

Save the Date: Wednesday, April 21 – Saturday, April 24, 2021

Assembly for Permacircular Museums: Exhibition-making, education, and care in times of ecological crisis

Online conference, free of charge, with registration

The *Assembly for Permacircular Museums*, a four-day international conference organized by ZKM, will take place online from April 21-24, 2021. The focus is the cultural sphere, which is giving more and more space to ecological and post-colonial discourse while remaining deeply entangled in capitalism. The *Assembly for Permacircular Museums* handles a pressing theme of our time: How can art institutions manage the radical transformation toward a permacircular future?

In sustainable economics, *permacircularity* stands for resizing enterprises to bring them into harmony with the capacity of Earth as a system, while reorienting their structures of knowledge and practices towards caring for our planet. The Assembly has chosen the ecological blind spot of the exhibitionary complex as its point of departure. It invites institution boards, curators, activists, artists, and educators to view museums as the vanguard of a profound transformation and explore their own potential for transformation.

The event's agenda includes keynote addresses, case studies, roundtables, and art performances to motivate participants to ponder the future of art institutions, exchange experiences, and explore possible alliances. The conference is an outgrowth of the project *Notes Towards a Permacircular Museum* by Stéphane Verlet-Bottéro, which is part of the exhibition *Critical Zones. Observatories for Earthly Politics*. After mapping the exhibition's environmental footprint and a collective effort that put an abandoned fruit orchard near ZKM back into shape, the project has turned to exploring the question of how museums can align their collection and conservation practices with the concepts of solidarity with human and non-human entities and sheltering.

The free conference is being held online from April 21-24, 2021. The introductory and closing remarks will be available via a live stream. As of April 1, 2021, participants can register online for the

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Assembly's Zoom discussions. For more information on the agenda and to register, visit <https://zkm.de/en/assembly>

Speakers and performers: Astarti Athanasiadou, Marco Baravalle, Sarah Bovelett, Cara Courage, Diane Drubay, Formafantasma (Andrea Trimarchi and Simone Farresin), Mira Hirtz, Gilly Karjevsky and Rosario Talevi, Amal Khalaf, Hicham Khalidi, Jakob Kudsk Steensen, Klaas Kuitenbrouwer, Ku Kahakalau, Sonia Lawson, Pia Lindman, Alecia Neo, Marion Louisgrand Sylla, Nataša Petrešin-Bachelez, Lucia Pietroiusti, Ianina Prudenko and Alexei Shulgin, Farid Rakun, Tino Sehgal, Pooja Sood, Ela Spalding, Alison Tickell, Helen Turner and Pablo Wendel, Benoît Verjat, Peter Weibel

Concept: Barbara Zoé Kiolbassa, Jessica Menger, Daria Mille and Stéphane Verlet-Bottéro

Agenda

Time zone: CEST, subject to change

The roundtables will take place as Zoom discussions with registered participants only.

Wednesday, April 21

2-3:30 pm | Opening remarks – Harvesting questions (live stream via zkm.de)

4-6 pm | Re-Imagining institutions – Moderated by Lucia Pietroiusti

Thursday, April 22

2 pm | Performative walk

4-6 pm | Mobility and art practice – Moderated by Martin Guinard

6:30-8:30 pm | Terrestrial practices in exhibition-making – Moderated by Daria Mille and Matthias Gommel

Friday, April 23

2-4 pm | Museum as shelter – Moderated by Stéphane Verlet-Bottéro

5-7 pm | Observatories for earthly education – Moderated by Barbara Zoé Kiolbassa and Alessandra Pomarico

7:15-8 pm | (Un)Closing remarks – Prospects for permacircular

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Saturday, April 24

4:30-5:30 pm | Kitchen_Ferm_Lab digital, special edition: Vegan Honey (registration via workshops@zkm.de)

To the Critical Zones Telegram group: t.me/zkm_criticalzones

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/zkmkarlsruhe>

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