

## **Course Syllabus**

| Course Code           | Course Title  | ECTS Credits            |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|
| ART-460               | Public Art, Social Engagement and Situational Practices | 6                       |
| Prerequisites         | Department  | Semester                |
| -                     | Design and Multimedia                                   | Fall                    |
| Type of Course        | Field   | Language of Instruction |
| Required              | Fine Art  | English                 |
| Level of Course       | Lecturer(s)   | Year of Study           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> cycle | Dr Evanthia Tselika                                     | 4th                     |
| Mode of Delivery      | Work Placement  | Corequisites            |
| Face to Face          | N/A   | None                    |

### **Course Objectives:**

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Appraise the position of the artist within the social environment and respond creatively to ideas proposed by the course content.
- Create a self-directed individual and/or group practical project within the course context.
- Demonstrate an understanding of public, social, participatory, critical and experiential turns of contemporary art.
- Discuss and communicate visually idea proposals.
- Depict an informed approach through visual research and experimentation in relation to set or open direction.
- Consider inter-disciplinary structures of working and the position of the artist in this process.

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate an understanding what it means to work in the public space and/or with social publics.
- 2. Formulate an overview of contemporary public, participatory, social, experiential and situational practices.
- 3. Demonstrate ability in communicating ideas for project development in oral, textual and visual formats.



- 4. Evaluate how a sense of community and group responsibility can be developed through artistic practice.
- 5. Create a self directed project of work related to the material of the class.
- 6. Collaborate as a group in response to key ideas within contemporary art production: public, social, participatory, situational, dialogical, experiential, critical, ethno-graphical.

#### **Course Content:**

- 1. Introduction to course
- 2. Public Art/ New Genre Public Art
- 3. Socially Engaged Art- Community Art
- 4. Artists, documentary and ethnography
- 5. The influence of the urban context
- 6. How do we communicate visually
- 7. Development of individual or group practice project
- 8. Workshop in the public space
- 9. Ethics and Aesthetics
- 10. The digital scape and our changing perception of the social
- 11. Artist's talk and dialogue
- 12. Workshop
- 13. Execution of group project and documentation
- 14. Reflection and presentation- Group critique

#### **Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, Seminars, Workshops, Individual and Group Tutorials, Focus on documentation process

#### **Assessment Methods:**

Group project shaping public actions or exhibition or workshops or group pieces; Individual Project Proposal (Research and Development; Experimentation, Materials & Reflection; Final Outcome); Active Participation

## Required Textbooks/Reading:

| Title   | Author(s)     | Publisher   | Year | ISBN       |
|---|---------------|-------------|------|------------|
| Artificial Hells:<br>Participatory Art and the<br>Politics of Spectatorship | Claire Bishop | Verso Books | 2012 | 1844676900 |



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| Title   | Author(s)         | Publisher                  | Year            | ISBN       |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Art, Space and the City:<br>Public Art and Urban<br>Futures | Malcolm Miles     | Routledge                  | 1997            | 0415139430 |
| Relational Aesthetics                                       | Nicolas Bourriaud | Les Presse<br>Du Reel      | 1998            | 2840660601 |
| Theatre of the Oppressed                                    | Augusto Boal      | Pluto Press                | 2003<br>edition | 0745328385 |
| Situation (Documents of Contemporary Art)                   | Claire Doherty    | Whitechapel<br>Art Gallery | 2009            | 0854881735 |

# EBooks:

| Title   | Author(s)                        | Publisher  | Year | ISBN          |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|------|---------------|
| Dialogues in Public Art :<br>Interviews with Vito<br>Acconci, John Ahearn | Tom Finkelpearl and Vito Acconci | MIT Press  | 2014 | 9780262272667 |
| Ornament and Order:<br>Graffiti, Street Art and the<br>Parergon           | Schacter, Rafael                 | Routledge. | 2014 | 978147240999  |