DISPLAYING HUMAN RIGHTS

MUSEUMS, ARCHIVES, AND POST DICTATORSHIP IN LATIN AMERICA

APRIL 24-26

CASA HISPÁNICA
612 WEST 116TH STREET
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

CONVENER
JOAQUIN BARRIENDOS
In spite of the arrival of the so-called Latin American post-dictatorial regime, critical issues such as state terrorism, official censorship, juridical defenselessness of marginalized minorities, and systematic violence against indigenous groups continue to be unresolved topics. Everyday more, these and other topics concerning human rights are discussed by artists and curators, and displayed in permanent and temporary exhibitions, involving a huge amount of visual negotiations, multidirectional memories, and institutional disagreements.

This conference elaborates on the way in which museums and museum-like institutions in Latin America promote human rights and discuss transitional justice in the region. By presenting a series of case studies, speakers will analyze the tension between post-dictatorial reconciliation and aesthetic dissent, that is, the interplays between reparative memorialization and collective claims for social justice. During this conference, museum directors, artists, and curators will examine the way in which governmental institutions, Memorial Museums, NGOs, and truth or reconciliation commissions make use of visual strategies and artistic installations in their attempt to rescue, archive, monumentalize, or discipline social memories.

Displaying Human Rights will take place in New York (Columbia University) over three days, April 24-26, 2014. Presentations will be delivered in English and Spanish. The conference will include a visit to the show The UNESCO Human Rights Exhibition, 1949-1953, to be open at the Buell Hall (Columbia University).
APRIL 24

/// 6:30 pm / MULTIDIRECTIONAL MEMORY
GUSTAVO BUNTIX
Micromuseo: estrategias friccionarias en las batallas por la memoria

WILLIAM LÓPEZ
Retos de la memoria en Colombia: el lugar de los museos frente a la reparación simbólica colectiva

APRIL 25

/// 12 pm / VISUAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
KATRINE K. BREGENGAARD / EVA PRAG
(visit to the exhibition Visualizing Universalism)
Buell Hall Gallery

/// 3 pm / RESISTANCE AND RECONCILIATION
KATIA R. FELIPINI
El proyecto museológico del Memorial da Resistência / SÃO PAULO

RICARDO BRODSKY
Memoria y Arte en el Museo de la Memorial y los Derechos Humanos / SANTIAGO DE CHILE

JULIO SOLÓRZANO FOPPA
Memorial para la Concordia / GUATEMALA

/// 6:30 pm / MEMORY TO ACTION
SILVIA FERNÁNDEZ
Sites of Conscience: Making the connection between Past and Present, Memory to Action

APRIL 26

/// 11 am / CREATIVE STRATEGIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS
TODD LESTER
Lanchonete.org: a site-specific artist residency and cooperative restaurant in the center of São Paulo

LUZ MUÑOZ
Ciudadanía y territorio en el Museo de la Solidaridad Salvador Allende

/// 12 am / REIMAGINING THE MUSEUM
CARLA STELLWEG
Museo Latinoamericano 1971 (NEW YORK)

CECILIA VICUÑA
Artists for Democracy 1973-2014 (SANTIAGO DE CHILE)

SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASA HISPÁNICA
612 WEST 116TH STREET, N.Y. / 10027
ROOM 201

BUELL HALL GALLERY
La Maison Française, Columbia University

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