INTRODUCTION

THEATRE AND MIGRATION: Theatre, Nation and Identity: Between Migration and Stasis
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The term migration immediately invokes one of the central political, social, humanitarian and cultural issues of our time. It conjures images of people on cramped boats approaching the Italian island of Lampedusa and of people trying to jump on board lorries to cross the English Channel; images of dead bodies floating in the sea and of places left behind, turned to rubble; images of refugee camps from Dadaab in Kenya, the size of Minneapolis, to the infamous ‘Jungle’ in Calais. The notion of migration is intrinsically linked to questions of mobility and access as it evokes various performances of borders—for some they are porous, almost flexible, and for others they are impenetrable. The fences erected along the US and Mexican border and the India and Pakistani border, the checkpoints and walls separating Israel from the West Bank, the razor-barbed wire the Hungarian government installed on the border with Serbia to stop the influx of refugees: all map the most extreme aspects of migratory geographies, playing out over and over again the Derridian hospitality/hostility paradox.

The term migration is also closely linked to the construction of the Other, the figure of the foreigner in our everyday realities, in the media, and on stage. The uprooted person, the migrant figure, whether political, economic or spiritual, often triggers tensions between the familiar and the unknown, native and foreign, us and them. Within the current global political climate, marked by the increasing rise of the right and of xenophobic sentiments, the term migration prompts us to grapple with a variety of contradictions of hospitality and hostility, of solidarity and security, of activism and passivity, of movement and stasis.

Beyond its immediate, topical invocations, the term implies, more broadly, a body of persons or animals migrating together. These moving migrating bodies range from the political to the economic and to the spiritual; from refugees and asylum seekers to tourists, guest-workers, and visiting scholars; and even beyond human migration to include other kinds of migrating bodies—inspiring us, perhaps, to think of migration as a kind of a performative ecology that involves a wide variety of agents, processes and geographies.

Migration understood as an act—a form of being/doing—unfolds within different socio-political scenarios and through a repertoire of performative and affective gestures making possible for both individual and collective aspects to emerge. Dictionary definitions also describe the term ‘as movement from one part of something to the other’ — which includes both spatial and temporal dimensions, individuals, communities, animals, but also forms, ideas, aesthetics, and conventions. Thus, migration emerges as ultimately a relational category. In chemistry, it means a change or movement of atoms in a molecule. In physics, it means diffusion—the intermingling of substances by their natural movement. Applied to culture, these attributes of migration also suggest the spreading, mixing and remixing of forms and ideas. Hence, migration does not unfold in a straight line; it is rather a process of moving from one point to the other that necessitates meandering, wandering, changing of pace, transformation, negotiation, and adaptation.

We would like to approach the topic of Theatre and Migration from several broad angles, asking: How have theatre and performance responded to issues of exile, displacement and Otherness both historically and in our times? How has the process of migration been shaped and reshaped through various political, social, cultural and artistic scenarios? How can the notion of migration be employed to grapple with issues of cultural cross-fertilization, transfer, appropriation and mutation? What constitute ecologies of migration in theatre and performance (and beyond)?

Prof. Ivana Vujić
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**Keynote**

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**THE SPARK WHICH ESCAPES**  
(NARRATIVES BETWEEN HAMMER AND ANVIL)

The presentation analyses the binary opposites of Migration and Stasis, Journey and Home. Powers-that-be usually manipulate these opposites and turn them into irreconcilable ideological narratives to wield control over family and society. This hammer and anvil operation often leads to identity crises and trauma. However, sometimes, this violent process forges a magic spark which escapes as theatre. The presentation gives examples of the author’s own creative articulation of these issues.
Silvija Jestrović
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THE ETERNAL IMMIGRANT AND AESTHETICS OF SOLIDARITY

Ilya and Emilia Kabakov’s model for the sculpture called the Eternal Immigrant (1995/2004) depicts a body lumped over a wall’s edge, upper-half on one side, lower-half on the other—neither able to cross over nor to fall back. Running away from precarity and towards a promise of the good life, the Eternal Immigrant is forever stuck in the liminal space of her journey. Resilient, wounded, or even lifeless, the Eternal Immigrant has become a reoccurring figure of the 20th century exile and experiences of exile, as well as the emerging difference in configurations, responses and representations of the exilic figure marked by the recent refugee crisis. The constellation of figures in Kabakov’s model—the space between the person stuck in her attempt to get to the other side of the wall and the one standing opposite—charts a demarcation line, a rift, a gap, sometimes even a minefield between precarious life and good life. A number of works, artistic, academic and journalistic, have emerged in the last few years as a reaction to the refugee crisis that directly or unintentionally present us with the question: how to speak about ourselves and the Other from this position, with this gaping hole between us—the rift between the Eternal Immigrant and the relative safety of being at the other (presumably) better side of the wall? This is not only about how we relate to the Other in solidarity, but it has also been defining the good in good life.

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AESTHETICS OF CARE

This paper will set out the case for care aesthetics as a counter to the focus on an aesthetics of suffering, trauma, loss and crisis. It represents a move away from James’ last 15 years work in war and humanitarian disaster settings to propose an artistic practice that prioritizes relationality and interdependency. Based in an adaption of feminist care ethics, the aesthetics of care seeks to locate a community-based performance practice in the connections made between participants and within art making processes. It is an aesthetics focusing on mutuality and attentiveness - not on individual capacity or skill. In seeking an art making practice that responds to the cruelties and violence of contemporary life, it proposes an aesthetics that attends to care as a source of politics that aims to make lives more equitable and fulfilled. While originating in Thompson’s work in situation of violent conflict, he will outline the aesthetics of care with examples taken from contemporary performance practice. His will argue for an overflow of acts of affective solidarity rather than a frequently individualized attention to suffering and loss.
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STAGE AS A TRANSNATIONAL RE(S)PUBLICA

I wish I had no origin. However, I come from Belgrade. And wherever I go my Serbo-Croatian-Montenegrin, Yugoslav, Balkan, Eastern-European origin follows me like a ghost. Sticky like destiny, it smells of the colonies and minorities. Heavy like love, it sounds communism… and nationalism. Certain like death, it has a taste of revenge.

I wish I had no identity. However, I come from Belgrade…

I wish I had a choice…

This is the point from which I want to commence my lecture. In what follows I will draw an overview of the contemporary European performing arts scenes, which is deeply soaked in my own life journey through Europe – from Belgrade over Amsterdam to Berlin – where I’ve been and I’ve been seen both as an insider and outsider, sometimes even simultaneously. From that complex and minoritarian perspective, I will identify some of the key tendencies around the issues of migration, identity and nationality, and offer their rereading. While referring to the authors and performances such as Ester Salamon’s Monument 0: Haunted by wars, Ligia Lewis’s minor matter, Janez Janša’s Republic of Slovenia, Doris Uhlich’s More than Naked and Boom Bodies and Ivana Müller’s Edges, I will discuss the stage as a democratic re(s)publica, through the conceptual constellations such as theatre as heterotopia, identity in a minor key, politics of the opaque and shared gaze. Eventually, speaking about the migration and the nation in particular, that discussion suggests that the international looks like but is not a real alternative to the national; while a far-reaching proposal offered by the aforementioned performances – among others – may be found in the somewhat opaque, non-capitalist transnational, which leaves the nation, while we are still not sure where it lands…
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VILLAINS BECOME HEROES: REVERSED NARRATIVES IN THE DANCE OF CONQUEST

Recently, narrative clichés have been reinterpreted in unexpected directions. Villains have acquired starring roles and heroes have been depicted as scheming in-fighters. A few popular Disney movies provide obvious examples, and there are many similar examples in postmodern novels that deconstruct episodes in larger stories. In this paper, I will examine the case narrative reinterpretation in Japanese classical dance, which has been seen as a highly conservative and conventional performance. Just as in other world mythologies, Japanese myths contain many tales of expeditions to chastise villains. Those marked for social exclusion are often demonized and depicted as nonhuman beings, such as ogres, vindictive ghosts, and monsters. A drama called Tsuchigumo, based on an eighth-century legend, is an example from Japanese classical theater. The protagonist is a legendary demon slayer. He is seriously ill when a monstrous spider attacks him. He narrowly escapes and orders his swordsman to kill it. The warrior and his company succeed in slaying the spider. The word Tsuchigumo was a derogatory epithet for local clans who did not pledge allegiance to the emperor and who were regarded as “others” by the imperial elite. In this way, “others” have been depicted as destroyed villains before in the traditional theater. Another example of conquered “others” in the classical dramas is Atelui, an ancient leader of northern Japan who was executed in 802 CE. Although he was once a villain, he is now often treated as a hero who bravely confronted the tyrannical Imperial Court—and as a tragic icon of those who are excluded by the brutality of the powerful. This interpretation has spread to various genres of performance. This paper will discuss how these reversed interpretations of traditional stories operate in the context of the traditional techniques and styles of Japanese classical dance.

Key Words
others, dance, tradition, reinterpretation, villains
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MIGRATION & CULTURAL ADAPTATION THEORIES IN KOBINA SEKI’S “THE BLINKARDS”

From the very earliest of times, man has been nomadic by nature. Movements of individuals, families, groups or indeed entire villages in search of greener pastures is as old as the existence of man. These movements could be either permanent, semi-permanent or temporary. They could also be either voluntary or non-voluntary forced. These movements of man are simply known as migration. National Geographic Society defines Human Migration as “the movement of people from one place in the world to another for the purpose of taking up permanent or semi-permanent residence, usually across a political boundary” and goes on further to opine that “migrations have occurred throughout human history, beginning with the movements of the first human groups from their origins in East Africa to their current location in the world.” ‘Socialisation’, ‘Culture Shock’ and ‘Adaptation’ are some of the universal cross-cultural adaptation theories. With a pervading diversity in cultures and the ever increasing globalization of the world, one need not necessarily move an inch away from his home to experience a totally new culture. The way an individual deals with the shock of new cultures is what accounts for various adaptation process theories. In Kobina Sekyi’s comedy The Blinkards, written in 1914, he deals with the issue of migration and adaptation on different levels. From an entirely sociological perspective, he deals with the effects of migration on the adaptation of the individual. Issues like culture shock as well as reverse cultural shock are poignant in the play. This paper shall attempt to identify the extent to which migration affected the adaptation of the main characters in the play. This shall be done mainly by juxtaposing a character analysis of the main characters in the play against Berry’s acculturation model. Berry 1994 proposed a model of acculturation that suggests that it is possible for an individual to preserve his original ethnic identity and behavior while attaining proficiency in a foreign culture. He believes that the results of acculturation can vary from assimilating the host culture to integrating aspects of both the host and original culture. In his view, integration is the best possible outcome and the less stressful of the acculturation process. For Berry assimilation is one of four acculturation strategies - the others being marginalization, separation and integration - an individual may use during the acculturation process and defines it as “when individuals do not wish to maintain their cultural identity and seek daily interaction with other cultures” Berry, 1997, p. 9.

Key Words
Migration, Cultural Adaptation Theories, Acculturation, Assimilation, Marginalisation, Separation, Integration

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PERFORMING BORDER WITHIN ETHOS OF DISPLACEMENT: THEATRE IN THE FORGOTTEN CORRIDOR OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE IN AFRICA

Borders and boundaries seems to constitute and define nation-state relations. However, with the recent human advancements and happenings in this ‘post-normal’ times, there lies a territorial borders that are invisible but highly impactful. The physical walls, borderland and bordering process stands within the fabric of our present society. This dichotomy of a territorial border is privileged in our rhetoric of migration, intervention and how border is performed and represented. For example, the world’s attention focuses more on refugees who have crossed internationally state recognized border while less attention is given to displaced people who are within the state border. Theatre’s attention seems to focus on refugees and asylum seekers while little attention is given to IDPs who are not protected under the law except through a non-binding legal document dubbed the ‘UN guiding principles on internal displacement’. In this paper, I argue that theatre consciously or unconsciously advances popular discourse which makes theatre become an instrument to maintain status quo. I reflect on some migration and refugee theatre projects and scholarship in Canada against the backdrop of theatre in the forgotten corridor of internally displaced people in Africa.

Key Words
border, displacement, Internally displaced persons, performance boundaries and imagined communities
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TRANSNATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE FEMININE REPRESENTATION OF A NATION IN THE REPERTOIRE OF THE FINNISH THEATRE COMPANY

In my doctoral thesis I am studying how the Finnish Theatre 1872–1902 participated in the construction of the Finnish national culture and identity by examining the ways the theatre produced the representation of “the Finnish Maid”—the embodiment of the Finnish nation. The theatre 1902 onwards the National Theatre was found by the nationalist Fennomans and was deeply connected to its social environment and involved in the creation of the national imagery. My interest is to perceive how the feminine representations in the repertoire relate to the developing personification of Finland/Finnishness at the time. I am exploring the boundaries that were produced by using the concept of female body: what is considered natural and unnatural, pure and dirty in the concept of nation and national identity. Drawing the line between “us” and “them” was and is essential for nationalist vision of how to build a homogeneous culture and feminine representations had a central role in the process. The personification of the Finnish Maid was and is part of the imagery used in constructing this division as well as the gendered cultural power structures in Finland. My first outcome is that the plays the theatre introduced as Finnish by origin strongly produce and reinforce the representation of the Finnish Maid. As I have proceeded I have noticed that producing the national originality had a paradox in itself the boundary between the desired and pure “Finnishness” and the “un-Finnishness” created by using the feminine representation seems to be based on the transnational imagery and ideals. In my paper for the IFTR Conference 2018 I aim to perceive the connections the representation of the Finnish Maid had with the possible models adopted elsewhere by drawing comparisons between the representations transmitted by the “domestic” and the “foreign” repertoire of the Finnish Theatre.

Key Words
The Finnish Theatre Company, nationalism, nation building, feminine representation, gendered nation

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CULTURAL TRANSFER BETWEEN LONDON AND TAKARAZUKA: TRANSLATION AND ADAPTATION OF WESTERN COMEDY IN LATE 1910S-1920S JAPAN

This paper examines Shiko Tsubouchis early work in Takarazuka Girls Opera in relation to his stay in London. Shiko Tsubouchi 1887-1986 wrote a number of comedies for Takarazuka Girls Opera during its earliest period, i.e. in the late 1910s and 1920s. Some of these were adapted from European originals, some were based on kabuki pieces, and others were original pieces. This paper shows that his inclination toward comedy during this period can be traced back to his experiences in London. After studying English drama and theatre at universities in both Japan and America, Tsubouchi lived in London from 1911 to 1915. While in London, he was able to build up his experience in theatre and performance as a writer, a translator, an actor, and an audience member. At that time, he became interested in how theatrical performances were adjusted to fit the audience. He found that a lot of entertainment was catered to emergent audiences such as white-collar workers, who preferred musical theatre to serious drama. When he witnessed Bernard Shaw's one-act play How He Lied to Her Husband at a variety theatre, he was struck by how a dramatist like Shaw wrote such an entertaining play as this. He began to translate Western comedies by dramatists such as Shaw, Barrie, and Wilde into Japanese. Soon after starting to work for Takarazuka Girls Opera after returning to Japan, he wrote about a new audience in his article for the company's magazine, Kageki. He observed the importance of adjusting performances to the taste of these new audiences including emergent white-collar workers and local students. In this paper, I will show how Tsubouchi used what he learned in London to experiment in comedy that would appeal to the new audiences in Japan.

Key Words
Takarazuka Girls Opera, Shiko Tsubouchi, cultural transfer, new audience, comedy

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TO BE OR NOT TO BE POLITICAL: THE RITUAL OF AFFECTIVE CITIZENSHIP

This paper could also be entitled “To See or not to See Politically…” as it discusses the relationship between performativity Butler, 1993, the cultural politics of emotion Ahmad, 2004, perception - with special focus on “seeing”/observing Crary, 1990 & 2000, the politics of surveillance Foucault, 1975 and their impact in relation to citizenship. I propose as case study “Va Vedem” — an ongoing citizen’s movement initiated in Sibiu RO in 2017, in response to the establishment’s recent illiberal tendencies and the preoccupation to obstruct the judiciary system through the so-called “legal reform.” The movement manifested itself through a combination of sit-ins, occasional agoras and daily flashmobs, in sum a performance of endurance meant to re-claim the power of citizenship, while putting under scrutiny the notion of corruption, in its various guises. The movement gained, almost instantly, recognition via social and mass-media, throughout the country and in diaspora, while visibly unsettling the establishment’s post-factual discourse. The ocular focus of the movement, its flexible, fluid combination of performative and political tactics addressing key values pertaining to the culture of democracy and the attempt to overturn symbolically the balance of power through a performance of endurance and ritualic citizenship became quickly a model that spread throughout the country and abroad, thus reinvigorating active citizenship and contributing in various, affective and effective ways, to the wider # Rezist movement in Romania. This paper is a follow-up to “Flashmobs as Performance and The Re-emergence of Creative Communities” Albacan, 2014 in which I argued that flashmobs constituted a novel and flexible model for performance for the 21st century and signaled their potential to develop in the most diverse contexts, including the political, with visible, ongoing impact. The flashmobs performed by “Va Vedem”- a re-enactment of Turkey’s “Standing Man” 2013 -and their impact verify the hypothesis articulated then.

Key Words
performativity, citizenship, surveillance, perception, affect, flashmobs

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GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS: A PERFORMANCE-BASED CASE STUDY OF THE POLITICS AND LIMITS OF PERCEPTION AND EMPATHY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE GLOBAL RISE OF FASCISM

The words fascia & fascism share an etymological root, the Latin word, fascies, which means, “bundle.” Geologic Formations is a performance installation premièring May 2018 at the évolver Festival, Vancouver, Canada. A response to the contemporary refugee crisis and global rise of fascism, this work traces the ways socio-political events haunt the site of the body when the impacts of such events are denied public narrative & are forcibly “bundled” & isolated into the space of individual memory, becoming the “present-unseen.” This work reflects on the ways the resulting historical, cultural, physical, & spiritual voids foster space for repressive ideologies that extinguish empathy towards & perception of the “other” to take hold of the national body & collective imaginary. The work is based on the lead playwright’s lived experience of the “present-unseen”: • the invisible sensorial experiences of her body, disabled by fibromyalgia, a condition of the myofascia & • the invisibilized ward & perception of the “other” to take hold of the national body & collective imaginary. The work is based on the lead playwright’s lived experience of the “present-unseen”: • the invisible sensorial experiences of her body, disabled by fibromyalgia, a condition of the myofascia & • the invisibilized antecedents of her chronic illness: the intergenerational impacts of war, attempted genocide, & geographic displacement, specifically the 1942-43 liquidation of the Białystock Ghetto. Through sensorially driven, audience immersive performance design, combining movement, projection, set-interaction, & sound, Geologic Formations approaches the play-space as a practice space where performers and audience together activate the questions: • What do I perceive? • What shapes the ways I perceive my perceptions? • What are the limits to my perceptions of, & empathy toward self, & other? Development of this work is guided by what cognitive neuroscience terms co-presence: the ways in which “emotional transmissions” “mediated by autonomic synchronization”, “can occur” even “in the absence of direct communication” “resulting in shared emotional [& somatic] experiences”1. Geologic Formations explores what new political, social, & cultural, possibilities/responsibilities open when find new ways to perceive, & to perceive what we perceive when we bring awareness of this synchronization to the fore. Presented as an interactive performative lecture this presentation will combine dissemination of findings from the first run of performances, an experiential exercise used in development of the work, as well as a brief excerpt of the performance.

