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“Tell Me About Vienna: Histories, Politics, Cultures”

Seminar / Workshop Course WS 2013/14 [Blockveranstaltung]

In this course students will create a project on an aspect of Vienna in a format of their choice. In preparation for the project, we will look at different approaches to constructing narratives about the past and present and consider appropriate practices – for instance, video, ethnography, fiction, performance, guided walks, soundscapes. Students will be expected to select a particular theme – for instance, memory, urban space, objects, events, identities, everyday life, globalisation, war, gender, sexuality. Projects should avoid the conventions of tourist guides.

The first week of the course will be devoted to exploring thematic issues, strategies of representation and possible topics. In week two students will research and develop project proposals and organise themselves into groups. Individual work is also accepted. During November students will work on their projects. The final part of the course will consist of progress reviews and the presentation and evaluation of completed projects in a series of workshop sessions.

Projects must stick to agreed time and space limits and should be accompanied by written commentaries of 1,000-2,000 words in which students reflect on their thematic concerns and the effectivity and constraints of their selected practice. A bibliography should be included.

An indicative list of readings and other forms of reference will be provided at the start of the course.

Sessions:

Tuesday, 15 October 2013 – 15:00 to 18:00 | Seminarraum DCS, Franz Josefs–Kai 5/1/9
Thursday, 17 October 2013 – 15:00 to 18:00 | Seminarraum DCS, Franz Josefs–Kai 5/1/9
Tuesday, 22 October 2013 – 15:00 to 18:00 | Seminarraum DCS, Franz Josefs–Kai 5/1/9
Thursday, 24 October 2013 – 15:00 to 18:00 | Seminarraum DCS, Franz Josefs–Kai 5/1/9
Tuesday, 03 December 2013 – 15:00 to 18:00 | Seminarraum DCS, Franz Josefs–Kai 5/1/9
Thursday, 05 December 2013 – 15:00 to 18:00 | Seminarraum DCS, Franz Josefs–Kai 5/1/9
Tuesday, 10 December 2013 – 15:00 to 18:00 | Seminarraum DCS, Franz Josefs–Kai 5/1/9
Thursday, 12 December 2013 – 15:00 to 18:00 | Seminarraum DCS, Franz Josefs–Kai 5/1/9

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