply re-iterating an already written art history, or does exhibition history allow for other and/or more critical tools to approach history. In other words: what is the surplus value of the turn to exhibition history in both theory and curatorial practice?

We invite contributors to critically reflect on the influence of the rereading of museum exhibitions on the canon of modern and contemporary art, and the (im)possibilities of rewriting art history through the re-enactment of historical exhibitions.

Please submit your abstract before November 15, 2014.

Deadline for the essay will be February 15, 2015.

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