Key Words
Theatre, Migration, Refugee Crisis, Fascism, Neuroscience, Empathy, Perception, Political Transformation, Play-Space as Practice Space, Disability Arts
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IN/VISIBLE FACES - DRAMATHERAPY AS A TOOL FOR CREATING A SPACE OF POSSIBILITIES WITH REFUGEES

The traumas refugees have suffered often leave them isolated and alienated. In Serbia, many of these people find themselves in limbo, either unable to travel further or uncertain how to establish a life here. Many refugees arriving in Europe face distrust from the local communities. In such a context, the establishment of communication with refugees becomes an important, even radical act. Dramatherapy facilitates the processes of healing, integration, and growth, and can help restore communication through creative and often non-verbal means. Between June 2017 and October 2017, Serbian NGO Talas Creative Therapies conducted dramatherapy workshops with 8 male refugees in Belgrade, between the ages of 14 and 30. We used fictional characters, dramatic enactment, poetry, art, and music. Working with a fictional realm helps traumatized people rewrite their stories as people who can overcome and cope with real life struggles, while focusing on the healthy components of the personality. Using our experience in the field as a guiding thread, this paper reveals the strong potential of the dramatherapy method when working with refugees. We examine three key aspects of our process: the development of a model of dramatherapy for refugees in Serbia lessons learned the positive outcomes of the work. Our project resulted in the substantial improvement of the wellbeing of our group, over the course of 20 workshops and 1 performance at Bitef Festival in September 2017. With this paper, we aim to contribute to the sharing of knowledge about dramatherapeutic work with refugees.

Key Words
- dramatherapy
- creative therapy
- refugees

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EUTOPIA STAGE – A COUNTERPOINT TO A GHETTO?

“Eutopia Stage” (ES) became a part of the European Cultural Capital 2017 in Aarhus, Denmark. Originally ‘eutopia’ is Greek meaning a beautiful, nice place to be - in this pun upon Europe, EU, Denmark and multi culture. The stage is situated in an earlier closed theatre in one of the biggest so called ghettos - a home of many nationalities. Due to their artistic manifesto from 2016 ES will create a mental agora for new European multi cultural folk art and music relating to the 2017 motto ‘RE-thinking’. They still carry on at least until summer 2018. How will they succeed and probably survive inside or outside a contemporary complex municipal masterplan for altering the local community very physically and demografically over the coming years?

Key Words
- Multi culture
- art and integration
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ON THE MOVE. OUTPERFORMING TRENCH WARFARE

Mass Theater under the Nazis is used as a specific governmental technique after the seizure of power. It does not just narrate the becoming of a Volksgemeinschaft, but relies on movement choirs suggesting immersion to the audience. My paper focuses on early experiments with modern mass theatrical aesthetics after the Nazi takeover and the propaganda efforts to design an allegedly genuine National-Socialist theater of the people. These experiments re-perform the Nazi takeover as collective movement in reference to the First World War. Bodies on the move become a tool to imagine salvation from having been stuck in positional warfare. I will discuss the theatrical forms quoted and how they are used to re-signify war as a prerequisite to a collective body on the move – a dynamic soldierly unification of the German people. Taking Gustav Goes’ 1933 stadium play Aufbricht Deutschland/Brot und Eisen Germany Awakens/Bread and Iron as a starting point I want to show how mass choreography foreshadows the violence the Nazis will have unleashed. My argument is that it is not only the allusion to spatial politics of stasis within theater that calls for critical inquiry, but also the notion of collective movement as empowerment.

Key Words
Mass Theater Nationalsocialism Movement Choir

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MIGRATING CONCEPTS IN PERFORMANCE: AUTHORSHIP, AGENCY AND PERFORMING IN “YEAR OF THE DOG - SITTING IN A TREE”

This paper is part of a panel, which brings together approaches to performance from separate disciplinary discussions like performance philosophy, dance history, and artistic research. The purpose is to show how material-discursive practices, migrating concepts and translations have a direct bearing on how we make, experience and understand performances. If we assume with Karen Barad, following Niels Bohr, that concepts are material arrangements, which are productive of the phenomena they measure, that is, determine what matters and what is excluded from mattering, concepts like authorship and performerhood, if such a term can be used, influence our understanding of agency, of who and what can perform. As pointed out by Diana Taylor in her introduction to the Archive and the Repertory, to explore alternative terms for performance used in various languages can call into question our taxonomies and point to new interpretive possibilities. For her the untranslatability of terms like performance has a positive function as a reminder that we do not understand each other and that we should start from there. This presentation focuses on two notions in Finnish, on one hand the single term for author, maker and factor, tekijä, and on the other hand the two different terms used for performing, the transitive esittää and the intransitive esiintyä, which can be used to expand our understanding of agency. They are particularly helpful in understanding the practice discussed as an example, namely performing with plants, which is here approached through returning to Year of the Dog - Sitting in a Tree 2007 twelve years later. Comment by Pilvi Porkola

Key Words
performance, performing, authorship, agency, performerhood, plants
A THEATRICAL TOUR: THE MIGRATION OF IMAGES IN THE OHEL THEATRE’S 1928 “JACOB AND RACHEL”

In preparation of the Ohel Theatre’s 1928 production in Tel Aviv of the play Yaakov ve Rachel Jacob and Rachel, based on a play titled The Tears of Rachel by the Russian playwright N. Kreshnenikov, the director of the play and artistic director of the theatre, Moshe Halevy, took the ensemble on a special tour to visit Bedouins in the desert. This tour was initiated in order to experience an authentic image of the Biblical Land the play depicted and that the ensemble was hoping to re-imagine and “reconstruct” in its biblical performance. According to Halevy’s description of this tour, the meeting with the Bedouins had such impact on the group, that some of the images they encountered on this trip became part of the performance. In this paper, I will examine this case study, arguing that the theatrical process of constructing an “authentic” biblical identity was in fact based on sublimation, embodiment, and re-performance of the local Other. Thus, rather than instigating a coherent sense of identity, I suggest that the multi-referential images that were constructed in this performance in fact problematized any ability to do so.

Key Words
biblical, performance, image, identity, the other, theatrical tour
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SOCIALIST-FEMINIST BE/LONGING AND THE THEATRE OF CARYL CHURCHILL

As the late Stuart Hall observed, the political situation in the UK has been dominated by ‘the long march of the Neo-liberal Revolution’ 2011. Dating back to the 1970s and the advent of Thatcherism, this ‘march’ has carried on through successive governments on the Right and the Left under New Labour. As a consequence, socialism and feminism have both been major casualties. Of relevance to this paper is the way in which the socialist-feminist culture that grew out of Second Wave Feminism increasingly found itself displaced or immobilised by the upwardly mobile, individualistic, neoliberal ‘top girl’. However, post the global banking crisis 2007-8, deepening inequalities and injustices have seen a groundswell of feminist activism. This momentum has carried over into British theatre where women playwrights newcomers and established writers included have produced a raft of new plays that auger a renewal of socialist-feminist claims-making. After briefly surveying this field of work and headlining the political and aesthetic strategies of socialist-feminism’s renewal, I turn to the theatre of Caryl Churchill. With reference to her latest, full-length play, Escaped Alone 2016, I observe her headlining the political and aesthetic strategies of socialist-feminism’s renewal, I turn to the theatre of Caryl Churchill. With reference to her latest, full-length play, Escaped Alone 2016, I observe her headlining the political and aesthetic strategies of socialist-feminism’s renewal.

Key Words
Belonging Gender Socialist Feminism Neoliberalism Caryl Churchill

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The way in which the media constructs the identity of the Other – is a way based on the common acceptance of what is normal, what is habitual and where. The mediatic discourse is a myth, in the sense that it initiates its statements and truths from within the discourse it delivers, based on a commonly accepted reality - recreated at the moment of its announcement. On the one hand, the myth of the mass media sees the Other, as an inconvenient part for the integrity of the notion of a defined identity. A disturbing force. On the other hand, the Other’s myth of identity and of the knowledge of “the better”, mobilises them into the pursuit of a different reality. Myth is about setting definitions of identities and frontiers - places of origins. Its function is fundamental in this construction of identity, as Jean-Francois Lyotard states in The Postmodern Condition. Nonetheless, scholars as Roland Barthes, Guy Debord, Michel Foucault had shed light on how certain types of discourse create the subject, by inserting new categories of realities and truths within the objective perception of reality. Accordingly, talking about the Other, unfolds from a commonly agreed knowledge of normality. In the past, we have come to know of different cultures and social structures, as a result of the stories, narratives and testimonies, brought by anthropologists and their studies. This is explained by the fact, as Nicholas Mirzoeff points, that the concept of the Western World has been defined as an Ideology – narrated through a common myth – a story of origins and belonging. Consequently, by reiterating it in our cultural production, we identify ourselves with it. Within the notion of integration, there is always the question of difference. The difference created by the contrast of the knowledge of reality and normality and the awareness of what does not fit into its usual characteristics, according to the dominant ideology. The myth normalizes reality and its concepts, but it can exclude its opposite (the different) outside its own ideology, categorizing it as non-nominal, non-existent and not applicable.

Key Words
Myth, identity, discourse, cultural production, narrative, ideology
RETURN OF THE DIORAMA: SCENES OF MIGRATION IN VOX MOTUS’S “FLIGHT” (2017)

In their 2017 adaptation of Caroline Brosah’s novel Hinterland, Glasgow-based company Vox Motus tell the story of two Afghan boys and their desperate attempts to reach Western Europe. Premiered at the Edinburgh International Festival, the production had spectators sit in individual booths before a rotating diorama which showed miniaturised scenes from the iconography of migration: e.g., an overcrowded refugee boat on the Mediterranean, the Calais Jungle camp and a refrigerator truck as last means of transport. The show was praised for its innovative form between puppetry, theatre and installation art, even though critics noted that the “solitary viewing experience” lost “some of the emotional potency of a shared theatrical event” Anna Winter and that the “studiously non-political tone” of the production Michael Billington did not do justice to the realities of forced migration. While many reviews of Flight mention this disconnect between content and form, they do not explore its larger cultural, aesthetic and ethical implications. Against this background, my paper proposes to understand Flight’s scenes of migration in light of what could be called a contemporary return of the diorama and its history as a nineteenth-century theatrical and exhibitionary form often used to submit exoticized people and locales to the Western gaze.

Key Words
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DOES THEATRE REALLY REFLECT THE CONTEMPORARY MIGRATORY POLICY? NOSTALGIA FOR LOCALITY IN CONTEMPORARY THEATER IN UPPER SILESIA IN POLAND IN THE FACE OF MIGRATION POLICY AND NATIONALISM

Before the 1989, the institutional Polish theater was subjected, similarly like in all countries of the Eastern bloc, to the centrally guided cultural policy of the state and indirectly designed its audience as a homogeneous, national community. After 1989, the situation definitely changed, because the governance over the majority of theaters was taken over by the municipal local authorities. However, this significant change especially impacted the Upper Silesia – an area partly belonging to the German Reich before World War II. Over the last 10 years theatres in Silesia - as never before in the 20th century - have attempted to rebuild the identity of the indigenous population of this territory by a nostalgic turn to the mythologized history of plebeian Silesia from before the First World War. But this very vision paints a picture of a non-existent community that had forgotten its own dialect and had spread throughout the world in the last decades as a result of economic and political migration or had been assimilated with other waves of the immigrant population. In my talk, I will try to answer the question whether the nostalgia for the past of indigenous communities inhabiting a given territory also often driven by global tourism indirectly contributes to denying the cultural processes related to migration of people in the last 50 years. Or does it rather serve to organize new heterogeneous cultural audience around a fantasy of belonging to the territory? Perhaps in order to grasp the migration phenomena in theatre, it is necessary today to substitute the metropolitan gaze usually more cosmopolitan with the local perspective, and on the fragmentary example notice the unstable and mobile nature of communities inhabiting a given territory? Answers to these questions will be given by the analysis of plays produced by Silesian theaters and by deploying Theatre Studies discourses and theories.

Key Words
nostalgia, locality, migration

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**CAn the EUROPEAN TRANSLATE?**

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The title of this contribution references a classic 1988 essay by Gayatri Spivak titled ‘Can the Subaltern Speak?’, wherein she argued that the problem is not that the subaltern needs to be taught how to speak, as is often assumed, but that nobody knows how to listen to subaltern articulations, i.e. that subaltern speech only becomes perceptible when re-presented through hegemonic voices and languages. Three decades of a persistent critique of Eurocentrism have acutely attuned scholars and practitioners in theatre and performance to issues of appropriation, orientalism, othering, as well as the problems of a depoliticised interculturalism. The chapter re-visits Spivak’s call to decolonise Europe by rephrasing her question in terms of translation. By asking if the European can translate I am less concerned with how Europe appropriately or otherwise translates its Others, and more with how it allows itself to be translated. The case under consideration is Bertolt Brecht, arguably the most canonical ‘European’ figure of the theatre in the 20th century, a name almost synonymous with political theatre. What would Brecht be without his creative appropriations from Japan, China, England, Russia and other parts of the world? What would remain of Brecht’s oeuvre without the translational and editorial efforts of his dramaturges, all not coincidentally female? Can we think of the place of Brecht in theatre history today without also thinking of the radical translations of Brecht as undertaken by theatre figures such as Augusto Boal, Wole Soyinka, Habib Tanvir or Sa’adallah Wannous? These are well-known legacies, yet they are largely read in terms of a one-way translation of the history of ideas, from Europe to the rest of the world, from the original coded as male to the female supplement. The chapter argues that the task of understanding Brecht might also be read as the task of rescuing Brecht from Europeanness, and even from Brecht the man himself. How then might the European translate itself?

**Key Words**
translation, Brecht, performance, post-coloniality

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**SUPPLIANT GUESTS: HIKESIA AND THE POLITICS OF ASYLUM**

This paper discusses the Greek concept of hikèsia – the granting of sanctuary to strangers – against the background of current debates on refugees and asylum. By looking at ancient Greek textual and iconographical depictions of hikèsia which features frequently in the extant corpus of Greek tragedies on the one hand, and at Elfriede Jelineks text Die Schutzbefohlenen on the other I will argue that the ritual of hikèsia then and its current manifestation as political asylum now place considerable pressure on the polity confronted with the dilemma of according strangers/refugees sanctuary. The argument is framed by a theoretical discussion of Derridas essay Hostipitality.

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asylum, Elfriede Jelinek, Greek tragedy
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THE MIGRATING AESTHETICS OF REVOLUTION: “KALLOL” AND THE DESIGN OF HISTORY

This paper will look at the conversations around the stage design and sets of Utpal Dutt’s plays during the late 1950s and mid 1960s. Most of these conversations, within the left-leaning artistic circles of Calcutta, concentrated on the ethics and politics of ‘spectacular’ staging in Dutt’s plays from the time. Controversies that raged within conservative leftist groups in the city sought to impose the imperatives of aesthetic austerity on Dutt’s vision of a popular urban revolutionary theatre. The creation of an underground coal mine in Dutt’s play Angar in 1959 along with the visually stunning spectacle of its flooding in the climactic scene followed by the overwhelming presence of the ship Khyber on stage in his revolutionary play Kallol 1965 simultaneously stunned audiences and angered certain critics. Dutt was accused of trying to overwhelm people with formal tricks and sheer technical brilliance, and such aesthetic/financial extravagance was seen as somehow antithetical the notion of an authentic ‘people’s theatre’. This paper will carry forward my earlier work on the alleged aesthetic minimalism of IPTA’s Nabanna 1944 but it will also move beyond these debates to look at the legacy of leftist thought on aesthetics and theatrical design from which Dutt’s ideas of revolutionary spectacle drew. We will discover complex historical trajectories of migration for these political and aesthetic ideas moving between the Soviet Union, Europe and the Indian subcontinent. This is a journey that will take us back, I believe, to the aesthetic traditions of both Soviet constructivism and socialist realism, but also towards Brecht’s formal experiments with stage design and the traditions of melodramatic staging of popular theatre within India.

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Scenography, Aesthetics, Left theatre, India, Historiography

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MOVING SOUNDS AT A MIGRATED SPACE: THE AUDIO-WALK ECHOING Yafa AS A PERFORMATIVE ACT OF MEMORY

Walking tours have been a common form of action in urban performance since the mid-twentieth-century, especially in view of the activity of avant-garde and new-avant-garde groups of urban strolling and drifting. Some of them typically take part in resisting the organizing and disciplined order of space and create alternative spatial narrations. With the development of technology, audio-walks have become popular as a sub-genre and offer a multiple-sense experience that enables a multitude of voices to create the interwoven walk narrative. The essay focuses on the audio-walk Echoing Yafa, created by artist Miriam Schickler in collaboration with Palestinian artists and social activists from Jaffa Yafa, Yafo in 2014. The walk tells the story of the Manshiya neighborhood and its Palestinian inhabitants prior to and during the 1948 war which consequently altered national, cultural and social space from the former Palestinian to the present Zionist-Jewish one. The walk’s soundtrack is a collage of testimonies and sound fragments that revive the silenced voices of the past. The voices, testimonies and sounds create a temporary auditive world for the walkers and the participants in the tour – a world, a culture and a language that were erased, and silenced ever since. The essay addresses the relation between the senses: between seeing and hearing and space itself, mediated by the moving body. It contains the claim that if the gaze is the agent of force, hearing and movement are the agents of resistance. In this situation, a sharp dissonance arises between the gaze viewing the pastoral landscape and the sound that brings into one’s awareness the various material remains of the neighborhood buried underground, with its ghosts. The act of walking becomes an active, dynamic and subversive act of memory. Part of Curated Panel: Performing Migration, Dis-Mobility and Displacement in Israel-Palestine

Key Words
Audio- Walk, Movement, Resistance, Performance in public space
THE MASK AS A DRAMATURALGICAL DEVICE IN CONTEMPORANEITY

Nufricar ventures into a choreographic adventure that takes memory as a critical-political device in portraying how we absorb our experiences in the body. We wonder: does everything begin and end in memory? The word memory comes from the Latin memor-aris, which translates as what you remember. The poet, novelist and historian Fernando Baez is punctual when he writes and remembrance comes from re-cords, which means to return to the heart. Thus the word memory, etymologically, is a return to the heart. Still Baez, The memory is multiple: as instrument and signification it is filial asymmetry, resurrection, inheritance, plexus and connection. Nufricar proposes a dip in the study of the temporalities in dance brought by memory. In this clipping we ask three questions: What to remember? How to remember? Why remember? From these inquiries, we challenge ourselves in compositional actions of a dance move that break the normalizing shims of the present.

THEATRE AT WAR AND BEYOND: ENSA, ENTERTAINMENT AND WORLD WAR II: THE PRELUDE TO GEOFFREY KENDAL’S SHAKESPEAREANA AS AN ITINERANT TOURING COMPANY IN INDIA AND THE FAR EAST (1930-1980)

‘In company with the butcher, the baker and the candlestick-maker, actors, singers and musicians went forth to the Second World War’, writes Basil Dean who set up the Entertainment National Services Association in 1939 along with Leslie Henson for the entertainment of British Troops during World War II. The role of the ENSA performers was crucial in ‘audience-making’, promoting the national morale and in giving shape to later itinerant performing troupes like the Shakespeareana. This paper wishes to explore the nuances of national identity and theatre through war-time entertainment and the legacies that ENSA produced in post-colonial India and the Far East. Theatre personalities like Geoffrey Kendal, Laurence Olivier and Sir Ralph Richardson joined the ENSA and performed Shakespearean plays for the army. What was the nature of such performances? Did it initiate wanderlust in performers who channelized entertainment theatre to pedagogical ones? In another account of the ENSA, Andy Merriman states; ‘ENSA circled the world- and everywhere on earth where British troops were stationed, there too was ENSA’. While scholarship on post-colonial theatre in the erstwhile colonies focusses on indigenous traditions, there is a need to study the legacies of colonial entertainment as a bridge in theatre histories. It is here that I choose to study Shakespeareana as a phenomenon that addresses issues of mobility, patronage, language and identity as theatre travels from princely states, to schools and to local rural venues. Further, the legacies of Shakespeareana included individual radio artists like Ralph Pitxon of Radio Hong Kong fame whom Shakespeare brought to the East. Focussing on performer autobiographies and other archival material, this paper aims to look at the theatre performer as an entertainer, educator and worker and how these roles emerge and change during the War and their aftermaths if one intends to understand mobility and cultural labour.

