

P R E S S R E L E A S E

Press conference: Friday, 9. May 2008, from 11

10 May - 22 June 2008

HACK.Fem.EAST

Women, Technology and Networks in Eastern Europe

A project of Tatiana Bazzichelli and Gaia Novati sponsored by Hauptstadtkulturfonds and with the support of Institutes für Auslandsbeziehungen.

Opening: 9 May, from 19.00: Welcome Sigrid Klebba, City Mayor for Education and Culture of Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg

Exhibition: everyday from 12.00 to 19.00

The exhibition project HACK.Fem.EAST seeks to present experimental and artistic practices of artists and activists working in digital networks in Eastern Europe. Main topics are media, art and hacking. Protagonists are women or projects in which women play an important role.

Aim of the project is to provide and to develop a network platform. This is achieved through five elements: the exhibition, the opening event, two days of conferences, a publication in newspaper format and a website.

Central idea is to involve women artists to develop independently their concept in each of the 14 rooms of the Kunstraum Kreuzberg / Bethanien and be part of the network formed by the all groups and artists/activists participating.

Existing networks from 11 Eastern countries are at the heart of the project and form the basis of the exhibition. A total of 11 networks are invited to the various rooms of the Kunstraum Kreuzberg / Bethanien to introduce their work, their strategies and their aims in the form of video and computer installations, documentations and presentations.

The result is a "network of networks".

A two day long conference on 10 and 11 May held at the outset of the project intends to bring the lines and networks together and discuss on women perspective in the Eastern cultural scenario. Its aim is to provide a forum based on radical invention - media and Internet art projects, performances, network platforms, software development, artistic coding, organisation of media festivals, etc.

More information on the exhibition are published on the NGO-supplement of taz, the Berlin daily newspaper, in an edition of 30.000 copies to coincide with the exhibition opening (9 May 2008). Another integral component of the project is the website <http://www.hackfemeast.org>, with an up-to-date and open presentation of the project's processes and developments, summarizing them and putting them up for discussion.

Partecipants: Gaby Bila-Gunther (RO/DE) in Netzwerk mit: Darina Alster (CZ), Pavla Jonssonova (CZ), Albana Kozeli (AL), Elsa Martini (AL), Ioana Morpurgo (RO), Eva Parcher (SI), Kateřina Rudčenková (CZ), Zora Stančič (SI), Lucia Udvardyová (CZ), Petra Vargova (CZ); Dunja Kukovec

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(SI) und Katja Kobolt (SI) in Netzwerk mit: Helena Božič (SI), Anetta Mona Chisa (RO/CZ), Kitch (SI), Lala Raščić (HR), Tina Smrekar (SI), Son:DA (SI), Starke (BA), Lucia Tkacova (SK), Kanak Attak (DE), FAQ Network (Balkans); Andreea Carnu (RO) und Joanne Richardson (RO/DE) in Netzwerk mit: DMedia (RO), Ladyfest RO, Indymedia RO; Alla Georgieva (UA/BG), Marina Gržinić (SI), Ana Hoffner (RS/DE), Janez Janša (SI), Anna Krenz (PL/DE), Erika Katalina Pasztor (HU), Polonca Lovšin (SI), Nada Prlja (MK/UK), Boryana Rossa (BG), Selena Savić (RS/NL), Zvonka Simčič (SI), Mare Tralla (EE/UK), Miss Information und ihre Telekommunisten (NET).

Performance, screening, Talks:

Friday, 9. May 2008 – Eröffnung

19.00 - Welcome: Sigrid Klebba, City Mayor for Education and Culture of Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg
19.30 - Dobrodošli / Welcome / Willkommen (Performance), Leila Čmajčanin (BA). Humour Works
19.30 - Down to Earth (Performance) Jana Prepeluh (SI), Humour Works
20.00 - Karasssuite (Performance) Ana Filip (RO/SK) und Barbara Huber (AT/SK)
21.00 - From Tea Lady Into a Sexfly (Electro / Spoken Word Performance), Lady Gaby (RO/DE)
22.00 - DJ Spoma (HR/DE)
23.00 - Lil Bustard & Freak (Performance & DJ Set), Hairstyling in electro tech house rythm (PL)

Saturday, 10. May 2008

14.30 - Introduction
15.00 - Linking Balkan (Vortrag/Performance): Ana Hoffner ex-Prvulović (RS/DE)
15.30 - Hacktivism und Kunst in Osteuropa (Panel): Erika Katalina Pasztor (HU), Boryana Rossa (BG), Moderation: Diana McCarty (MX/DE)
17.30 - SS-XXX | Die Frau Helga – The Borghild Project (Rekonstruktion): Janez Janša (SI), Produktion: Aksioma - Institute for Contemporary Art (SI), Co-Produktion: KONTEJNER | bureau of contemporary art praxis (HR)
18.30 - Precarious Lives (Screening): Film von DMedia (RO) 64 min, 2008, Mit Andreea Carnu (RO) und Joanne Richardson (RO/DE)

Sunday, 11. May 2008

11.00 - Introduction
11.15 - Under Construction (Präsentation): Silvina Der-Meguerditchian (AR/DE), Eléonore de Montesquiou (FR/EE/DE), Olga Jürgenson (EE/UK)
12.00 - Gender und Technologie (Panel): Marina Gržinić (SI), Mare Tralla (EE/UK), Moderation: Katja Kobolt (SI)
14.30 - Give to Take, Intellectual Property Agency (Präsentation): Nada Prlja (MK/UK)
16.00 - Aktivismus und Zugänglichkeit von Technologien (Panel): Andreea Carnu (RO), Kyd Campbell (CA), Ana Filip (RO/SK) Moderation: Jasmina Tesanović (RS/USA)
17.30 – Public discussion

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