

Press announcement

16 December 2006 – 25 February 2007, daily 12.00 to 18.30 h
Opening: 15 December 2006, 19.00 h

SEXWORK **Art Mythos Reality**

An NGBK exhibition in cooperation with Haus am Kleistpark and Kunstraum Kreuzberg/Bethanien

We cordially invite you to the Press Preview in NGBK on Thursday, December 14th at 11 am.

The exhibition SEXWORK brings together artistic positions on the subject of prostitution. The aim is to show and examine methods of presenting the topic that avoid the common clichés of victimisation and the mystification of prostitution and which question voyeuristic ways of looking at the subject. The themes covered range from the representation of self-assured sex-work up to current forms of forced prostitution. The different perspectives enhance one another. The exhibition does not just present the reality of prostitution from the viewpoint of female prostitutes but also examines the role of clients and the subject of gay and transsexual prostitution. The struggle for recognition and against discrimination plays an important role as do the phenomena of migrant labour, trafficking and sex tourism.

The exhibition of works by 35 international artists is a cooperative project which will be shown at three locations, each with a different focus and each with an information section offering explanatory material on concepts, facts and organisations.

The extensive accompanying programme includes discussions with artists, lectures on the legal situation of prostitutes in Europe, the portrayal of prostitution in films as well as the neglected topic of what it is that motivates clients. We will be debating the limits and possibilities of forms of artistic representation together with sex-workers' rights groups.

A conference on human trafficking will be held on 26 January 2007 in cooperation with the Graduiertenkolleg 'Geschlecht als Wissenskategorie' (Gender as a category of knowledge) of the Humboldt University Berlin and the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation. An

exhibition about 'concentration camp brothels' during the Nazi period will be shown parallel to SEXWORK at the Ravensbrück Memorial Museum from 15 January 2007.

Artists: Patrick Angus (US), Amos Badertscher (US), J. Jackie Baier (DE), Cristiano Berti (IT), Bianca Bodau (DE), Ursula Biemann (CH), Viviana Bravo Botta (CL/DE), Jose Luis Cuevas (MX), Jean-Ulrick Désert (US/DE), Antje Engelmann (DE), Stefanie Gaus (DE), Ditte Haarløv-Johnsen (DK), Birgit Hein (DE), Gabriele Horndasch (DE), Karin Jurschick (DE), diekönigin (AT), Natalie Kriwy (F/DE), Ane Lan (NO), BuBu de la Madeleine (JP), Anna Nizio (PL/DE), Eva Maria Ocherbauer (AT/DE), Beate Passow (DE), Anja Planišček (SL), Tadej Pogačar (SL), Clara S. Rueprich (DE), Tejal Shah, Dr.Floy, Natasha Mendonca and Sumathi (F, IN), Judith Siegmund (DE), Alberto Simon (BR/DE), Ulrike Solbrig (DE), Itziar Bilbao Urrutia (ES/GB), Social Impact (AT), Borjana Venzislavova (BG/AT), Rommelo Yu (PH/DE), Yoshiko Shimada (JP), Gloria Zein (DE)

Locations: Neue Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst e.V.
Oranienstr. 25
10999 Berlin
Focus: Self awareness and respect

HAUS am KLEISTPARK
Kunstamt Tempelhof-Schöneberg
Grunewaldstr. 6-7, 10823 Berlin
Focus: Clichés and reality

Kunstraum Kreuzberg/Bethanien
Mariannenplatz 2
10997 Berlin
Focus: Migrant labour, human trafficking, sex tourism

The exhibition will remain closed on 24, 25-12-06 and on 31-12-06 as well as on 01-01-07.

I would be happy to send you detailed information or image material and to answer any questions you may have.

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