Key words
World War II, ENSA, Shakespeareana, Geoffrey Kendal, entertainment, theatre histories
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TRANSPARENCY IN BADCO.’S PRODUCTION “THE STRANGER”

This paper will focus on a BADco. production of Camus’ L’Étranger from 2015. BADco. is probably the best known Croatian performing arts company on the international arts circuit. Their focus is on the investigation of the protocols of performing and on the problematization of communication structures in performances. According to Croatian law, they were not allowed to give their legal company an English name, so they transformed the name BADco. into an acronym of Bezimeno Autorsko Društvo Nameless Author’s Society. Their name is indicative of numerous paradoxes that their work produces and is drawn to. In The Stranger 2015, BADco. probes the demand even injunction for transparency: the one who, as the Other, is expected to endlessly explain herself, state who she is and what her intentions are, elaborate on her affects, legitimize herself emotionally, in order to reveal what is hidden, what is unknown, what makes her the Other, so that she would become less of the Other. This injunction is intrinsically linked to the issue of migration and the pressure towards transparency in search for protection. Yet the attempts at extreme transparency produce further mythologization and opaqueness, further lack of clarification, further need for questioning, explaining and revealing. My paper will look into various dramaturgical and choreographic strategies that BADco. has employed in The Outsider in order to play with the logic of what can be forcefully seen and what refuses visibility, which is deeply connected with the very logic of theatre machine, with processes of watching, perceiving, observing, understanding and a futility of attempts at absolute revelation.

Key Words
transparency, BADco., opaqueness, The Stranger

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HARNESSED TO PERFORMANCE: WILL-POWERING MOVEMENT AND MIGRATED MEMORY IN THE WALK

[Curated Panel: Performing Migration, Dis-Mobility and Displacement in Israel-Palestine] The Walk, a work created in 2017 by Palestinian artist Rabi’a Salfiti, is performed by twelve people harnessed to each other with ropes, walking for three hours along the seaside promenade from Jaffa to Tel Aviv and back. Most of the participants are blindfolded, while the seeing artist leads the procession together with sight-enabled cooperators. The work was performed at the Foothold festival that took place in Israel – in Tel Aviv and the ‘mixed’ Arab-Jewish cities of Jaffa and Lod Lydda, in cooperation with the international project B-_ Tour begun in Berlin in 2013 and defined as a “nomadic curatorial platform”. On one level, the performance will be discussed as a radical paradigmatic double-bind of force and movement. The restraints placed on the body by its apparatus shape the will in their image and on the contrary – the exertion of force is possible because of the aesthetic dimension and the motivation to yield to the performance. This duality, hereby named will-powering, is a social experiment which bonds each of its subjects to systemic interpellation. This is also an embodied metaphor of the connection between the heightened freedom of movement of the liberal subject, and the heightened need for regimenting movement and migration. On another level, the site-specific performance trajectory activates the double-bind of negating belonging while evoking migrated memory, whose immediate reference lies under the feet – the erased Palestinian neighborhood of Manshiya, which following the 1948 war was Judaized, evacuated and turned into a park. The blocked blinded movement – an image of immigrants caged in a loop, a procession of refugees or of prisoners of war – is the sign of an established oblivion. However, and without direct contextualization, the march of the twelve ‘apostles’ is literally tied to the evocation of spaces of belonging beyond that which meets the eye.

Key Words
performative walk site-specific will-powering movement Palestinian migrated memory
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“No More Living in the Shadows”: Performing Undocumentedness in Recent U.S. Documentary Theater

In recent decades, documentary theater has reinforced its relevance as a space for critical reflection addressing some of the urgent concerns of our times—particularly, the condition of individuals and communities experiencing various forms of socio-political and cultural marginalization. One of the hot button issues that have been centered in recent U.S. docudramas is the status of young undocumented immigrants, particularly in the current climate of anxiety surrounding federal immigration laws and the future of the DACA program. My paper discusses several recent theater projects highlighting the experiences of these immigrants, such as Motus Theatre’s Do You Know Who I Am? (2013-), Ping Chong and Company’s Undesirable Elements: Generation NYZ (2018), and En Garde Arts’ Undocumented (2018, currently in development), among others. Scripted from interviews with undocumented youth of diverse backgrounds and, in some cases, performed by the interviewees themselves, these productions give richly textured accounts of lives led in the shadows and under the specter of deportation, thus departing from the oftentimes reductive and problematic media narrative which associates documentation status with criminality. Firstly, my paper examines the ways in which such productions rethink the notions of citizenship, belonging, and “home” through the lens of undocumentedness, in their effort to serve as platforms of visibility, empowerment, and community building for this group. Secondly, I analyze the ways in which this social justice agenda shapes the processes of play development and production, with a special focus on the role of the documentary format (in all its variations) as a productive vehicle for such explorations.

Key Words: undocumented immigrants, citizenship, social justice, documentary theater.

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This paper considers the period from 1920 to 1940, during which European drama enjoyed a level of critical and commercial acceptance in the United States unequaled before or since, and details the ways that New York’s theatre critics facilitated and shaped American audiences’ reception of European productions. In these years, newspaper critics, including but not limited to Brooks Atkinson of the New York Times, John Mason Brown of the Evening Post, and Richard Watts, Jr. of the Herald Tribune, played an outsized role in determining what plays and productions enjoyed success in New York, and the economics of the industry dictated that shows which failed in New York were unlikely to be toured or produced elsewhere, and unlikely to be published in the US. This means that, in a very real sense, theatre critics in New York determined which European plays theatregoers in the rest of the United States had the opportunity to experience. Through analysis of the critical responses to plays such as Karel Capek’s R.U.R., Ferenc Molnár’s Lilliom, and André Obey’s Noah, I will show how the New York newspapers generated a kind of narrative in which European theatre was hailed for aesthetic innovations that critics hoped would have a revitalizing influence on the American stage. Yet this celebration of European aesthetics coexisted uneasily with critics’ reluctance to endorse the politics of those same plays and playwrights. This results in a curious and, I argue, peculiarly American critical tradition in which poetics and politics are unnaturally separated. This in turn accounts for why many European plays of this era were and are understood differently in the US than they are in Europe.

Key Words: theatre history, criticism, European drama, New York, Capek, Molnár, Obey
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IN THE NAME OF THE DANCING DEER: PERFORMING THE STATE IN MANIPUR

This paper discusses how a cultural festival – the Sangai – provides an interface between the local communities, visitors and the state of Manipur in India. The Sangai – named after a critically endangered deer found only in Manipur, stands for the framework of patronage, governance and tourism via which the local arts are viewed. Currently a state-funded festival, here vernacular identities are articulated through performing arts, craft and indigenous sports. Traditional dances become an enterprise to bolster tourism which ensure a steady influx of visitors on one hand and strive to bring in economic opportunities to the cultural industries on the other. Drawn out of everyday practices as well as rituals, the small communities and tribals reiterate their vernacular identities in the festival as the State attempts to administer diverse cultural policies at the level of governance. This paper analyses the Sangai Festival as a celebration of citizenry, ethnicity, heritage and as a political ritual as the state of Manipur is performed. In addition, the paper narrates how the festival hide the political and cultural anxieties created by the State itself, thus giving birth to a ‘culture of silence’ along with ‘celebration of indigenous cultures’ within the Indian northeast. This paper is an ethnographic narrative that questions how the paradigm of diversity/unity in the state, as performed in the Sangai Festival, might be both homogenizing and divisive, producing its own other”.

Key Words
festival tourism vernacular identity othering India

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With my artistic view, clear vision, solid professional knowledge, organizational and analytical skills, I am a professional with a wide range of possibilities. I think outside the box, I am social, and I have strong communication skills. I also have a strong commitment to inclusion, and my positive attitude in life is my motivator. I can contribute valuable input to the existing organizational dynamic. Where a fresh approach to an on-going processes is needed, or a new boost should be given, I am the right person. I am capable of working concepts and refreshing existing and new projects. Based on thorough analysis, I work methodically. I am an academic who is practically active in the theatre field as coach, consultant and moderator

DISABLED BODY IN PERSPECTIVE

The way in which we talk about, we look at and we make use of images is expressed within a mechanism of normalcy: a discourse, as defined by Foucault 1972. By a system of exclusion there is a distinction made between right and wrong. In terms of the body this distinction is indicated with the disabled and the abled body within the academic discipline disability studies. According to Thomas Mitchell theatre can function as an alternative reality a heterotopia in which the mechanisms of control concerning the concept of normality can be decomposed by using codes, images and language. The question that is researched within this thesis is to what extent the performance Limitless can change the perception of the body. The theoretical framework of this thesis defines the form and meaning of normalcy. Then by this theoretical framework the performance is analysed. Within the performance the mechanism of normalization is not disturbed. Instead, the concept of normalcy is investigated and illustrated in form and meaning through the bodies of the dancers. The dancers explore the conditions of an included identity, instead of investigating the concept of an excluded construction, as they appear to be in normalized reality. The mechanism of normalcy remains the same during the performance, but the conditions required to achieve the intended form and meaning are reconsidered. Instead of aiming for the ideal representation of the ‘undeviating’ truth in which normalcy is reflected, the dancers look for alternative truths and expose them during the performance. The concept of normalcy stays the same, but the conditions to achieve the concept are changed within the performance. The mechanism of normalcy is expanded.

Key Words
Discourse, Disabled, Non-disabled, Normalcy, Diversity, Hetrotopia
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WHEN THE GODS COME TO TOWN – ENACTING RURAL DEITIES ON THE EARLY MODERN KABUKI STAGE

This paper will discuss how and why rural deities were enacted on the urban kabuki stage. Since ancient times, Japanese religious institutions have incorporated elements of performing arts in their rituals with the double purpose of explaining the potency of their deity and attract followers. During the medieval era, due to the persistent warfare, the religious institutions could rely less on the support of the imperial court or the patronage of particular warlords, and thus came to conduct so-called ‘kanjin’ subscription events for funding. The ‘kanjin’ events showed the holy votive images to the public for a fee, but artistic performers were also employed to attract a larger audience. Further, distant rural temples started to send their treasures to the urban centers and conduct their ‘kanjin’ events there. During the early 17th century, when the first permanent kabuki theatres established themselves in Kyoto, legends surrounding these deities became fodder for the stage. This was both economically beneficial for the temples, because it promoted their deities in the urban centers, and for the theatres, because it attracted rural pilgrims to the theatres. The most famous case of kabuki successfully promoting a rural deity is the Ichikawa Danjūrō acting house’s promotion of the Acala deity of the Narita Shinshō-ji temple. However, the Danjūrō family did not exclusively promote only the Narita Acala. In this presentation, I will first look at how the Danjūrō family established its relationship to the Narita Shinshō-ji temple in the late 17th century. Secondly, I will, by analyzing the diary of Danjūrō II from 1735, concretely show how also the Ichigatsu-ji and the Jōkoku-ji temple sought Danjūrō II’s cooperation, and discuss how the promotion of these rural institutions on the Kabuki stage created a unified social awareness between the urban center and the rural periphery.

Key Words
Kabuki, early modern theatre, religion

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COME FROM AWAY - PERCEPTION AND NATIONAL IDENTITY

The award winning the musical Come From Away CFA opened on Broadway in 2017. It is set in the small Newfoundland town Gander with a population of 11.000 people. The story deals with how the locals all of a sudden have to reacted to the closing of US airspace and the emergency landing of almost 7000 people on September 11, 2001. The show firstly developed in Canada, then in the US, received positive critical and popular reviews. Although reported about in the US in 2001, and in Canada in 2002, the story was not part of popular memory regarding 9/11. The critics’ responses to CFA accentuated this shift, suggesting that CFA diverts from a narrative of trauma, aided by its taking place outside of the US. The NYC critics in particular were struggling with the focus being taken away from the NYC experience and NYC-based descriptions of 9/11 and definitions of first responders. As a memory text, however, CFA creates emotional connections between 9/11 and contemporary North American socio-political issues such as immigration and hospitality. By being set in Canada and dealing with the sudden appearance invasion of 7000 people CFA challenges broad frameworks used to describe 9/11 in the US. This paper examines how CFA, press coverage and criticism of the show memorialize and remember the events of 9/11, and how nationality and national identity affects the perception of an event in this case 9/11.

Key Words
National Identity, Musical Theatre, Politics, Music
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BEYOND THE “AFFECTION TURN”? POST AVANT-GARDE POLITICAL THEATRE

Rationality has been a longstanding source of suspicion in theatre studies, which is not surprising given the discipline’s focus on embodied forms of presentation and representation. In the last decade, the ascendency of the ‘affection turn’ in arts and humanities has placed even greater emphasis on the emotional dimension of the theatrical event. At the same time, discourses on political theatre in particular seem to be infected by a neo-Adornian slant, where considerations about content are abandoned in favour of form as the only bearer of any radical promise. Counterbalancing both these trends and as a response to the conference subtopic ‘Affect and Efficacy’, this paper proposes a reconsideration of the Habermasian concept of ‘post avant-garde art’ as a productive formula to understand contemporary political theatre in a more comprehensive manner. In his essay ‘Philosophy as a Stand-In and Interpreter’, Habermas discusses the possibility art offers for an interrelation between the cognitive, moral and expressive domains of experience after the modernist revolution. More specifically, he claims that “in realistic and politically committed art, elements of the cognitive and the moral-practical come into play once again, but at the level of the wealth of forms unloosed by the avant-garde” 18. I will use this insight to analyse illustrative examples of contemporary British plays, from different genres, where the interface between form and content, as well as emotion and reason, is vital to assess their political potential on stage and beyond.

Key Words
Rationality, affect, post avant-garde, contemporary political theatre

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MARCH ON: MOVEMENT AND STASIS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF POLITICS

This paper considers two meanings of the word ‘movement’: first, the political movement and second, the movement of a performance. The first aims for social change efficacy perhaps social justice, and maybe revolution. The second captivates—or distracts—it’s the visual cue that catches the eye, the scene, the scenario that arouses emotion. The first type of movement is the one that we either want to be part of, to participate in, to march with, or to evade, ignore, avoid, dismiss. The second is the show that we stop to watch—the movement that makes passive spectators of us all. To think through these two types of movement I engage chosen sites of performance including contemporary U.S. political movements on the right e.g., the so called alt-right and on the left e.g., the anti-Trump movement as well as specific examples of performances of politics e.g., Trump’s tweets Oprah’s 2018 Golden Globes speech. My analysis looks not only at how these two conceptions of movement differ it also seeks to articulate the points of contact between the two. When do we move with a political movement by standing in place? When do we dig in our heels lest we are swept up in the “rising tide” marching past? When do we catch ourselves watching the trainwreck of political theatre—the theatre that is 21st-century U.S. and global politics—and when do we step out of that space of distraction to parse the truth from fiction and lies? When do we decide to watch and listen to the political movement that we don’t agree with? Is that when we are woke?

Key Words
performance studies performance of politics
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UTOPIA ON TOUR: THE SUITCASE ENSEMBLES TRAVELLING SHOW

Utopia on Tour is a practice-as-research project exploring intersections of dramaturgy and utopia in collaboratively devised touring theatre. Initially conceived as ‘a search for utopia’, the project investigates a form of collaborative theatre that travels and creates stories with the people and places it encounters. Through the development of a new performance titled Travelling Show, the research has revealed a collaborative process that constitutes a mediation with the unknown other, and a dramaturgical structure in which the world of the performance is continually born again, inviting both performers and audience to infiltrate its provisional processes of construction and critique. These experiments suggest that rather than searching for utopia, this practice aims to open a space of contingency where utopia becomes more possible. In this paper, I will address a key question plaguing this research, which is: how does this opening of contingency operate in motion? The company of travelling actors evokes an image of freedom from constraints and conventions, traversing borders, communicating across cultures, expressing a universal borderless utopia. And yet, under the scrutiny of a research inquiry, this supposedly utopian space appears empty, and the migratory character of the practice has proven to be the most elusive. While Travelling Show does physically move from place to place, utopia perhaps emerges in the virtual encounters produced between audiences in different places. Sharing a selection of documentation from Travelling Show’s first touring experiment, I will ask whether this journey is less about the migration of people, and more about how theatre practice can enable the migration of generosity, imagination and hope. The utopian travels of the strolling players are here secondary to the flow of dreams and desires released in Travelling Show’s space of contingency.

Key Words
- dramaturgy
- touring
- utopia
- contingency

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FRAGILE DEVICES: MIGRATING ACROSS AND BETWEEN THROUGH IMPROVISATION

This paper examines new approaches to theatrical improvisation, with a focus on recent internationally socially-engaged theatre projects. Defining improvisation as the artistic embodiment of the principles of risk, collaboration, offers, real-time decision making, and the reconfiguration of mistake, the author argues that improvising artists and facilitators are finding new ways to migrate across disciplines and identities, and between competing artistic and social imperatives. Caines’ draws on a combination of core literature on improvisation in rehearsal, performance and pedagogy, from theatre, dance and performance studies Spolin, Sills and Close Johnstone Bharucha Boal Paxton Foster Halprin Rosenthal Etcéhells Gomez-Pena, and contemporary perspectives from the emerging interdisciplinary field of Critical Studies in Improvisation Heble, Fischlin and Lipsitz Waterman and Siddall. She will utilize research from her recent book to frame an interdisciplinary approach to improvisation research Caines and Heble, Routeldge, 2015. Her presentation will include examples from a series of socially-engaged, multimedia theatre projects she has been facilitating in partnership with communities in Australia, Northern Ireland, Canada and China, where improvisation has been shown to be a vibrant “fragile device” for migration across and between conflicting imperatives in social practice theatre, including artistic innovation, post-structured community building, and the critical engagement with difference.

Key Words
- improvisation
- social practice
- socially-engaged interdisciplinary community
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BIG WALK TO GOLDEN MOUNTAIN

Walking has emerged as a significant performative practice in the 21st century (Solnit, 2001, Wrights and Sites, 2006, Hancox, 2012). The walking artist maps, step by step, stories and sensations of their journey claiming quiet but radical access to sites and destinations of the everyday and of the extra-ordinary. Through embodied performance and in real time, their actions reclaim and re-negotiate places and spaces to link people, geographies, histories, economies, even life and death, across a range of landscapes and countries.

It has been 160 years since the Victorian Parliament in Australia restricted the passage of Guangdong migrant workers from Southern China, requiring them to pay a 10 pound Poll Tax to disembark in Victorian ports. To avoid this, thousands of gold seekers from China were set down in Robe, South Australia to walk 480 km across Australian bush, semi-arid desert and farmland to the Central Victorian Goldfields. Big Walk to Golden Mountain, a curated collection of performance and visual art works, programmed in the inaugural Asia TOPA Festival (Asia-Pacific Triennial of Performing Arts) in Melbourne in 2017, captures a range of artistic and community responses to this shared heritage between China and Australia. This paper assesses attempts of participating performers and artists to filter their own experiences of migration, tracking feelings of ‘estrangement’ within a new landscape and an emerging sense of ‘strange belonging’ through their work. Importantly, the paper considers how these artists place themselves within Indigenous country, that since white settlement has been transformed by numerous and reiterated migratory pathways.

As colonialism gives way to globalisation, Big Walk to Golden Mountain investigates a deep history of cultural and economic exchange between Australia and China as it works within Asia TOPA’s brief to engage and new and diverse audiences, to reflect Melbourne’s changing population, emerging demographics and shifting global perspectives.

Key Words
Walking practice, Live Art, migratory pathways, performing landscape

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ITALIAN MIGRATION DURING 20TH CENTURY ON STAGE: ITALIAN NARRATIVE THEATRE AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR SHAPING CONSCIOUSNESSES

The paper aims to explore how narrative theatre in Italy has represented the Italian migratory phenomenon. Over the past three decades, between the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, in Italy the narrative monologue emerged as an independent theatrical genre, which roots are based in the long tradition of Italian actor-writers such as Eduardo de Filippo and Dario Fo. The actor storytellers, in particular Laura Curino and Mario Perrotta, have interpreted narratives monologues for solo voice about different migration stories: Italian migration towards the US and Belgium.

