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I REMEMBER THIS, Conference 8th October 2024

Looking back on 2004, the enlargement of the EU with the inclusion of ten new countries was a historic moment that was expected to bring about a change in the political, social, economic and cultural landscape of Europe.

In the field of art this process of transformation has been the subject of much reflection, in both individual works of art as well as in exhibitions and special programs.

The project Art Archive Study. Before and After 2004, organized by three different archives, aims to reflect on related questions, answers and comments from an archival perspective 20 years later.

Moderna galerija Archives in Ljubljana, the Archive of Fine Arts in Prague and basis wien - Archive and Documentation Centre are attempting to take a closer look at this specific point in time by dealing with the holdings as corpora - archival bodies - and expanding this with traced sources, interviews and, finally, this conference.

Its title, I REMEMBER THIS, refers to a work by the Slovakian artist Roman Ondak from 1998. In it he removed sockets, ventilation covers and alarm sensors from the walls of the City Gallery Prague and mounted them on a scaled-down version of the City Gallery's spatial architecture, thus doubling the space. This reference to the perspective of art and artistic forms such as exhibitions is intended to emphasize the personal connection, and the subjective action, in a collective memory. Based on the idea of this artistic work, following its sources and traces as a second layer of experience, the conference pays particular attention to the contexts of information gathering, knowledge production and historical material.

We are very pleased to announce the following artists, scientists and theorists who will contribute with their work to forms of memory, their genesis and their significance for contemporary archives:

Zdenka Badovinac, Nicola Baird, Daniel Grúň, Dora Halasi, Vít Havránek, Tanja Ostojić, Iga Maria Szczepańska, Seda Yıldız

The conference I REMEMBER THIS will take place on October 8th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in the premises of basis wien - Archive and Documentation Centre, Fünfhausgasse 5, 1150 Vienna.

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