

Open Call

Summer School at Istituto Svizzero

Rome July 14th until 21st

Dear all

This is an open call to all of you motivated in working during one week in Rome within an international context.

The Question of Nature has been placed at the core of the Art Institute's curricula in Basel since already more than three years. We became aware that the questions related to Nature and those on Gender contain interchangeable notions in many respects. For this reason, we have been inviting special guests to our seminars such as scientists, philosophers and artists, who are capable of creating a context where nature issues as well as climate related topics can be addressed together with the rise of social movements. Historically social justice and natural justice were different categories. This has contributed to the general perception that we could prioritize one over the other. But also, the way we advocate for awareness, change and the rights of nature has been using far too much the form of a patriarchal order: „Save the Ocean“! This reveals a hierarchy over the elements as well as the acknowledgement that the Ocean cannot save itself from us. To analyze all these premises would help us to develop a new language and methods to contribute to incorporate Ocean literacy in this Summer School in Rome.

The goal of this summer school is to understand the research conducted in the deep sea and to respond to the questions by creating a situation where we can convey this through art.

The Summer School 2019 Program includes:

Sunday July 14th

Day of arrival and check in

Monday July 15th

In the morning: Visiting Rome's Imperial Port. The vast site of Portus holds the key to understanding how Rome evolved from a mighty city to an empire.

In the afternoon: Welcome by Chus Martínez and introduction in the Summer School «The Rare Ability to Become Ocean, A method for Ocean Literacy»

In the evening: Welcome Dinner with all participants

Tuesday July 16th

In the morning: Lecture by Carolyn Christov-Bakargiev and introduction of Alba Encounters 2020. Lecture by Markus Reymann about «The Current» that is concerned with the state of the ocean and the discourse around it and seeks to provide a platform for the cultivation of interdisciplinary thought, the exchange of ideas and new knowledge production.

In the afternoon: Lecture by Francesca Santoro about “The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)” of UNESCO

Lecture by Diva Amon «Merging With The Depths!»

Wednesday July 17th and Thursday July 18th

Workshop with Ana Vaz

Friday July 19th

In the morning: Preparation for the public event

In the evening: Public event, presentation of the outcome of the week

Sunday July 21st

Check out and day of departure

Terms and conditions:

The event is taking place at the Istituto Svizzero, Rome.

10 participants will be selected (5 Students from Basel and 5 students from Venice)

Travel and accommodation is covered by the school.

How to apply:

Send a short motivation letter (max. 1 page) to: marion.ritzmann@fhnw.ch

Deadline is May 24th