Key Words
European migration narrative theatre monologue Italian contemporary theatre
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ANTI-WAR LITERATURE AND THE CONCEPT OF THE BEAUTIFUL DEATH

This year, 2018, we will mark 100 years after the ending of World War I. This is a great opportunity to reexamine the anti-war literature, which broke out immediately after the war, and observe the characteristics of such writings. In 1929, Avigdor Hameiri published the anti-war novel, The Great Madness. It was one of many pacifist books that flooded the literary arena after World War I, the most famous of which is Erich Maria Remarque’s All Quiet on the Western Front, published in the same year. In 1936, just three years before the outbreak of World War II, Hameiri adapted his novel for the stage. The play, directed by Y. Daniel, was performed in Israel by the Sadan Theater, although the script itself was never published. The fact that the book was part of a global trend has raised two main questions among the critics: Is The Great Madness an example of a universal western phenomenon or does it also contain something uniquely Jewish or Israeli? and, did the novel give rise to a tradition of anti-war literature in Hebrew? My talk focusses on the second of these issues. In order to answer the question, I will first attempt to define the essential core of anti-war writing, beyond historical and cultural differences, by means of Lyotard’s concept of the beautiful death. Secondary, I intend to show that the anti-war satires of Hanoch Levin, the most important play writer in Israel, written after the Six-Day War, indeed follow in the footsteps of Hameiri.

Key Words  
World War I, Beautiful Death, Antiwar Literature

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DEVISING A HYPHENATED HERITAGE ON THE NINETEENTH-CENTURY STAGES OF NEW YORK

At the start of the nineteenth century, New York City, a former British stronghold during the American Revolutionary War, was renegotiating its newly de-colonized identity as it witnessed the arrival of thousands of Irish immigrants that migrated from Ireland’s rural provinces. The image of the West Coast Irish peasant—as romanticized and politicized by W.B. Yeats and Augusta Gregory—has now traveled farther West to a foreign urban exile suffered for want of work. The rural Irish may have been unaware of its theatrical and political potency in Ireland however, as the Irish in America began to negotiate their own cultural and political spaces in New York, so too did the dramas of the Irish immigrant playwrights that reflected and shaped this process. These plays would serve as the cultural, social, and political blueprints for the inherited images and identities of an Irish-American heritage. The term heritage has always been and continues to be a complex idea in both cultural and institutional practice. Regardless of the challenge its definition or lack thereof presents, it has mainly come to suggest something that is either or both material and inherited—these items are embedded with cultural, familial or even perhaps political value and are implicit in the practice of both individual and national preservation. A closer look at these formative nineteenth-century texts reveals that these plays were less concerned with national preservation and more with individual assimilation. With a specific focus on John Brougham’s ‘Irish Yankee, or the Birthday of Freedom’ 1840 and ‘The Irish Emigrant 1856’, this paper seeks to locate Irish immigrant and Irish-American anxieties and considers how the New York stage served as scaffold for this hyphenated heritage’s evolution.

Key Words  
Irish Immigration, Heritage, Performance, New York, Nineteenth-Century Immigrant Drama, Irish-American
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Associate Professor and head of ATI training, specialized in 3D animation video games, and virtual reality, my background led me to work in R & D in special effects studios, and in motion capture. Having focused my intention on the on set preview for the cinema, I am particularly interested today in intelligent interactive virtual actors and their interaction with real actors for the theater, which brings me to work around multiple fields like motion capture, rigging, modeling and in particular 3D scan reconstruction, real-time engines and artificial intelligence for video games. I am also developing in parallel a support platform for the creation of interactive 3D device, AKeNe which has been the support for the creation of innovative virtual actors devices for theater and live shows.

EXPERIENCING AVATAR DIRECTION IN THEATRICAL MIXED REALITY SETUP

Connected with the project “Masks and Avatars” supported in 2017 and 2018 by french Labex Arts H2H and universities of Paris 8 and Warwick, Georges Gagneré, Cédric Plessiet both Paris 8, Andy Lavender and Tim White both Warwick propose a workshop on a framework for mixed reality theatrical performance, using gamepad and midi controller, Perception Neuron mocap suits, Axis Neuron software for motion capture, Unreal Engine for rendering, and AkeNe, a specific library for avatar direction and autonomy exploration. We first propose a short technical demo. A second part will start by practical exercises about avatar direction involving a mocaptor wearing a mocap suit and a manipulactor using a gamepad controller. And well experiment basic body movement in a 3D scenery involving two avatars controlled by two mocaptor/manipulactor tandems. Well finally explore the scenic address issue between 3D and physical stage with a body presence quality perspective and some creative control combinations. We propose to perform the exercises with volunteers in an applied research context and well conclude the workshop by a discussion about the feelings of the performers and spectators, an exchange about improvements, and an introduction by Cédric Plessiet to work-in-progress tools for improvising with autonomous virtual actors. The workshop last two hours and need one short focal videoprojector, a projection screen or a white wall, and 4mx4m space in front of the screen for practicing.

Key Words  
mixed reality, motion capture, avatar, movement quality

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THE IMPACT OF GLOBALISATION ON THE WANDERING MINSTRELS OF BENGAL: THE BAULS

The “Bauls” are a religious sect found primarily in West Bengal and Bangladesh. Their religious practices are a concoction of tantrism, Vaishnava Hinduism, and Islam. The Bauls are well known as wandering minstrels or singers who travel around the region and perform their mystical music for alms. They travel from one region to another, thus carrying the local culture and colour. Baul is a popular form of Bengali folk and in Bengal they have attained the status of representing quintessentially Bengali folk culture. They are believed to be free-spirited mystics who revel in flouting social and religious conventions. However, this popular Bengali folk art seems to be slowly surrendering itself to the clutches of globalisation. Their songs have undergone noticeable modification in composition and tune that has substantially erased the original flavour of the traditional songs. With the onset of globalisation, Baul-ism has transcended the borders to reach out to the global audience. My paper shall attempt to study the effects that globalisation has had on the poetic and musical renditions of these wandering minstrels.

Key words  
Baul, globalisation, folk, minstrels, travel, Bengal
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**REVIEWING THE PROCESS OF “ARCHIVE AND ORAL HISTORY PROJECT ON HONG KONG DRAMA” PHASE 1 AND ITS PROSPECT FOR PHASE 2**

“Archive and Oral History Project on Hong Kong Drama” Phase 1 is a 2.5 years project organized by the International Association of Theatre Critics Hong Kong, which aimed at creating a centralized database about all drama activities happened between 2006 and 2014, as well as presenting oral history interviews of 46 dramatists who were active in the scene from around 1950s to 1990s. The result is an online platform for public access: http://www.drama-archive.hk. Previously there were hardly any historical studies on Hong Kong drama development, one of the reasons might be due to the lack of history records available. This project could be seen as the first attempt to gather stories in the early stage of the development of professionalism in Hong Kong drama. The online platform of the project has been officially launched in September 2017, which consists more than 10,000 pieces of event data and over 600 audio and video clips of oral history interviews are available on the site, altogether more than 200 hours materials. With these wonderful and interesting stories collected from the oral history interviews, we are thinking ways to not only present them online for people access, but also in different forms to aroused interest to a wider public about Hong Kong drama in Phase 2. During the conference, I would be pleased to share what we have achieved in Phase 1 of this project, and might be some fascinating stories from dramatists migrated from Mainland China as well. In addition, I would also like to discuss with the panel about how we could re-present these records in different forms, like exhibition, art piece and verbatim theatre performance.

Key Words: Archive, Oral History, Hong Kong, Online Database

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**REVOLVING DOORS: PERFORMING NATIONHOOD AS UNSTABLE HISTORY**

A Catalan university student from the 1880s – a woman – stepping into a fight between Miguel de Cervantes and Lope de Vega about who is the more important stage author, scoffing at them for their vision of a national canon: an unlikely encounter that occurs in a scene of El ministerio del tiempo The Ministry of Time, a show whose time travel premise – patrols guarding ‘history’ through a set of doors, at the discretion of the Spanish government – garnered international attention when it premiered in 2015. Its focus on confronting hegemonic narratives of history and nation in a fictional format hit a nerve with audiences, although research so far has concentrated on the show’s transmediality and participatory culture Sánchez/Galán 2015, Cacajosa/Molina 2017. The series’ approach of staging history and identity as constant interrogations of each other is, however, of greater interest from a perspective of postcolonialist theatre historiography. Not only does the show question centralist narratives of national identity by largely choosing marginalized figures as its protagonist lenses, making them ‘migrants in time’, it also addresses supremacist performance of culture and self in reaction to fascism, misogyny and colonialism. A curious position is taken up by the Siglo de Oro as a cultural setting: it is repeatedly evoked on EMdT as positive core imagery and highlights the theatre of the era, including fictionalized versions of both Cervantes and Lope. The paper discusses Early Modern Spanish theatre practices and their retrospective canonization as a site of nation-building, taking into account the tensions between regional and itinerant practices and urban centralism. In this vein, it draws from EMdT’s particular conceptualization of history as an ultimately fractured, embodied practice. Could migration then be read not just as a geographical, but also a temporal motion, in trying to question a performance of nation as history?

Key Words
Theatre Historiography, Performance of Nationhood, Siglo de Oro, Early Modern Theatre
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TRANSCEENDING FORM OF JATRA: AN EVOLUTION

The Folk Theatre in Bengal (a State of India) which is known as Jatra has an impact on the socio-economic scenario of the State. Having its history since the 15th Century AD Jatra carries the long cultural heritage of Bengal. It is interesting to note that, for the Urban audience, this folk form is no less than an extended circus due to lack of promotion or out of sheer ignorance. But for the rural audience, this folk theatre has given them the only form of entertainment. At times it acts as the messenger of the society in the remotest part of Bengal. The loud stage-direction in respect of light and music along with loud acting always leave the audience with awe and wonder. However, the semiotics generating from this folk art as represented without is revolutionary most of the times. The migratory element of this performing art is adapting to the recent trends of the society for its existence. My paper shall seek the importance of Jatra in unveiling the various facets of Bengal in the last two decades. The performances amidst reality shall be the primary concern in my paper.

Key Words:
Folk Theatre, Jatra, Migratory, Bengal, Semiotics

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INDIAN THEATRE AND MIGRATION: A PANORAMIC VIEW - CASE OF KING LEAR IN MIGRATION

Migration of various disciplines within and outside is an inherent phenomenon of Indian theatre and performing arts. With the coming of western influence during the colonial as well as postcolonial periods, the character of modern Indian theatre has metamorphosed, and this is often reflected in the realistic theatre of the country. The larger sections of the Indian theatre scene belong to the experimental theatre, which derives its energy and motivation from the classical and folk/tribal theatre, and is basically an interdisciplinary theatre or theatre of migration in other words. Music, dance, acrobatic movements, gesticulation of emotions are the integral aspects of such theatre. The idea of artistic crossovers in the performing arts does not solely refer to exchanges between artistic disciplines. Art itself, as a whole, can be seen as a discipline in an interdisciplinary relationship with other fields, such as education or the social sciences (anthropology, politics, sociology and so on) and the pure and applied sciences. We also see a lot of negotiations between art and questions that are already interdisciplinary, such as feminism; spirituality; the environment; and political issues of gender, race, class, sexual orientation; etc. which are reflected in migrating boundaries not only across the national borders but within the regional borders of the country.

The proposed paper is an effort to present a varied panoramic view of migrating theatre in one way or the other. There is specific focus on the production of King Lear, which was adapted in the feudal environment of Rajasthan, a ruling state in western Indian with all its colors, music and custom, later translated in Korean, staged by Korean actors maintaining the originality of the adaptation, and then again in different parts of India, swallowing the local traditions.

Key words:
experimental theatre, folk/tribal theatre, artistic disciplines, migrating boundaries
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MIGRATING MACBETHS: TRACKING TRAVELLING TEXTS

The notion of migration is integral to the idea of an intercultural performance – the text, the context, the body of the actor, the mise en scène, the audience – all of these elements partake of the alterity of both the narrative and the discourse while at the same time rendering it unstable, as any performance is wont to do. Shakespeare in this sense is by far the most migrated playwright his plays forever rise in new forms and spaces. This paper tracks five different versions of Macbeth all performed in 2017 at three different spaces: two urban, one rural. While all of these reference Shakespeare play, the site of the performance largely determines the shape of the interpretation. At a theatre festival in the forests of Agia Goalpara, India Macbeth was a Rabha chieftain, playing to a largely tribal audience the play having migrated into the Rabha dialect, while in another instance, a Manipuri Macbeth evoked palimpsests of the Japanese Akira Kurosawa. Using this migrating Macbeth as a trope to read the phenomena of travelling texts that move through intercultural productions, the paper explores specific contextual performative material.

Key Words
migration, Macbeth, travel, intercultural spaces, contexts, audience, site-specificity

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CONSTRUCTING AND DESTROYING BOUNDARIES IN CHINESE TRANSCULTURAL PERFORMANCE OF KAFKA’S “THE GREAT WALL”

In 2017 The Paper Tiger Theatre, an independent performance studio from Beijing, displayed on the Hamburg and Shanghai stage a unique interpretation of Kafka’s short story ‘The The Great Wall of China’, named ‘500 Meters-Kafka-The Great Wall-Images from the unreal world and daily heroism’. The heavy physical performance brings forward the question of geographical and physical boundaries between cultures and how people around the world interrelate, without succumbing to the limited horizons enforced upon them by the politics of boundaries. My paper analyses the aesthetic ways in which The Paper Tiger Studio re-constructs on the stage from trans-historical perspective cultural boundaries e.g. from the construction of the Great Wall to the Belt and Road initiative or Trump’s Mexican border projects, only to have these same boundaries crushed, ridiculed and dismissed by people’s inner force to transgress them. Director Tian Gebing’s use of parody and pastiche through strong performative physicality will also be analyzed by the study, with an emphasis on the simulacrum effect brought by China’s fabricated forms of pop art. The analysis also focuses on the aesthetic ways in which this transcultural performance recreates and then annihilates the cultural Babel tower characterizing the migrating world today, leaving, in Zen Buddhism fashion, no clear-cut answers to the spiritual global crisis of the contemporary world, but only insights into painful revelations.

Key Words
transcultural performance, Paper Tiger Studio, Great Wall of China, physical performance
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PERFORMINGBORDERS. LIVE ART, CROSSINGS, EUROPE.

‘performingborders. conversation on live art | crossings | europe’ is an ongoing curatorial research platform initiated by Alessandra Cianetti that explores the relations between the notion of border and live art. Inspired by political theorists Sandro Mezzadra and Brett Neilson’s approach to borders as methods (2013), the performingborders research looks at the ephemerality, flexibility, and resilience of live art practices as a privileged way to investigate urgent current socio-political changes and struggles within and across borders.

The performingborders project is disseminated as an interview-based research-blog and series of related events and writing commissions which interrogate the practices of international live artists that are responding to the challenging notion of contemporary borders and the shifting concept of Europe. From February 2016, each month the blog publishes an interview with a performer, aca-demic, thinker or art professional, as a way to explore the debate on what the contemporary meaning of ‘border’ in live art is, how live artists are addressing this issue within Europe, and how the curatorial tool of the interview as research method can be challenged. The multimedia free to access interviews take a discursive and conversational approach in order to delve into the boundaries of the ever-developing notion of Europe and its proliferating and increasingly heterogeneous borders.

Alessandra Cianetti presents the project’s first two years of activity, the artists involved, the related understandings of movement across borders, and the role that live artists and performers have within this pressing discussion. https://performingborders.live

Key Words
live art - performance art - borders - crossings - Europe

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“NOT BOGGED DOWN IN OLD-FASHIONED AGIT-PROP”: RAPID RESPONSES AND AUSTERITY POLITICS IN THE CASE OF THEATRE UNCUT AND TAKE BACK THEATRE

Theatre Uncut, formed in 2010, and Take Back Theatre, formed in 2015, are political theatre companies, which were both set up in the wake of – and explicitly in order to react to – austerity politics in the UK. This paper explores two case studies – Theatre Uncut’s 2016 season and Take Back Theatre’s 2017 Be//Longing, which were made, in the case of the former, in response to the migrant crisis with plays by writers from Denmark, Turkey and the UK, written in six days in Copenhagen, and in the case of the latter, as a commission from the Migration Lab based at the University of Manchester. The paper situates these refugee-related projects in relation to both companies’ modes of making and producing work, and will explore the place of the scratch event, the rapid response, and the portable performance in contemporary political theatre. When, in 2017, Take Back were presented with a Manchester Theatre Awards Stagedoor Foundation Award for Excellence, they were described as ‘[b]ravely and unashamedly a political theatre company but not one bogged down in old-fashioned agit-prop.’ This paper therefore aims to interrogate anxieties around the history and legacy of agit-prop, seeking to understand the negative associations that seem to have adhered to the term. It sets out to unpack some of the critical gestures and movements of respondents and reviewers who are negotiating – and often seemingly struggling to grapple with or describe - these companies and their works as both activists and artists.

Key Words
political performance, agit-prop, anti-austerity, rapid-response theatre
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THE SUITCASE IN THE ISRAELI THEATRE: BETWEEN MIGRATION AND MEMORY

Suitcases abound on Israeli stages. One finds them in mainstream theatres as well as fringe theatres. They appear in shows staged in a variety of languages: Hebrew, Amharic, Arabic, Yiddish, and others. Israeli theatre is thus responding to the geographical ephemerality that characterizes almost all of its spectators consciousness: almost every single person in Israel has experienced either migration or exile—if not they themselves, at least their parents. These are not fashionable, functional suitcases of travelers or tourists, but containers of suffering and anxiety that encapsulate the identity of their owners. On Israeli stages they are utterly emblematic. I would like to explore a number of Israeli shows that tackle deterriorization: It Sounds Better in Amharic by Yossi Vassa presents the immigrants suitcase Suitcase Packers, a canonic Israeli play by Hanoch Levin deals with the Jewish Israeli’s emigrant suitcase Longing, a collaborative work by Palestinian and Israeli actors relates to the Palestinian exile, and Waiting for Godot by Samuel Beckett staged by Joshua Sobol at the Yiddishpiel Theatre in Tel-Aviv, relates to the Jewish refugees suitcase. Finally, Rina Yerushalmis He Went/And Said, part of her Bible Project, closes the circle with the biblical exodus. All productions centre on the suitcase as a stage-prop, and as a discourse of human mobility: in each play the suitcase performs a different metaphor, according to the characters various epistemological and ontological positions immigrant, emigrant, exiled, refugee.

Key Words
Migration, Israeli theatre

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SLAVERY, TRAFFICKING AND PERFORMANCE

How should charities navigate anti-slavery performances to minimise risk/reputational damage? To what extent can a real-life narrative be shaped for performance and still remain persuasive? How far can a survivor’s testimony be edited, abbreviated, or combined with other representative narratives and not be criticised as ‘fake’? How acceptable is it to use actors rather than survivors in dramatised portrayals? And how acceptable might it be to present an entirely fictional character and situation in order to cast light on particularly sensitive or confidential real-life events? As video-editing technology becomes ever more sophisticated, to what extent will the public continue to trust in such dramatised evidence at all? This paper considering what effects (if any) the historical representation of slavery has had on contemporary performative mediums of slavery and trafficking, and how anti-slavery videos used by charities can learn from investigations in theatre and performance.

