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HIER & JETZT

Critical responses from art and activism to the war, occupation & violence in Palestine-Israel



OPEN CALL FOR COLLABORATION

FEBRUARY 23-24, 2024

Dear (Organization's Name),

We, OneState Embassy Art Collective and Transform! Europe Network, are reaching out to invite you to join us in a significant initiative which converges with the ongoing critical discourse and aims to establish active collaboration with emphasis on the field of activist documentation.

"Hier & Jetzt", our annual event taking place since 2016, fosters an open and honest dialogue with the aim of effecting change and encouraging a political and just resolution between Israel and Palestine. In the present days, when the hostility and animosity between Jews and Arabs in Israel, pro-israelis and pro-palestinians is reaching heights never known before, promoting dialogues between the different groups and individuals is of utmost importance. "Hier & Jetzt" serves as a safe space for critically assessing the situation in Israel-Palestine, especially in the context of the occupation. This is a challenging endeavor, particularly in German-speaking European countries. Nevertheless, we hold the belief that peace and justice will emerge from grassroots efforts. We deem a space for sincere and respectful exchange as indispensable for achieving a just, enduring peace, contributing to a shift in the current status quo.

This year's event is prompted by the urgent need to address one of the most severe humanitarian crises in contemporary history, exacerbated by the ongoing war on Gaza, resulting in over 25,000 Palestinian civilian victims, half of whom are children, almost 1,200 Israeli civilian casualties, and 136 individuals abducted.

Theme for This Year: Testimony, documentation and collaboration

The focus of our discourse this year revolves around the relationship between testimony and documentation, with a heightened emphasis on their pivotal role in shaping comprehension of both contemporary happenings and historical events. This underscores the significance we attribute to the act of the documentation.

The digital era enables immediate visual representations of traumatic events, events that the individuals that have undergone the traumas are not always able to share. However, it also enables the publication of irresponsible and even misleading information. Reliable testimony is central to the relationship between the present, the past and the memory, emphasizing the importance of bearing witness and committing to the truth.

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Your Invitation to Collaborate:

We extend a warm invitation to peace organizations and activists, those promoting Jewish-Arab and Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, and who are dedicated to preserving and documenting the unfolding occurrences and struggles. Together, we aspire to explore by utilizing art and political discussions, the possibility of a joint civil initiative that aims to capture the nonviolent resistance against war, occupation and violence promoting a just peace in Israel-Palestine. This collaborative effort shall aim to transcend biases and create a comprehensive representation of the diverse narratives in this complex historical context.

Your contribution:

We believe that by joining forces, we can make a meaningful impact on the critical dialogue surrounding the Israeli occupation.

Please confirm your interest in participating by Feb. 7th.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or require additional information.

Thank you for considering our invitation.

We look forward to the prospect of our collaboration.

Location: Semmelweisklinik, Hockegasse 37, 1180 Vienna, Austria

Best regards,

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17H Assembly

19H Exhibition opening event

24.2

10H Workshop: Spoken & photographed Testimonies

14H Workshop: Memory & narrative -
Documentation in the non-truth era

17H work shop: How do we document our struggles

21H Music Performance