Key Words
Slavery, trafficking, spectatorship, affect
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MEDEA: “I’M ALIEN HERE. YOU WERE ALIEN WHERE I WAS LOVED.” – (UN)FAMILIAR THEATRICAL CONCEPTS AND PROJECTIONS OF A REFUGEE

Escape and migration can be seen as the central theme and dilemma in theatrical represent-tations of Medea, if one succeeds in widening the gaze beyond the Eurocentric perspective. Since Euripides and Seneca there have been various successful Medea adaptions, in literature and on the stage, by authors such as Pierre Corneille, Friedrich Maximilian Klinger, Hans Henny Jahn, Jean Anouilh and Heiner Müller that put new emphasis on matters of topic, structure and language. The lecture starts with Grillparzer’s Medea (third part of the trilogy The Golden Fleece, 1823) where for the first time the character of Medea is being highlighted and discussed fundamentally as a political stranger and refugee (“Metternich Restauration”; culture clash vs. recommencement and negation of a personal past). The focus of the lecture lies in two additional considerably later adaptions, scarcely known in Europe, that present the main character exclusively as a refugee or migrant in exile: The Wingless Victory (1936) by American Maxwell Anderson and Cherríe Moraga’s The Hungry Woman – A Mexican Medea (2001). Both have as yet not been introduced to major European theatres. From the perspective of the fine arts and cultural history they especially offer a lot more innovation and debate regarding theme, dramaturgy and aesthetic approaches (immigration and discrimination on grounds of religion; racism against Hispanic Americans; homophobia / diversity) than the so-called German New Drama of the new millennium (for example Manhattan Medea by Dea Loher or Mamma Medea by Tom Lanoye). The lecture will show and discuss this particular wider freedom of design in theatrical terms which goes far beyond the current state of directing (re-interpretation or adaption of well-known play versions). These two dramas indeed transform allegedly formerly unapproachable culture areas / groups on the stage

Key Words
Medea New Drama dramaturgy aesthetic approaches immigration discrimination on grounds of religion racism against Hispanic Americans homophobia diversity freedom of design in theatrical terms transformation of allegedly formerly unapproachable culture areas / groups on the stage

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THE MASK AS A DRAMATURGICAL DEVICE IN CONTEMPORANEITY

The research aims to reflect on mask, as a contemporary poetic device, based on the concept of dramaturgy in an extended perspective. From this idea, the question at stake is: how to operate with the mask device in the increasingly volatile space of the contemporary metropolis. In the face of today’s demands that are based on the precariousness of the body and the consumption of all order, this device reveals its power through insurgent action. In addition to an aesthetic view of language, acting dramaturgically involves ethics as the founding attribute of the process. As theoretical framework, references of the performing arts and anthropology were chosen among which we can highlight: Eduardo Viveiros de Castro, Érika Fischer-Lichte, Gilbert Durand, José Antônio Sanchez and Giorgio Agamben. The investigative process encompasses scenic and social events emerging in the city of São Paulo during the first two decades of the 21st century, especially those that are resistant to the injunction of neoliberalism.

Key Words
dramaturgical device, insurgency, contemporary theatre, theatricality.
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THE SELF AND THE OTHER: HOW IMMIGRANT DRAMATISTS SHAPED NATIONAL IDENTITY IN MODERN IRAN

Iran has a peculiar geographical situation: being the threshold of east and west. This had its longstanding influence on how Iranian intellectuals conceived their identity. For analyzing this reaction towards the other and the forming of national identity, one can examine the relatively short history of “importing” western theater to Iran which was done by Akhundov, an Iranian immigrant in Georgia. He was the first dramatist who understood the binary between the self and the other and tried to define the Iranian self regarding the western other. For considering this new definition of identity and how theater was its vehicle, the different waves of immigration among Iranian dramatists should be studied. The first wave was in the late nineteenth century. The next was before WWII and the third one was after the war. The fourth wave happened after the Islamic revolution and the last one, which is still in the process, began after the protests in 2009. This essay tries to examine these different immigration waves and how they shaped the national identity in Iran. Indeed, each wave formed this identity applying the reflection of the self in the mirror of the other on it. Though this process wasn’t a smooth one: sometimes the immigration began for finding new forms and methods for expressing the self in the new world it was witnessing, and some other time it was more like an exile. But this confrontation between the self and the other has in fact developed the sense of the self in Iranian theater and through this self, influenced the conception of nation identity. I will look through this significant influence and the ups and downs of forming the national identity through immigration.

Key Words
Immigration, Iranian theater, Self and Other, National Identity

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EMIGRATING TO THE “KINGDOM OF THE ILL”: TERRITORIES OF THE UNPRESENTABLE IN CANCER-THEMED PERFORMANCE

Departing from Susan Sontag’s proverbial trope of cancer as an involuntary migration to the “kingdom of the sick,” this paper seeks to examine the un/making of the self in its encounter with the destabilizing forces of illness in the context of contemporary performance. As one of cancer’s most pervasive metaphors, migration also pertains to the mechanics of expansion through frantic proliferation of cells and migration metastasis to faraway places of the body through the lymphatic system. It is also a metaphorical configuration of stasis, in the sense of a civil strife, or the self at war with the self. Much more that merely an entity, cancer constitutes a lived experience that reflects Heidegger’s concept of “being-towards-death,” triggering the emergence of a hermeneutic and aesthetic manifold in the conceptualization, creation and reception of performance. Being a disease of space in the sense that it radically alters both the visceral depths of the body and the subject’s perception of being in the world, cancer evades containment through representation and stimulates, I argue, a sublime response in our effort to apprehend its insidious workings. Performance, likewise, tests the limits of its own ontology once the erosive impact of the unpresentable invokes the death of representation and the birth of affective experience. Spectatorship is also reconfigured, once the audience’s formerly fixed territory is challenged by the unpredictability of their own empathic response. Under this light, the emergence of the unpresentable as a conceptual and stylistic hybrid proposes a more inclusive aesthetic idiom mined out of the artists philosophical venture, as Lyotard suggests, and crossing the borders of performance, relocating itself within a newly transformed community of active interpreters/participants in Ranciere’s words, this new kind of emancipated spectatorship becomes a formula “for embarking on a new existence,” radically affecting being-in-the-world and as being-with-others.

Key Words
unpresentable, cancer, performance
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MIGRATIONS INTO QUASI IDENTITY - OR HOW TO SURVIVE A LIFE

Reality became more dramatic than theatre. Thus, theatre is forced to reassess its own role and the ways in which it operates in the contemporary society. The phenomenon we are witnessing nowadays is the reversion of the tools used in reality and in theatre. To fabricate the news, the daily politics uses the theatre language, while theatre more and more often uses the language of reality, of documentary. In order to escape populism in everyday life, a Western man builds exempt environments. In order to make these environments resemble reality, he uses scenic tools.

Huge waves of migrations into Europe since 2015. forced Western world to re-examine the notion of humanism and its relation to the “Other”. In the Euro - American world, the ideologies of democratic values and human rights, which in their essence have an attempt to equalize with the “Other”, are dominantly accepted. Unable to equate with the “Other”, “I” try to treat “Other” with empathy, seeking to feel good with the image “I” sends about him/herself. The fear from the loss of cultural values, conquered (or acquired) life-styles, comfort and privileges, leads to the commodification of the left ideas, the ideology of human rights and democratic values. From inability to overpower the politics of populism, and for the sake of the stability of “One’s” own identity, “I” runs into micro-worlds and constructed realities. At the same time, in order to exist in the world of media and images, the Western “I” still wants to be seen as humane and responsible - towards society, community, planet Earth... The actual deed becomes irrelevant and is replaced by an image or representation - if “I” has not been seen by anyone, it does not actually exist. This is how Instagram, YouTube or FB become new stages for the “I” to build quasi-identities. By using the tools of theatre, “I” arranges the real-life scenographies and becomes a new type of theatre - since “I” does not live such a life and it only records it, it becomes an illusion, like any theatre.

Key words: identity, politics, space of freedom, scene design, scenic tools

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ZOOMORPHISM AND CORPOREAL HYBRIDISM IN BRAZILIAN PERFORMATIVITY

Zoomorphism and corporeal hybridism in Brazilian performativity Migration, miscegenation and cultural hybridism are at the origin of the zoomorphism fantastic in Brazilian arts. Amerindian mythological, African mystical-religious figures, European customs and fundamentally the exotic regard of travelers on popular traditions template theatrical and chimeric pictures in Brazilian scene: monsters, dances of giants, exceptional sounds, extraordinary plants, fabulous animals, sculptural and sensual bodies are ordinary figures in the most popular carnivals, traditional festivities, television shows as well as in the contemporary art. The carnival parades and the dance rituals offer frequently fruitful materials for anthropological studies and the spectacular and allegoric appropriation of cultural hybridisms produces curious and peculiar transmutations of sense in intercultural keys. This paper aims to reflect about the artistic echoes of this allegoric mechanism. It inquires how the zoomorphism and the corporeal hybridism play a fundamental role in the identity process of the Brazilian culture and performance.

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Brazilian performance hybridism zoomorphism
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THE HOMELY AND NATIONAL IDENTITY IN CONTEMPORARY THEATRE

The concept of home has been deprived of its sense of belonging. It has lost its familiarity that used to be crucial in building up one’s identity. This is very well exemplified in e.g. Simon Stephens’s Song from Far Away, in which an Amsterdam expat in New York returns home for his brother’s funeral, and is confronted with the shallowness of an existence that left behind every trace of a national identity. Also the first two parts of Peeping Tom’s trilogy, Father and Mother, have as one of their central themes the dissolution of an identity that is called home. My presentation will be informed by what Marc Augé has called ‘non-places’, not dissimilar to Foucault’s notion of heterotopias. Remarkably, both Stephens’s plays and Peeping Tom’s theatre productions are often set in or make reference to transit places such as hotels, museums or airport lobbies, postmodern purgatories that on the one hand break up boundaries but on the other hand also create the illusion of the possibility of a life without national identity. I will try to find an answer to the question what home and national identity mean in contemporary plays and performances and what position they take towards the concept of homelessness in the figurative sense. In addition, how does this stance relate to the uncanny or unheimlich as set out by Freud almost exactly 100 years ago? Do we need to update Freud’s definition in light of a changed interpretation of ‘home’ in the 21st century?

Key Words
homely, uncanny, Simon Stephenson, Peeping Tom, psychoanalysis, Freud

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WHO OWNS THE LAND? EXPERIMENTS WITH DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION OF IMMERSIVE PERFORMANCE AT A CULTURAL HERITAGE SITE

ESTATE - a site-specific collaboration 2017 was described as an experience challenging the laws of the land through a journey through time, space, and culture, its attendants followed, among others, a Bootlegger, a Bride, and an Indigenous Guide across a Florida estate through history. One of the production teams goals was to experiment with digital technologies in its planning, development, and execution. The theatrical event was exploited to explore how 3-D modeling could be used as a tool to augment the exploration of the site in the conceptualization and design of the event, and explored how technology could be harnessed to leave a trace on the site after the performance ended. Through digital scanning, a 360-degree virtual tour was created of the site and architectural blue prints were generated and 3-D printed. These processes led to further collaboration with interactive film artists who tested whether immersive theatre technique would work as a non-linear 360-degree VR film. The unfolding experiences of scripts characters different socio-political scenarios posed questions to those present about who owns the land and how the land shapes who they are and what they might become through their interaction with those who came before. The digital products rendered for performance demonstrated the ways our familiar local landscape can be revealed as something other—something rich with a history, perhaps long forgot. During the production process, as ideas migrated from one medium to the next and influenced the script, the technological renderings transformed into potential new byproducts of the original immersive theatre experience. The products of the digital experiments transform the original event with each new viewers interaction with the performance. The archival process echoes the themes of the piece no one owns the land because each new contact transforms the land into some new and simultaneously something old.

Key Words
Scenography, Performance Design, Intermediality, Digital Technology, site-specific, interactive, Immersive
MIGRATION, THEATRE AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES. A CASE STUDY: TELE-ENCOUNTERS

The topic of migration and identity inspired a young stage director from Romania, Marina Hanganu M.A. in experimental performance at Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, London to create a project, together with other partners from Spain and Portugal, that has won European Union funds through Creative Europe Program. The project is called “Tele-Encounters” and is implemented for 2 years at “George Ciprian” Theatre in Buzau and in the other spaces of the partners, starting September 1st, 2017. The relevancy of the project and of the theatre play included consists not only in the highly important topic of migration for the national and international contexts, but also in the theatrical methods and tools used to explore it. Marina, “an interdisciplinar artist”, as she presents herself, creates a telematic theatre play by using new technologies: video-conferencing, immersive technologies VR –virtual reality, and Kinect animations. The paper is a case study, an exploration of the process of creation and reception of this play that overcomes the boundaries of the classical theatre. Investigating the social contribution of this artistic product to the issue of migration, on one hand, and the aesthetics of the tele-presence as the basic concept of the telematic theatre play, on the other hand, we will propose a debate on the influence of new technologies on the conceptualization of theatre in the 3rd Millennium.

Key Words
Immersive theatre, telematic theatre, new technologies, tele-presence, Kinect animations, migration,

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TRANSITIONING YUGOSLAVIA: MIGRANTS AND MIGRATIONS IN PERFORMING ART PRACTICES AND ACTIVISM

Crossing briefly through the history of migrating performing practices in the former Yugoslavian cultural space from the creation of the Yugoslav Drama Theatre, through KPGT experiences to nomadic works of Kokan Mladenović, Oliver Frljić and Jernej Lorenci, focus of this research is on the period from 1990 till today when practices were challenged by wars, new frontiers, migrations of artists and intellectuals and especially by the nationalization of cultural policies of new independent countries. Through activism new spaces have been created open to performative and other engaged art practices they have developed but also disappeared while intercultural dialogue today transitioned towards more public spaces. The research will focus on civil society strategies in reestablishment of dialogue networking, mobility, partnership in three distinctive phases of performing arts development since 1990s from Dibidon in 1994 till new performative spaces such as Mama in Zagreb, CZKD and REX in Belgrade, Bunker in Ljubljana or Kiba in Maribor 2 social theory and art activism in a project like Nomad Dance Academy 3 transdisciplinary collaborative projects of art collectives such as Shadow casters in Zagreb, Kontext collective in Belgrade, etc. The study will analyse five different migrating patterns: a collaborative projects, co-productions and joint training b festival participation exchange c guest participation of theatre artists d collaboration on theoretical performative scene conferences, journals and seminars and e individual mobility and artistic migrations. The research will explore meaning of Yugoslavia and reasons of its transitioning and debating within performance that question solidarity, social justice, peace and reconciliation putting in the heart of analysis the culture of memory about Yugoslav and post-Yugoslav experience.

Key Words
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“4:48 MACBETH”

The practice led research project will engage with adaptations allowing connection between different dramatic forms and experiences through deconstruction of stasis, performing migratory geography and transformation, migration, mutation and appropriation of theatrical forms. The performance practice and subsequent research presentation are based on an interdisciplinary installation combining visual and performing arts migrating form a dramatic texts. It antecedent two dramatic texts: 4:48 Psychosis by Sarah Kane and Macbeth Projecto based on Shakespeare’s Macbeth. The research could be presented as a solo-performance, and a research paper. The phases of the project, premiering in Belgrade, were previously seen in Madrid Reina Sofia, Spain and Birmingham Centrala, UK. The new performance 4:48 Macbeth Projeto explores migration of dramatic texts into installation/live art events, in which the narrative is fragmented and presented as a multi sensorial aesthetic journey, provides a new performative experience. Performance and visual art can be presented as two different geographies defined by the language that each artistic media uses. In the case of conceptual art it is the space, texture, atmosphere combined with the atemporality of the artistic piece. In theatre, the moving body of the actor, the dramatic text and the temporal line of the dramatic action which define its geography. The different artistic forms and media are related to each other within rhizomatic structures 1998, G. Deleuze, F. Guattari, they can be transformed and migrate from one to another following different processes, not just through a linear hierarchical process. The research aims to: • investigate strategies of offering audiences new experiences combining elements of performance and visual arts • defining the geographies of interdisciplinary aesthetic journeys • investigate methodologies in transforming dramatic text into a multisensorial aesthetic performing arts experience and • engage with cross-cultural collaboration and migration of classics though interdisciplinary visual and performing art.

Key Words
Interdisciplinarity, Installation, transformation, mutation, Sarah Kane, Shakespeare

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FEDOR CHALIAPIN: THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACTING IN THE OPERATIC SCENE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

In May of 1917 Fedor Chaliapin, -who was for years trying to improve the acting and scenic habits in the operatic stage, was in Crimea-, choosing the place where he wanted to build his Center of Creation. At this time, Meyerhold had been during ten years director of the Mariinski Theatre and Stanislavski was working on the theatrical version of The Village of Stepanchikovo 1859 by Fyodor Dostoevski. From this moment, how the events of the Russian Revolution conditioned Chaliapin’s reforms and the development of the operatic scene? How his exile conditioned the transfer of his heritage? We analyze the main advances and transformations that Chaliapin introduced in the Operatic Scene, attending to his influence over theatrical actors and directors as Stanislavski or Meyerhold and the consequences of his exile, in the subsequent implementation of his reforms and the transmission of his legacy.

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Chaliapin, Russian Revolution, Opera, Actoral Training
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OF COFFEEHOUSES AND CARD GAMES: STAGING NOTIONS OF BELONGING IN FIN DE SIÈCLE VIENNA

Three Galician Jews and one Bohemian meet in a shabby Viennese coffeehouse to play cards. What may sound like the beginning of a popular joke, actually outlines the storyline of one of the best-known card games in fin de siècle Vienna: the so called “Klabriasparte”. Named after the famous card game “Klabrias” and first staged in 1890 by the “Budapester Orpheumgesellschaft” – a theatre company whose members migrated from the margins of the Habsburg monarchy to Vienna themselves – the burlesque addressed notions of Jewishness with artificial acting styles. By performing imaginations of “otherness” with jargon, gesticulation and expressive physicality on stage, the burlesque questioned concepts of self-construction and belonging offstage thereby, provoking and including highly controversial debates alike. Through those debates, fueled by the omnipresence of migration issues in multi-ethnic Habsburg, a short burlesque by a popular theatre ensemble blundered into the middle of identity politics. The paper takes this micro historical event as a starting point to trace a multilayered cultural constellation in fin de siècle Vienna, where motions of migration and notions of belonging as well as cultural and theatrical stages merge gradually. Putting the concrete performances of Jewishness within the burlesque into context, they shed a light at European Jewish experiences of Modernity and socio-political debates in the Viennese Modern Age. In addition, the particular situation of artificiality within the performance setting offers a specific, embodied visualization of otherwise intangible negotiations of migration and processes of othering in relation to the conceptualization of the self. In this manner, the embodied experiences may result in a unique surplus of usually inaccessible knowledges.

Key Words

Belonging, Performing Jewishness, Fin de siècle Vienna, notions of migration

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POLITICIZED BODY AS SITE OF RESISTANCE: STILLNESS AS PEACEFUL PROTEST

In one of the most iconic images of twentieth century, a man stops in front of tanks in Beijing in 1989. This man, whose name is unknown, became the icon of the Tienanman Square protests. He is in plain clothes, a white shirt and black pants. His vulnerability as a human being made of flesh and blood sits in stark contrast upon tanks made of steel that would crush him into seconds His civilian body immediately becomes a site of resistance upon the militaristic performative tanks universally inhabit. In this paper, I discuss four cases of how the human body becomes politicized through acts of resistance that halt the power of the police state. I specifically consider cases where individuals perform nonviolent protest by sitting, standing, kneeling in still poses to disrupt the performances of state power. The images of the Tank Man of Tiananmen Square, the Standing Man of Taksim Gezi Square, the politician Sirri Sureyya Onder in front of bulldozers in the emergence of Occupy Gezi, and American football player Colin Kaepernick taking the knee while the US national anthem is played have become iconic performatives of the broader social movements they inhabit by capturing the strength of silent and still resistance at the site of the vulnerable, singular, human body upon the oppressive state actors. Here, I analyze how these movements migrated across different parts of the world as individual performances achieved transnational and affective impact and how the bodies of the performers became politicized sites of resistance.

Key Words

Resistance, Protest, Civil Disobedience, Performing Stasis, Police state, Biopolitics, Migrating Aesthetics, Affect, Efficacy,
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COSMOPOLITANISM AND MOBILE SCENOGRAPHY. HOW TO SENSE DIFFERENCE IN ISAAC JULIENS “WESTERN UNION: SMALL BOATS” (2007)

In light of current studies of mobility and migration Urry, Appiah, this paper discusses the installation WESTERN UNION: small boats 2007 by the London based artist Isaac Julien. Taking into account both the literal and metaphorical mobilization of the beholder, I wish to contribute to the conference’s subject theatre and migration from a rather phenomenological point of view. In order to do so, I will confine myself to two important aspects of the work in question, one being that of perception becoming self-reflexive, while the other deals with the representation of the refugees.

Key Words
Mobility, migration, performativity

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BORDER CROSSING IN THE COLOMBO-VENEZUELAN BORDER: A POROUS LEFT

Border crossing in the Americas is a regular practice: commonly associated with the US-Mexico border—the rich history of cultural productions and political tensions that characterise this place and continue to affect the continent—porous and militarised borders are present throughout the Americas. This paper moves beyond popular ways of exploring narratives of migration and dispossession in the continent and explores political migration in the Colombo-Venezuelan border in relation to the rise of the Latin American Left in the late twentieth and twenty-first centuries. I am particularly interested in creative explorations of Cultures of the Left and social movements that characterise the Colombo-Venezuelan border, a geographical and politically fraught territory, and how they inform current political debates and foreign policy. The shared territories between Colombian and Venezuelan citizens have been performative sites of revolt and tension in the past decade affecting social mobility and economic growth in both countries. The recent militarisation of sections of this border also respond to social and political changes such as the peace negotiations with the FARC Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, 1964-2017 and ELN National Liberation Army, 1964- guerrillas, and also the economic and political crisis in Venezuela under the presidencies of the late Hugo Chávez and Nicolás Maduro. This paper explores migrating histories of Cultures of the Left in this border through the works of Plinio Apuleyo Mendoza short stories, Arturo Alape testimonial literature and Teatro La Candelaria plays, and how they inform contemporary social and political constructions of this shared territory.

Key Words
Border Crossing, Cultures of the Left, Revolt, Latin America
IDENTITY BEYOND BOARDERS: CONTESTING GENDERED SPACE IN MODERN AFRICAN DRAMA

Abstract In most communities in Africa, marriage demands cultural assimilation of the bride. A popular Igbo saying has it that a woman has no town or religion until she is married. This highlights the level of socio-cultural dominance privileged to the bridegroom. The nuptial space is predicated on the cultural hegemony of the male, quashing every contradiction and resisting change. The woman is expected to relinquish not only her personal desires but also her culture and imbibe that of her husband’s people, without a corresponding demand being made from the man, her husband. Marriage in most African countries is still entrenched in traditional culture, and this makes cultural pluralism highly problematic. This paper uses Aido’s play, The Dilemma of a Ghost to explore the place of women identity, gendered space and cultural pluralism in a male dominating space that is Africa traditional family. Using my Fulbright experiences as well relevant African plays and performances it is argued that the issues in the play would have been less contentious and better managed if the players have applied the Womanist principle of coordination and harmonization of differences which embraces the spirit of pluralism, and it is the task of this paper to uncover how such strategy would work in the play.

Key Words
Cultural identity, gendered space, modern African drama and theatre

ERBESTE: EXILE, PRECARIOUSNESS AND ESTRANGEMENT

Erbeste, means «exile», «foreign land» and «alien» in Basque language. It is also the title of a satirical documentary-fiction created within the framework of my PhD project on the Configuration of Identity in the Basque Contemporary Experimental Theatre Scene. The overall project deals with how cultural and personal identity is performed, and it includes some case studies of Basque current artists and companies and, among them, my own artistic practice. In this paper I will present the research/creation entitled Erbeste and I will explain how it informs us about the embodiment of estrangement and otherness. The process of creating Erbeste started with the idea of playing around the consequences of exile and migration on the subjective and cultural identity of the researcher/performer, a Basque actress-singer who tries to make a career in Barcelona, after having lived temporarily in the USA and Paris. However, during the research/creation it was discovered that in the exploration of her identity, more relevant than belonging to a territory, a language, a culture or a country, what most influenced her sense of belonging (or, actually, the lack of it), was her continuous living in uncertainty. The work presents precariousness as a hindrance against a satisfactory personal identification: the continuous pursuit of stability, a job, time, training and knowledge, recognition, a welcoming place... favors vagueness and the IFTR 2018 Belgrade. Theatre and Migration Theatre, Nation and Identity: Between Migration and Stasis distancing from one’s own previous sense of identity. In this sense, the image that portraits Erbeste is also a reflection of the reality in which we live, flooded with “liquid identities”. Being alienated can be understood as loosing one’s mind or losing one’s identity, but also, it can be understood as being exiled from one’s self. The paper will tie the concept of ‘exile’ to the process of ‘estrangement’. Eventually, it will argue how identification, distinction, estrangement, and otherness are abstract concepts that might very well be concretized through artistic research.

Key Words:
Basque; identity; autobiography; women artists; estrangement; research/creation; alienation; precariousness.
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**IN TRANSIT BETWEEN WORLDS: EXPERIENCES OF AN ANTHROPOPHAGIC THEATRE DIRECTOR IN SOUTH BRAZIL**

Like many countries, Brazil is a diverse mix of cultural references and identities. In the South, a significant immigration movement in the late XIX and early XX centuries from Germany and Italy defined a comprehensive part of the population and created an important cultural legacy. In the arts, the European influence continues to deeply impact practices and theories. Facing the XXI century and the importance of decolonizing knowledge, making theatre in South Brazil offers special adventures and challenges. This paper exposes and analyses the creative process of two theatrical productions developed in Porto Alegre from 2017 to 2018 that demanded dialogues between German and Brazilian cultural references. Conference about words is a solo piece developed by a German descendant Brazilian actor in connection with his PhD research about language, poetry and identity, which mixes biographical and theoretical material to consider our border crossing identities. Beben is a contemporary German play written by Maria Milisavljevic proposed by the Goethe Institute in an open call with an intercultural intention. In different ways, both productions explore territories of migration, shifting identities, displacement and translation. In addition, both are directed by the same Brazilian woman, with no German roots or special connections, at Cia Rústica, a theatre company based in Porto Alegre that seeks connections between art forms, open and intimate spaces, politics and performing arts, textual and physical approaches, and theoretical and artistic perspectives. To navigate in those moving and polyphonic lands of making theatre and being a Brazilian artist, dealing with many contradictions, dangers and intersections, the notion of cultural anthropophagy offers a possible tool to imagine and compose fluid identities, mixed art and contemporary forms of political and festive theatre in dialogue with decolonizing urges.

Key Words

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**WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND: THEATREGOROUND AND THE DRAMATURGY OF MOBILITY**

In response to what John Urry has termed the ‘new mobilities paradigm’ Urry, 2007, David Overend emphasises the ‘dramaturgies of mobility’ Overend, 2015 at work in touring theatre. That is, the ways in which the material conditions of touring shape both the dramaturgy of what is presented on stage, and how an audience comprehends such performances. In the case of touring productions initially developed within building-based institutions, Overend’s observation can be usefully extended to ask: how do touring initiatives shape the working practices and public perception of the institutions they originate within? This paper examines the role of regional touring at the Royal Shakespeare Company RSC in the 1960s and 1970s, specifically Theatregoround, a small-scale touring operation established in 1965 under the name Actors Commando. In addressing questions of mobility and access, this paper explores the work of Theatregoround as an expression of the company’s emerging identity and its supposed civic responsibility, reflected in its desire to connect with a broader range of regional audiences in the UK. What impact did this mobile initiative have on what has come to be regarded as one of the UK’s national theatres and where might we find its legacies today?

Key Words
Touring, dramaturgy, regional theatre, mobility, theatre history, Theatregoround, Royal Shakespeare Company
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NATIONAL DANCE PLATFORMS IN A GLOBALISED DANCE WORLD

National Dance Platforms NaDaPs are annual or biennial dance festivals that are framed as ‘national’ and are aimed primarily to an audience of international guests. These are offered a curated programme, often defined as ‘the best’ of the country’s productions in the field of dance in the time-frame in-between the successive platforms. With a programme framed as national and aimed at a foreign audience, NaDaPs inherently suggest a narrative of nationhood that becomes representative for the nation. However, NaDaPs are, at the same time, market places and have as such the aim of enabling trade and generating turnover. There is a long chain of festivals of industry and culture representing nations, initiated with the establishment of the nation-state as unit of governance. However, NaDaPs are a production of the globalised neoliberal world, in which the hyphen between the nation and the state increases, not least thanks to phenomena like mass media, digitalisation and migrations Appadurai 1996. While NaDaPs assert ways of deploying meaning through dance, they create contemporary national traditions Hobbsbaum and Ranger 1992, thus contributing to the imaginary that holds together a community Anderson 1983. Meanwhile, they might respond to the logics of strategic nation branding Aronczyk 2013, thus playing a role in the legitimisation of optimised, normalised dancers as commodity following strategies of governmentality in a neoliberal en-logics of strategic nation branding Aronczyk 2013, thus playing a role in the legitimisation of optimised, normalised dancers as commodity following strategies of governmentality in a neoliberal environment. This paper will thus problematize the conflation of disparate imperatives that originate out of the multi-layered-ness of the NaDaP. References Anderson, B. 1983 Imagined Communities: reflections on the origin and spread of nationalism. Appadurai, A. 1996 Modernity at Large. Cultural Dimensions of Globalisation Aronczyk, M. 2013 Branding the Nation: The Global Business of National Identity. Brown, W. 2003 ‘Neoliberalism or the End of Liberal Democracy’ Hobbsbaum, E. & Ranger, T. 1992 The Invention of Tradition

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MIGRATING MIA: STRATEGIES OF TRANSLATION ACROSS THE BORDERS OF GENRE AND NATION

Over more than a decade from the year 2000, I engaged in a project to translate the short stories of the Mozambican writer Mia Couto to the stage. This work resulted in the production Voices Made Night different versions of which were performed in Cape Town, Grahamstown, Maputo and Edinburgh between 2000 and 2013. Mia Couto has been acclaimed as one of the most original Mozambican writers. Along with one or two others, Couto has begun developing a new and deeply creative literary language based in the African oral tradition and on African transformations of spoken Portuguese. Couto’s writing is rooted in the strange and often bizarre realities of life in contemporary African societies in transition. His stories confront head on the difficulties facing postcolonial societies in the process of transformation, offering unique insight into the psychic damage, which has been the legacy of both colonial history and the wars of decolonisation. The stories have been linguistically translated into English by David Brookshaw and these are the versions from which the stage production was adapted. Part of the ongoing project has been to discover ways in which to make the stories align with the particular context of their original creation and to migrate this context and the particularities of the linguistic register employed in the original versions to audiences in other countries, initially in Africa but also in other parts of the world. The paper recounts the experience of the director trying to engage Mia Couto directly regarding the work of adaptation and translation as an indication of the difficulty, perhaps impossibility, of ever being able to reach back to the original author in the process of translation or to traverse borders between nations and genres.

Key Words
Translation Migration Asymmetry
EXPANSIVE CHOREOGRAPHY: (DE)COLONIALITY AND SPATIALITY IN AUSTRALIAN AND INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN CONCERT DANCE

The paper demonstrates how European settlement of Australia and the dispossession of Indigenous Australians is enacted and challenged in concert dance and dance discourse. From a dance studies perspective, informed by postcolonial and critical race theory, I examine non-Indigenous Australian dance and argue that it is frequently entangled with colonialism and Australian nationalism. I go on to consider how Indigenous Australians’ increasing participation in the concert dance industry unsettles colonialist and nationalistic projects in dance. It is widely acknowledged by dance scholars that uninterrupted movement associated with Euro- pean imperialism and concurrent industrial developments, such as the introduction of locomotives and conveyor belts, is constitutive of ‘Western’, modern notions of choreography (Dempster, 1999; Lepecki, 2006; Foster, 2013). Running parallel to dance scholarly observations, many Australian dance critics, historians, and makers uncritically emphasise the bond between Australian landscapes and the national dance identity: vast, open space that invites athletic and expansive choreographic displays (McKechnie, 1991; Stock, 1993; Card, 2001; Burridge & Dyson, 2012). This paper seeks to initiate a discussion about the colonial legacy of an Australian concert dance identity that embodies free movement in ‘empty’ spaces.

I complicate my critique of the Australian dance identity through the choreographic-political analysis of concert dances by Indigenous Australians. I provide examples of choreography that trouble both Australian dance’s implicit and dance studies’ explicit conflation of coloniality and modernist dance. This draws attention to the limitations of Eurocentric aesthetics and critical dance studies’ methodologies in the reception of Indigenous Australian contemporary concert dance.

Key Words
contemporary dance, colonialism, appropriation, indigeneity

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SITED THEATRE AND REPRESENTATIONS OF MIGRATION IN CONTEMPORARY MARSEILLE

What is the singularity of theatre as a mode of representing migration? I focus here on the anchored, sited nature of theatres in the communities in which they are located. This issue is important in Marseille, a “city of villages” composed of many distinctive, longstanding neighborhoods and a city in which repeated waves of immigration, as well as internal relocations owing to forces such as deindustrialization and urban renovation, have produced great flux in terms of neighborhood demographics. I investigate how localized theatre spaces and institutions embody and articulate some of the tensions around rootedness and transiency that characterize Marseille’s urban geography. Many arts organizations in the city claim and support a mission of engaging with their local communities. Although I consider large, prominent institutions, I focus especially on Théâtre de la Mer and Théâtre de l’Oeuvre, smaller companies that support a particular emphasis on neighborhood engagement and work with immigrant constituencies. One strategy these theatres have used to engage local communities has been exterior site-specific projects, initiatives intended to reveal, and to elicit participation in, neighborhood life outside the theatre’s walls. Bearing in mind questions from recent scholarship on site-specificity, I will discuss the sitedness of the theatre building itself. What is the local footprint of the theatre as defined by and also extensive beyond its walls? How do the actualities of the neighborhood as a place “leak” to use Pearson’s term into the artistic practice, or how are they filtered out? How can the theatre be sited in terms of the connections the institution articulates to more distant locales? How are the theatre sites important to the ways in which these institutions represent migration and what can this tell us about the role of theatre in urban culture in Marseille?

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THEATRICAL MIGRATION IN MODERN JAPANESE MUSICAL COMEDY: NEW IDEOLOGY AND DEMOCRACY UNDER THE MONGAMOUS MARRIAGE SYSTEM

AI’ as a translation of love, was first enacted in the realm of theatre at the beginning of the Taisho era. It had emerged as a translation of ‘love’ along with the modernisation and Westernisation of Japanese literature, drama, and philosophy. Although other words such as ‘koi’ and ‘nasake’ were previously used to translate love for the stage during Meiji era, a new wholistic concept of the word ‘ai’ that included aesthetic appeal, sexual lustiness, and spiritual aspects began to be introduced out of the tensions of translated Western dramas, shocking audiences and raising controversy. Ibsen’s A Doll’s House (1911), Sudermann’s Magda (1912), and a play from Mérimée’s Carmen (1918) stimulated much debate in the 1910s, whilst Japanese playwrights, such as Kan Kikuchi and Momozō Kurata, simultaneously started to promote a broadened concept of ‘ai’ to large audiences. Around 1920, there were a number of popular performances that highlighted the issues of ‘ai’, one of which was a satirical musical comedy ‘Philosophy of Love’ (Rabu Tetsugaku) written by Tarō Masuda and performed at the Imperial Theatre in 1922. The form of this musical comedy was heavily indebted to that of British musical comedy and the issues of love depicted in the play reflected much of Victorian sexual double standard. The issue of ‘love=ai’ provides a new lens to understand transnational forms of performances, which attracted large audiences in Taishō Japan.

Key Words
theatrical migration, modern theatre, Japanese theatre, love, marriage, sexual double standard, musical comedy

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FROM SAVONAROLA TO ISIS AND TRUMP: WHEN CULTURAL BECOMES THE ENEMY

Although the application of technology to the arts may seem a recent phenomenon, one could argue that in time there have been multiple technical advancements which changed the crafting of an artwork. However, the current rush towards an increasing virtualization of all human experiences and interactions is putting into question the core elements of culture, that is to say its solidarity, permanence and production of a community. According to advocates of the Singularity philosophy, in a few years the majority of all professional activities will be carried out more efficiently by robots. Based on this perspective, the creative and artistic world will be the least affected by mass unemployment created by robots, as human beings will be better fit to represent empathy and feelings through the arts. Nonetheless, mass media and social networks are transforming the fruition of a live experience, putting into jeopardy the very idea of a stable community of reference. On top of this, we are currently witnessing a backlash against the very notion of culture as openness, bridging or crossing through differences, in favor of a protective and restrictive ideology made of violent erasure of archeological artifacts in Syria, the use of fear and ethnic substitution rhetoric in the US, and so on. This paper is a first theoretical attempt to make sense of these opposing forces that are challenging the value of culture as a unifying element: from one side the need to resist the increasing individualism of a media-based fruition of the arts, on the other side the imperative to oppose forms of political neo-barbarism focused on the notion of culture as substitution / division rather than culture as shared vision / unity.

Key Words
singularity, resistance, community, cultural protectionism
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PUPPET, GOLEM, AUTONOMOUS AVATAR: A JOURNEY TOWARDS MIXED REALITY STAGE

We propose to expose some results ensuing a practice-as-research work-in-progress involving actors, stage directors and digital artists. This research addresses acting conditions for inhabiting 3D world and works out theatrical relationships between physical actors and avatars on a mixed reality stage. It was used in the « Mask and Avatar » artistic project supported by French Labex ARTS H2H with theater deparment of Paris 8 and Warwick Universities in 2017 and 2018. We describe how we connect in realtime physical actors to digital avatars with the purpose of building theatrical performances adressing scenic co-presence and movement quality issues. We sketch out bridges between the theater and video game worlds about the way of understanding movement and intentionnality, resort to the metaphores of the puppet and the golem to figure out acting constraints and solutions for enhancing avatar expressivity, by relying on acting exemples from « Mask and avatar » project. We study some video game strategies for approaching avatar autonomous behaviour with the view to opening authoring possibilities in mixed reality performing stage context.

Key Words
hybrid acting, avatar, mixed reality, motion capture, movement quality

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MIGRATION: A CULTURAL BIRTH; EFFECTS OF MIGRATION ON IRANIAN MODERN THEATRE

This paper explores the possibilities that Migration gave to emergence of Modern theatre in Iran. Migration is not only an act of transporting a body over geographical borders but also a process of mobilising cultures through cogitative and active ambassadors emigrants. Using the manifest of Cultural mobility by Stephan Greenblatt, the paper tries to find the trace of a theatrical exchange through human mobilisations in the history of Modern Iran. Modernisation process in Iran began in 19th century and its first drive was by sending Iranian students to Europe. This wave of elite’s migration and their return to their homeland is very important in case of modernising Iran. The fact that scholars, elites and foreign missioners imported modern theatre to Iranian stages as a cultural commodity to function as a tool of refinement, the dissemination of ethics, imposing modern social moralities and democracy could be analysed on the basis of cultural studies and, specifically, the “cultural mobility theory” by Stephan Greenblatt. The survey questions the encounter of cultures through migration and the theatricality of this interaction, which led to birth of modern Theatre and future artistic innovations in Iran. The research has a descriptive method and analysis this matter through qualitative Data collection, social analytics and archival documents.

Key Words
Iran, Cultural mobility, Modernisation, Migration, Theatricality

International Festival Co-Productions as ‘Migrating’ Theatre: Exploring the Interplay of the National and Transnational in the Production and Critical Reception of Falk Richter and Anouk van Dijk’s “Complexity of Belonging”

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The proposed paper aims to explain how “third space” theory can be applied to create theatre that is able to reflect on a South African society “united in diversity”. Such theatre lends itself to the open-hearted exploration of difference in terms of both form and content. To do so it employs a generative rather than fixed approach: in the case of the production Ekspedisies [Expeditions], each version of the play produced material from which the next production could be made, opening a space for exchange as new versions emerged. The interaction that this allows can in turn be viewed in terms of the “third space”, understood to be a “meeting point” and “hybrid place” (Soja, 1996). In Homi Bhabha’s (1990) terms, the third space is one in which the cultures of colonisers and colonised can come together, offering opportunities for the formation of new cultural forms in post-colonial contexts – forms that are neither representative of the one nor the other. Edward Soja (1996) explains that it is a place “where old connections can be disturbed and new ones emerge” (56): something vital within a South African context where many connections and relationships are still based on a black/white apartheid mind-set. The search for a third way, then, is an attempt to cross borders so as to transcend strict and well defined oppositions in an attempt to create future possibilities. The manner in which this can be done will be explained using examples from the various iterations of the production Ekspedisies.

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KNOW YOUR ACTIVIST!!

In the last couple of years India has witnessed a massive change in its political life since the far-right political party BJP came into power in 2014. Since then the country has been facing unprecedented and spectacular violence along the lines of caste, religion, and of course gender along with economic decline brought about through demonetization and the Goods and Services Tax. In line with such political events of the recent past, university spaces like Hyderabad Central University, Hyderabad, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and Jadavpur University, Kolkata have come in to focus through the forms of protest against the institutional killing of lower caste students like Rohith Vemula and for the right to free speech and dissent. This has created a space of the emergence of youth leaders as a strong voice of opposition to this government. This is especially important for my ongoing PhD because this current situation has brought up questions of identity and legitimacy of activists and politically marks a historical moment of the coming together of the Left students’ movement and the Dalit or Ambedkarite students’ movement. Therefore, I would like to address the following questions through this paper: 1. the creation of the revolutionary youth icon and leader: what it means to be a student/youth activist, the thrust on the identity of activists, and the restructuring of the Communist dream. 2. The performative strategies used to ‘know your activists/student leaders’ and how it gets reflected in popular modes of representation.

Key Words
Activism, Identity, Nation, Youth icon

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EUROPE IN CRISIS, REFUGEES, AND THE CHALLENGE OF MIGRATION

Taking as a point of departure recent writing by theorists such as Étienne Balibar, Seyla Benhabib, and Slavoj Žižek, who in their different ways have argued that the ongoing refugee crisis presents a unique opportunity for Europe to redefine itself, the paper traces the ways in which the crisis and related issues are broached in a range of recent performances such as Elfriede Jelinek’s Charges The Supplicants, 2015, Milo Rau’s Empire 2016 (the final part of The Europe Trilogy), and Brett Bailey’s Sanctuary 2017 and Nermin Hamzagic’s Welcome 2017. How do such performances succeed – or fail – in the contested context the increasingly repressive European migration regimes? What possibilities of a ‘new foundation’ of the European project/ reconstructed Europe can be discerned in the European political arena? And what’s the role of the Left in reclaiming the material, social, and legal conditions for the acceptance of refugees in Europe? What can be done from the Leftist standpoint to establish unity, solidarity, and hospitality in Europe against a transnational front of the forces rejecting refugees?

Key Words
Europe, the Left, Crisis, Migration, Refugees, Solidarity
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POSSIBLES OF AMATEUR THEATER PRODUCTION IN SUPER AGING SOCIETY: A CASE STUDY ON THEATER ACTIVITIES BY THE ELDERLY

This paper examines diversity and development of theater productions among Japanese senior citizens and proposes three hypotheses to consider in understanding amateur theater productions in super aging society. Japan is one of the most rapidly advancing aging societies. The Japanese aging population ratio, the proportion of people over 65 or above to the total population in 2016 is 27.3% and it is the highest in the world. The ratio is projected to be over 30% by the year 2030. With such a growing senior population, enhancing their quality of life is one of the most challenging tasks in the society of Japan. In this context, the senior citizen’s participation in theatrical activities has been increasing rapidly. For example, over 40 theater groups by seniors are listed by a website specializing in senior theaters. In 2011, the National Senior Theater Network was established and twelve senior theater groups participated in its 2017 annual festival. One remarkable characteristic of these senior-citizen theater productions is their diversity. Some, such as Saitama Gold Theater Group by Yukio Ninagawa, an internationally well-known director, are more professionally oriented, aiming at creating finest theatrical works. Others, however, have different goals and agendas. For example, in “Aging and Theater Project,” Naoki Sugawara, a licensed care worker and actor, works with amateur actors, including one who is 91 years old, and presents productions featuring aging, senile dementia, and death. By taking several examples of theater productions by seniors, this paper illustrates their wide range of agendas and objectives as well as artistic expressions. The paper, then, posits three key points to consider in examining senior theoretical productions. Those points are 1 degrees of openness of the productions to senior participants and audience, 2 relationships between theater groups and their local communities, and 3 theoretical dimensions that productions aim to attain.

Key Words
Amateur Theater, Super Aging Society, the Elderly, Community

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AESTHETICS OF STANDSTILL AS COUNTERTEMPORALITIES

In a society that self-referentially claims that “modernity is speed,” Eriksen 2001 the role of standstill is met with deep ambivalence. Embodying the fear of stagnation, it threatens the economic and political imperatives for constant growth. As leisure time or otium, it has become the formulaic longing of a thoroughly scheduled society. Finally, as an act of disobedience or strike, it serves as a tool and battle cry of all emancipation movements. In my talk I would like to draw attention to the aesthetic potentials of stasis: How is standstill evoked in art? How does that, in turn, affect the perception of time? And to what degree do artistic practices of arresting movement hold aspects of resistance? Along different positions form theatre and performance art, the lecture will draw attention to the fact, that the performing arts indeed play host to numerous aesthetic processes of deceleration, stopping, pausation and stasis – directed against hegemonic time regimes. I will argue, that artistic practices of stasis can be seen as work towards “counter-temporalities.” Their objective is not to negate or abolish time, but to reflect and multiply experiences of time. Especially in the arts, such multi-layered temporalities are tried out, for the reflection and criticism of temporal orders is one of the characteristics of modern aesthetics. Their procedures and effects vary according to genre, medium, material and audience.

Key Words
Stasis, Aesthetic of Standstill, Counter-temporalities
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MELODRAMA IN BRAZIL AND THE POLITICS OF TRAVELING AFFECTIVE FORMS

This paper discusses the political implications of corporal forms which travel in space and in time. Exploring Aby Warburgs concept of affective formulae, it follows the process of comical inversion of melodramatic forms in the play A Maldição do Vale Negro The Curse of the Black Valley, in Portuguese, presented in Rio de Janeiro, 1988. The play satirized the melodrama genre of the 19th century by making a pastiche of all its formulae. In the process of Brazilian importation and adaptation of the corporal canons of French melodrama, a certain irrational side of European culture had served, in the 19th century, as a bridge to the smuggling of moral values. Especially for the rising national bourgeoisie, this was also a bridge to the very sentiment of belonging to foreign standards. Despite the stigma of an alienating, lesser art, melodrama has spread worldwide, particularly in Brazil, revealing an extraordinary renovation capability by metamorphosing into the most varied narrative formats - feuilleton, circus-theater, cinema, radio-theater, radionovela, telenovela. Every time a new type of mass communication technology is invented, a new melodramatic form immediately springs up to utilize that support. Through the perspective of the 1988 play, this article seeks also to properly place the repossession mechanism of the old forms in the context of the Rio de Janeiro theater, which reformulated itself facing a crisis created by a new cultural scenario. Two factors were decisive in this crisis: the post-modernist wind promoting the disbelief in great political narratives, and the universalization of telenovelas, whose naturalist acting style replaced the romantic corporal formulae in order to try to attenuate the melodramatic aspect of the plots.

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ARCHIVES OF THE OTHER: VIOLENCE AND RACISM IN REPRESENTATIONS OF MAPUCHE PEOPLE IN CHILEAN THEATER

I propose to review the scenic construction of the Mapuche as an other that has been evicted from their land and forced to migrate or enclosed by the hegemonic power. For this I will focus on the scenic uses of the archival material incorporated in two recent plays: Galvarino by Paula González, 2012 and Noche Mapuche by Marcelo Leonart, 2017. I maintain as an entrance to these works that the exhibition of documents not only operate as a denunciation of conflicts over the territory but also about the prejudices of race and violence with which Chilean society in general continues to operate.

Key Words
Indigenous Migration Archive, Mapuche Contemporary Chilean Theatre.
MIGRANT FARMSCAPES: PERFORMATIVE INTERVENTIONS INTO US AGRICULTURE

The Southern Poverty Law Center estimates that six out of ten farm workers in the United States are undocumented, and the National Agricultural Workers Survey claims that up to 78% of the agricultural workforce in the twenty-first century has crossed a border to till American soil. Without these mostly invisible migrant workers, the US food system would be paralysed as farmers would not have enough hands to harvest the crops. And yet, the farm labourers, predominantly but not solely from Mexico, lack decent working conditions and basic rights and are afraid to report exploitation and abuse for fear of deportation.

For decades, agricultural labour activists have used art-based tactics to fight injustice: the activist/artist collaboration between Cesar Chavez, founder of what became the United Farm Workers Union, and Luis Valdez’s El Teatro Campesino in the 1960s immediately comes to mind. In the early twenty-first century, a leading voice in farm labour activism is the Coalition of Immokalee Workers CIW, first organized in 1993 in Immokalee, Florida. Unlike Valdez’s actos to raise awareness, CIW relies on performative interventions, public events in ‘open and mobile spaces of participation’. She published Contemporary Street Arts in Europe: Aesthetics and Politics in 2013 as well as several articles and book chapters on street arts and applied theatre over the last ten years. Her current work expands this research to look at performance and agriculture. She is currently working on a book entitled Performing Landscapes: Farmlands, to be published with Palgrave Macmillan, and a practice-as-research performance project on women’s contributions to UK agriculture. She also works as a professional dramaturg, most recently with the Polish street theatre company, Teatr Biuro Podróży’s The Winter’s Tale, performed in the Coventry Cathedral ruins in 2017.

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HARA SACHIKO’S BODY IN HER RECENT WORKS IN GERMANY REGARDING MIGRATION

Japanese actress Hara Sachiko, the one and only full-employed Japanese actress in the ensembles of different municipal theatres in Germany and Austria in these two decades, has developed remarkable individual activities since 2010. Her original event Hiroshima-Salon in Hanover has been held since 2010 every year. The first aim was to promote the unknown partnership between the two cities through various contents such as documentary movie, lecture, cosplay show, and karaoke by Japanese and German participants while Japanese foods were offered. But the Great East Japan Earthquake and the following accident of the nuclear power plant in Fukushima in 2011 changed the content. After her colleagues had recommended her strongly to persuade her family living in Tokyo to flee to Germany, she used the event to inform German residents about where in Japan and how safe was by showing her interviews conducted on Japanese locals. Before the creation began, she must have been forced to have the idea that her family in Japan would have to emigrate to Germany. After she had moved to Hamburg in 2013, she often engaged herself to the projects related to the theme emigrants/immigrants. An installation Bibi Challenge 2014 made refugees sailing on an ocean its theme, and New Hamburg 2015 was a collaboration with immigrants living concentrated in a particular district of Hamburg. The latter was soon developed and invited to Venice Biennale after Hara’s workplace Deutsches Schauspielhaus Hamburg had offered its building for temporal staying for refugees arriving from Syria when Hara had cared them voluntarily with her colleagues. Hara’s body in the performances in Germany functions as a continuously developing symbolic medium. It often demonstrates otherness of her collaborations with director René Pollesch and reflects recently her solidarity with immigrants who are forced to find their new home as a minority.

Key Words
body, Japanese, German, earthquake, Fukushima

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**WE WERE TO LIVE HERE, TOGETHER: NOTES ON STRANGENESS, OTHERING, DRAMATURGY, ETHICS, AND AESTHETICS**

In “What is Epic Theatre?”, Walter Benjamin reflects on the act of interruption as a political, dramaturgical, and aesthetic strategy for the theatre. To exemplify he outlines a scene of bourgeois family conflict, into which a stranger enters – interrupting the action and providing a new and defamiliarizing perspective on the situation at hand. With this point of departure, I would like to propose a paper outlining the political and aesthetic potential of Kristian Hallberg’s We were to live here, together, which I directed at Folktätern in Gothenburg in 2017. Set in contemporary Sweden, this play subtly brings the private sphere of a married, middle-aged, middle-class, white couple into a confrontation with social precarity and exclusion. Here, the entry – onto the stage, into the middle-class home, and by extension into the arena of public life – of a stranger/Other, in the shape of a homeless Eastern European Roma woman, disrupts and makes strange the course of everyday life, the politics of hospitality, and not least the relation between Sweden’s majority population and so-called “EU migrants.” In my presentation, I will analyze the drama and its contextualization in the social sphere and migration politics of contemporary Sweden/Europe, while simultaneously considering the aesthetic, ethical and technical/practical challenges involved in working with this text as a director.

Key Words
directing, dramaturgy, gender, othering, Verfremdung

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A group of 40 young men from the Mexican border city of Matamoros, twin city of Brownsville, Texas US, perform a contemporary pop-cultural appropriation of a historical ‘danza de conquista’ conquest dance in the public space. The dance, in which indigenous practices, colonial narratives, pop-culture and spirituality resonate, is an expression of resistance in a context of extreme violence related to drug trafficking narcotrafic at the border between Mexico and the US. The influx of weapons and the outflux of opioids at bargain prices erase the security of public space. The dance claims it by the temporal presence of ‘other’/alternative male group formations – a re-presentation of ‘other’ bodies different from militarized drug cartel hierarchies but similar in terms of the performance of potency, virility and energy: “The don’t hold a weapon – just a shaker in their hand – Green, white, red, the colors of my land” quote from a Hip Hop song about the dance. Significantly, the exposure of their dancing bodies serves as a kind of shield which protects and gives them a certain ‘symbolic’ power in the social context of the violent border region. Moreover, the spiritual aspect of the dance, which is today dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe – the contemporary costumes include for example the image of the Virgin – contributes to the sacralization of this collective act of resistance. In our co-presentation we want to present and analyze this border-choreography, understood as an agent and catalyst for socio-cultural strategies of resistance by means of dancing and performing. This staging of bodies beyond theatrical representation draws into question cultural, racial and aesthetic borders.

Key Words
border-choreography, resistance, contempo-traditional, pop-culture, embodiment, narco-culture
THEATRE IN REFUGEE CAMPS: A SURVEY OF CURRENT PRACTICE AS A TOOL FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Theatre in times of war, conflict and in encampments is not new Balfour, 2001 Balfour, Thompson, & Hughes, 2009 Conquergood and yet, when assessing the needs of refugees in camps and transit it is easy to presume that only food, shelter and safety are truly necessary. Two British playwrights saw a need at the Jungle refugee camp and established Good Chance Theatre as an opportunity to feel “human” as the need for expression is as vital as food and shelter. Good Chance Theatre became part of the very act of migration and in turn, their practice offered a mirror to this migration allowing a personal growth movement from one part to another, for “the artist’s freedom is his sense of distance from this world...His [old] world ceased to exist, he must find his feet in the new one” Clarke, 2001, p. 89. In Lesbos, an access point for thousands of refugees, two groups have established support for refugees: MOSAIK offers art, craft and performance opportunities to set a counterexample of what is possible, whilst Angels Relief Team offer cultural programming with the goal of peace and belonging. In a digital exploration of six continents and twenty countries, it can be confirmed that although these two Lesbos groups are special, they are not unique. This paper highlights the enormously varied theatre practice in refugee camps as tools for cultural identity, revolution, entertainment and education. Theatre allows potential for “creativity and the power of the arts in building hope in times of despair... to think that they can change the world and create miracles” Abusour, 2013, p. 232. But, are ethical considerations being made, in particular relating to survivors of trauma? Is the practice culturally sensitive, valuable to participants and is there genuine informed consent? How can this practice move “beyond harm” to benefit all Mackenzie, McDowell, & Pittaway, 2007?

Key Words
refugee theatre theatre in refugee camps beyond harm ethics of refugee theatre applied theatre

Key Words
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SCENOGRAPHICS AND MICROSTATES: ARGUMENTS FOR A RENEWED POLITICS OF BORDER

I argue that ‘scenographics’ are formative to all acts of theatre-making. In this presentation, I challenge the deterministic assumption that stages precede scenography to isolate how other staged or situated worldings are also manifested through scenographics: including the place orientating affordances of light, stage geography, costume and sound. Or more precisely, I argue that there are no stages without scenographics. This, in turn, reveals how land borders are enacted and felt through the orientating traits of scenographics: as that which irritate, other and complicate orders of world. Whether Una Chaudhuri 1995 or Sophie Nielde 2008, the stage as a form of ‘border space’ is now well-established within theatre & performance studies. Yet, the negotiated social contracts of borders have, I argue, been devised according to what Marshall McLuhan describes as the compartmentalisation of ‘visual space’. Scenographics complicate the politics of border by reviewing how speculative microstates, such as the Republic of Molossia, declare and affirm their borders both in terms of ideology and materiality through the material and immaterial orientations of scenographics. Situated within the Nevada town of Harmony Province, the self-declared microstate of Molossia is composed of three properties and covers approximately one acre. To manifest this declaration of nation, the borders of Molossia are enacted through crafted materialities such as changes in ground texture, architecture and signage. While the politics that these scenographics enact are speculative in intention and legality, they are no less orientating that any other land border. Moreover, the scenographics of Molossia manifest the politics of this microstate: where scenographics can enact speculative worldings and, in doing so, invite what Hannah Arendt The Human Condition, 1958 described as a ‘space of appearance’. Consequently, I argue that scenographics can enact a renewed politics of border through the affirmative act of being with world.

Key Words
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DEFINING IMPERIAL ROME THROUGH PUBLIC PERFORMANCE: THE TRIAL OF PISO

There are few performances as dramatic as a show trial, and none was more riveting in first century Rome than the trial of Gnaeus Calpurnius Piso on the charge on poisoning Tiberius heir-apparent, Germanicus, in far away Syria. This was, without doubt, the trial of its century. Tacitus renders the trial, and the events surrounding it, the centerpiece of Book Three of the Annales, and it remains one of antiquity’s most noted accounts of public engagement. Much has been written about these events, and Tacitus account of them, but the narrative has not yet been analyzed for what, at the core it is: an account of a public performance. Indeed, a close analysis of Tacitus own language, particularly in contrast with other sources, shows that he envisions many elements as exemplars of how public performance constructs borders between Roman and foreign, imperial and republican, supporters of/collaborators with the regime, and conspirators/freedom fighters. These questions come on stage in public. Tiberius, himself considered by many to have ordered the murder, must reinvent himself for the public as the grieving uncle. In striking view is the careful staging of the arrival of Germanicus widow from Syria, the engagement of the soldiers on the night of the funeral, and the reports of Germanicus final days, in which his friends must enact the dead man’s role. The characters don’t just explain or promote their versions of reality they visually reify them by acting parts, and the trial is profoundly influenced not by oratory, but by the adoption and performance of personae. The was not a mere play or diversion, it was a carefully-planned performance and counter-performance that tried to answer that most vexing of problems: Who was truly part of an imperial Rome, and who was a dispensable extra?

Key Words
Rome, Empire, Public Performance, Classical

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MIGRATION, TRANSPLANTATION AND UTOPIA IN THE EARLY ACTION WORKS OF ISRAELI-MOROCCAN ARTIST PINCHAS COHEN GAN.

When Israeli artist Pinchas Cohen Gan b. 1942 gives an account of his life story, he begins with the fact of his compelled uprooting from his native land Morocco and migration to Israel in 1949, a year after its foundation. Migrating from a Muslim country, Cohen Gan, the Oriental Jew, “Easterner” in Hebrew Mizrahi, was struggling to find his place and integrate in the newly born country whose cultural identity and social hegemony were and still are European oriented. Although he has lived in Israel most of his life, Cohen Gan still considers himself to be a Moroccan Jewish refugee who lost his home. Between 1971 to 1975 Cohen Gan performed a series of distinctive environmental projects which he termed “activities.” As I see it, a prominent characteristic of these activities was his use of “transplantation” as a performative method: the insertion of a foreign element into a particular ecological, cultural, or aesthetic environment in a hopeless attempt to assimilate it within that environment. For example, in 1972 he mounted an exhibition of his paintings at the cowshed of Kibbutz Nirim in The Dead Sea Project 1972 he attempted to transplant fish into the Dead Sea and in 1973 he traveled alone to Alaska to explore life and assimilation in a different geographical and cultural environment. I maintain that these conceptual projects were autobiographical in essence and, more importantly, purposely futureless from the start as they reflected Cohen Gan’s own failure, as a Jewish immigrant from a Muslim country, to assimilate in the fabricated utopian Israeli “melting pot.” These activities were critical of Israel’s ethnocentrism and nativist social policies.

Key Words
migration, action art, identity, utopia
STAGING SEDITION AND THE POLITICS OF IMMOBILITY, THEORIZING GUERRILLA EQUIVOCATION

The allusion in the IFTR conference theme to an undefined space “between migration and stasis” positions theatre squarely within contentious debates about the political significance of mobility and immobility. Drawing upon those debates, my paper echoes Darin Barney’s critique of Tim Cresswell’s influential essay “Towards a Politics of Mobility” and of its key assertion that politics “involve[s] the production and distribution of power.” Barney proposes instead an activist understanding of politics not “as the distribution” but “as the disruption of power” and thus as something countering social formations that structure mobility as a reinforcement of existing political orders. Barney’s argument equates politics with “resistance” itself—and correspondingly with “stasis”—since “resistance” literally means a “group action in opposition to those in power,” or more simply put, “a force that obstructs or opposes motion.” Here, “the politics of immobility” suggests a principled, disruptive refusal to move along the paths of social mobility that fortify existent mechanisms of power. My paper asks: how do the politics of this resistant immobility—of this disruptive stasis—perform? Addressing this question, my paper considers the disruptive force of a performative that I identify as “guerrilla equivocation” and it focuses on two case studies as its primary examples: the declaration of a “Dada Republic” by the Berlin Dadaists in 1918, and the students-led demonstrations in Paris in May 1968. I am interested in how these profoundly disruptive events performed what was and simultaneously was not a moment of sedition. Theorizing such moments of staging sedition as an example of guerrilla equivocation, my paper offers it a viable tactic in the repertoire of creative activism, a tactic that in the final section of my paper I argue was espoused in 2007 by the group known as the Tarnac Nine.

Key Words
Mobility, Immobility, Sedition, Dada, Avant-Garde, May 1968, Tarnac Nine

AESTHETICIZATION OF SUFFERING

In this article, I will ask what kind of language can deal with the aestheticization of suffering where violence, identified with power, is exalted—a question which I asked, for the first time reading Ariane Mnouchkine’s expression “to avoid dramatising the subject” which she used while working on The Last Caravanserai— I would like to question the purpose of projecting an ethical case which may be disregarded in performance where the victims of this violence are the subject matter. How can language deal with exposure to intensifying violence, the threat of war, war itself of perpetually moving of being an outsider, not hearing your language in public of facing an existence in another land, being surplus, while having significant value in your own land? Can such an existence possibly be observed from an external perspective? Can an internal perspective truly show reality? As human actions establish life strategies, further questions arise: would the internalized violence produce an alienating effect? Would the artist’s concern about visibility result in a further sacrifice of the victim, this time on the stage? How would the means of transferring the practicality of ‘survival’ into the language of art, in both metaphorical and denotational senses, be realised in lands which are “undeveloped”, perhaps “doomed-to-stay-undeveloped” playgrounds of diverse political tendencies far from the “civilized world”? I will develop various definitions within this context: to exemplify these issues, I will try to explain through an insiders view Muhammad Al-Attar’s and Omar Abusaade’s Ihigienia, and Yeşim Özsoy’s Yaşlı Çocuk Çocuk ve Sanat, Çocuk ve Edebiyat ve Kahramanlar Kitabı with her articles. In the meantime, she is member of editorial board of Mimesis, Journal of Theatre/Translation-Research, University of Bosphorous Publishing and the art council of Kadıkoy Municipality, Istanbul.

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Aestheticization, suffering, immigration, violence
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PERFORMING THE BULWARK OF EUROPE: NOTIONS OF NATION AND IDENTITY IN 19TH-CENTURY VIENNA

In 2006, the Austrian right-wing party FPÖ, that is known for its fierce nationalist politics and a long history of ongoing anti-Muslim campaigns, called the perceived flow of migrants coming to and living in the ‘fortress of Europe’ the ‘Third Turkish Siege’. The dystopian image of this slogan not only conveys simplified notions of nation and identity that aggressively exclude the Other, but even more significantly, draws on one of the most prominent events of Austrian history kept alive in the cultural memory: The Sieges of Vienna in 1529 and 1683. Especially the defeat of the Ottoman Empire at the Second Siege and the relief of Vienna has been glorified since 1683—be it in school books, memorials in Vienna, commemorative ceremonies or in dramatizations. Turned into a religious war between Islam and Christendom, the Occident’s ‘triumph’ over the Orient has thus been remembered for centuries. Both metaphorically and literally, Vienna was repeatedly staged as Europe’s bulwark. Taking into account the topicality of the performance of borders, in Austria and beyond, this paper takes a perspective into past performances of the bulwark of Europe: It investigates the theatricality of these commemorations of 1683 in Vienna and the role of theatre in re-enacting history, keeping the memory of the past alive. Focusing on Vienna’s historical performance practice around 1900 and the genre of ‘Türkenstücke’ (Turks’ plays), this paper discusses the topics of nation and identity, as well as the construction of Self and Other through the performance of borders and bulwarks on the basis of particular productions and their reception in Imperial Vienna.

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theatre history, 19th century, Vienna, Orientalism

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EXILED ACROSS THE MERSEY: PERFORMING RELIGIO-CULTURAL IDENTITY AT THE BORDERS WITH THE LIVERPOOL WELSH

This paper discusses the hybridised, religio-cultural distinctiveness that characterises traditional articulations of Liverpool Welsh identity. The Liverpool Welsh are a community of Welsh ‘ex-pats’ living in Liverpool, England. Historically tremendously influential, both economically and culturally, many Northern Welsh were drawn to Liverpool for work and education. By the turn of the twentieth century, Liverpool’s status as the unofficial capital of North Wales had seen the establishment of small but influential Welsh language enclaves across the city. Local eisteddfodau were regularly held throughout Liverpool until at least the mid-twentieth century and the Welsh National Eisteddfod was held on Merseyside six times between 1878 and 1929. Yet today, despite their significant material impact on the city of Liverpool, the community is largely invisible to other Liverpudlians. Self-described exiles, the Liverpool Welsh still view themselves as a Welsh language community located in England, with key aspects of this diminishing community’s identity chronicled by a predominantly male leadership and expressed almost exclusively through the prism of Welsh Calvinist Methodist chapel life. Within this framework, the significance of a gendered understanding of the community’s histories has hitherto been overlooked. Theatr Gadair Ddu’s Daughters of Gwenfrewi project seeks to address this by exploring and documenting personal and community narratives through a series of performances and community events. Grounded in discoveries made during the performance of Cartref/At Home and the company’s Cegin y Capel/The Chapel Kitchen tour, this paper re-examines the significance of more traditional articulations of the Liverpool Welsh community’s distinctiveness, calling for a more inclusive, multi-vocal approach to chronicling its histories, one that better represents the range of experiences contained within the community in the twenty-first century.

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Liverpool Welsh, religio-cultural identity, performance, community histories, PaR, feminist, postcolonial
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THE LOSERS IN THE LATE 19TH-CENTURY KABUKI PLAYS

This paper aims to point out how the late 19th-century kabuki plays depict the losers of the Japanese civil war from 1868 to 1869. The losers as are defined here means not only the samurai warriors who participated the combat but also the citizens of the defeated domains. Kawatake Mokuami, the most eminent Japanese playwright in the late 19th century, created two roles in his play Meiji Nenkan Azuma Nikki The Meiji Years, an Eastern Diary in 1875. Although both of them have participated combats against the Imperial Force, one of them works for the new government as a policeman and the other declines the positions. Nevertheless, in the final scene, they gather at the former battle-field with a former officer of the Imperial Force and they look back on the civil war. Matsushima Sent-a, the leading role of Mokuamis Shimachidori Tsuki no Shiranami Island Plovers and Moonlit Waves is a robber. He was born in Northeast Japan and he is certainly a war orphan. His former accomplice, Akashi no Shimazo, make him reform in the last act. In the time of the First Sino-Japanese War 1894-5, Takeshiba Kisui, a disciple of Mokuami, described the Battle of Aizu in 1868 in his play Aizu San Meiji no Kumiju Aizu-made Lacquer Boxes of Meiji. In this play, the people who escaped cowardly from the battlefield of Aizu join the army to compensate their past. While the former losers recover their honour, new losers are depicted in this play. One of them is a Chinese man, and he is forced to go back to China leaving his Japanese wife and a little son. This paper will clarify how the image of the loser in the kabuki plays changed thorough the transformation of Japan into a modern nation state.

Key Words
Japanese Theatre, kabuki, war, modernization

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SHAKESPEARE IN BunRaku Puppet Theatre

The presenter will discuss a cultural migration which has caused cross-fertilization between performing Shakespeare and Bunraku puppet theatre. I would understand the word of cultural migration as successive introduction of the other culture until forming a new genre, while both of original cultures remain. The trend of adapting Shakespeare into Japanese traditional performing arts has formed a genre in performing Shakespeare in Japan since 1990s. Following the trend, The Tempest and King Henry IV had also been adapted into Bunraku puppet theatre. The Tempest was transformed into a Bunraku piece as Tenpesuto Arashi nochi Hare and was performed in 1992 and in 2009, in Osaka and in Tokyo. Another Bunraku adaptation of Shakespeare is Farusu no Taiifu, based on King Henry IV and Merry Wives of Windsor. It was performed in 2014 in Tokyo. Tenpesuto Arashi nochi Hare was originally included in the 100th anniversary programme for the Japan Society in London in 1991. However, it had not been complete for the event and its first performance was delayed to the next year. The performance in 2009 was based on the original script and partially abridged and revised by the same Bunraku dramatist, Yamada Shouichi. The plot carefully follows Shakespeares Tempest and introduces a variety of Bunraku techniques including narratives and puppet characters. On the other hand, Farusu no Taiifu, written by a Japanese Shakespearean, Kawai Shouichirou, describes the character of Farusu Falstaff mainly based on King Henry IV with the well-known love letter episode from Merry Wives of Windsor. In this work, the conflict between nation and individuals and the contrast between Stoicism and Epicureanism are explicit. For this performance, Bunraku puppets and costumes for major characters had newly been created. The author would discuss the two types of cultural migration from Shakespeare to Bunraku.

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Performing Shakespeare in Japan, Bunraku puppet theatre, adaptations
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STAGING MIGRATION, PERFORMING ALTERITY: ON ZHAO CHUAN’S GRASSROOT STAGE

Founded and based in Shanghai since 2005, the Grassroot Stage, led by Zhao Chuan, has been exploring issues of migrant workers in contemporary China. For example, his most frequently staged play, Shijie Gongchang World Factory foregrounds the difficult living conditions of Chinese migrant workers in the larger historical context of global industrialization and urbanization. By situating the personal stories of these migrant workers in the ongoing historical processes of global capitalism, Shijie Gongchang on the one hand evokes feelings of inevitability and despair among the audience on the other, it attempts to open up moments of critical thinking for the audience to contemplate on the possible solutions for the conundrums of ruthless capitalization happening in China now. Its style on the other, it attempts to open up moments of critical thinking for the audience to contemplate on the possible solutions for the conundrums of ruthless capitalization happening in China now. Its style of performance meshes realistic representations with presentational confrontations with the audience its stage aesthetics reminds us of the purposeful amateurism deployed in early avant-garde theatre as tactics against the dominant bourgeois culture. This paper seeks to discuss the cultural significance and aesthetic value of Zhao Chuan’s Grassroot Stage. Against the larger historical backdrop of the rise of China’s post socialist avant-garde theatre in the midst of neoliberalist developments, this paper will analyze why and how Zhao Chuan deals with the issues of migrant workers in this unique theatrical form? How avant-garde could his group be when judged against the dominant cultural order of contemporary Shanghai? Does his aesthetic intervention offer any significant insights into the social problem he discloses? Do they achieve any social effects locally and globally?

Key Words
The Grassroot Stage Zhao Chuan migrant workers global capitalism ethics of alterity

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DIS-OIENT EXPRESS: MOVING PLACES, HYBRID IDENTITIES

Positioning the female Oriental ‘Other’ as the speaker and the agent of the discourse on belly dancing, rather than solely the object of a Western male gaze, this paper investigates the politics of cultural difference through the prism of belly dancing. Stemming from my field research and the research performance Dis-Orient Express, this study re-visits the context of the current migration crisis in Europe to emphasise the inequality between its citizens in shaping the current debate on cultural difference and the Oriental ‘Other’. The analysis will focus on belly dancing as one of the main signifiers of the feminine Oriental ‘Other’, and on the inequalities brought about by the processes of appropriations and counter-appropriations of this globalised cultural practice. It emphasises how multi-directional processes of migration and of cultural intertwining that pertain both to the movement of people and of cultural practices such as belly dancing can be traced to more concrete examples of hybrid identities, and specific conflicts and collisions that pertain to these states. I will trace the multi-directionality of migratory processes, written about by Marwan Kreidy as processes of trans-culturalisation 2005, back to the example of my background and my art practice. Noting that as a refugee I followed the same migratory route that migrants and refugees are following during the current crisis, I will contrast this with the direction that I followed as a researcher in the field research of this project, indicating a vastly privileged position. In the analysis of my art practice I try to express the complex contradictions and clashes of worlds that pertain to the experience of hybrid identity. The analysis of these contradictions could point ways towards navigating more a responsible political existence in the modern world. It highlights that living one life in one culture and then being transposed to another can result in an ambivalent position of seeing this both as a possibility of emancipatory change and of personal loss. These dual and conflicting states can exist both at the same time, as my artistic practice illustrates.

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PERFORMING UTOPIA / RECLAIMING THE PUBLIC SPHERE

After the January 2011 revolution in Egypt, Tahrir Square, the central piece of urban landscape in Cairo that became stage to grassroots political movements, eventually fell back into the grip of the state. And with it, the position and accessibility of public space as a site of protest became in flux. Since the military takeover of July 2013, mass protests are being quickly suppressed. The increasing state control over Tahrir Square and the surrounding area, in addition to the protest law introduced in November 2013 that restrains freedom of assembly led to thousands of protesters being detained, severely restricting participation in public demonstrations. However, when streets and squares became inaccessible, certain artists in Egypt worked to find alternative ways to reclaim the public space, and with it, their authorship of the narrative of history that’s being rewritten by the state. By doing so, the artists through their work created spaces of resistance that lead to reanimating the public sphere. Building on Paul Ricoeur’s notion of ‘utopia’ as a ‘[...] leap outside—the way in which we radically rethink what is family, what is consumption, what is authority, what is religion, and so on?’, and drawing on examples of works of performance and visual arts in Egypt today, this paper seeks to demonstrate how those works and the creative strategies underpinning them form and so on?; and drawing on examples of works of performance and visual arts in Egypt today, this paper seeks to demonstrate how those works and the creative strategies underpinning them form

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Revolution, Egypt, resistance, art, public space, alternative

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A REVERSAL OF CULTURAL RECOGNITION: THE BALLET CHOREOGRAPHY OF ISHIDA TANEO AND JAPANESE DANCE CULTURE IN THE 1960S

Ballet was first introduced to Japan in 1911, when a Japanese theater-affiliated training school invited Italian ballet instructor Vittorio Rossi to teach. In his short time in Japan, Rossi failed to train a single ballet dancer. Ballet, developed in the cultural context of the West and Russia, was clearly “foreign” to the Japanese. Those who quit the school, rejecting its severe methods of ballet instruction, became the country’s first generation of modern dancers. Yet ballet did gradually spread in Japan, after Russian émigré Eliana Pavlova opened a private ballet studio in 1927. In the decades after World War II, ballet came to seem no longer foreign to Japanese dancers. Japanese traditional folk and classical dance, on the other hand, became increasingly unfamiliar—not only to dancers who trained in ballet and modern dance, but also to ordinary people. In the 1960s, ballet dancer and choreographer Taneo Ishida 1929-2012 began physically, musically, and spatially using Japanese folk dance and traditional culture in his choreography. His original ballets were rooted in the local climate and culture, which he believed made them authentically Japanese. Like Ishida, other ballet choreographers of the 1960s also drew on Japanese traditional culture, rather than imitating Western dance styles. Instead of making this kind of dance more familiar to Japanese audiences and dancers, however, these indigenous cultural elements puzzled young dancers and put off strongly Western-oriented audiences. Neither dancers nor audiences accepted this now “foreign” style, which they were trying to forget. In this paper, drawing on Ishidas choreography material—his notes, scripts, and other writings—I analyze how Japanese ballet absorbed “foreign” dance styles, to the point that Japanese traditional dance itself became “foreign.” Focusing on the 1960s, I show that this reversal of cultural recognition pervaded Japanese ballet during the postwar era of intense Westernization.

Key Words
others, ballet, choreography, tradition, Westernization
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SOCIAL COMMUNITY THEATRE WITH REFUGEES IN ITALY

Within the system of protection and reception of Migrants and Refugees in Italy, the use of artistic practices plays an important role. The cultural participation, field of expression and elaboration of the subject’s complex identity and of his relationships, is an important mediator in the relationship between the subject and the host society and one of the driving forces to activate the community participation. Since the 1990s, in Italy many theatrical experiences have responded to the need to raise people’s awareness by creating opportunities for migrants and locals to meet up. In the same years, Social Community Theatre was spreading a practice in which the well-being of the person, the group and the community is the main objective of the theatrical experience itself. Thanks to these different forms and to their most recent contaminations, theatre is becoming a vehicle for social inclusion. Starting from these historical and contextual premises, the speech aims to highlight the benefit of Social and Community Theatre in proposing the ritual, festive and performative dimensions, alongside the aesthetic one, aimed at the maximum involvement and at the wider active participation of community life. In particular, referring to two recent Social and Community Theatre experiences: I don’t travel alone, Crotone, June 2017 “Per un teatro vulnerabile” Gradisca, July 2017. The here presented themes are the result of the integration of two research actions currently under way in our Department of Communication and Performing Arts: 1. “Migration and Mediation” a three-year research project carried out by our University 2. “Performing the Social. Education, care and inclusion through theatre”, a three-year research project of national interest supported by MIUR Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research.

Key Words
Social community theatre, refugees, intercultural performances, community participation

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The Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 has given playwrights many artistic challenges, two of which are particularly significant: one is how to deal with mass deaths, the other is how to render people who have had to move from their home town. Toshiki Okada used the latter motif when he wanted to create something “straightforward” in response to the Tohoku earthquake. His play Current Location 2012 is set in one village, where strange occurrences have taken place since blue clouds appeared in the sky. There is a rumour that it is an omen of the ruin of the village, and the seven female characters have to decide whether to believe the rumour and leave or to remain in the village. As the play goes on, the women are beginning to exclude friends with different opinions. At the end, one group of villagers leaves the village on the spaceship. The antagonism between people who choose to move and those who stay in Current Location presents a striking contrast with affections between the couple in Time’s Journey Through a Room 2016. The wife is spiritually transformed by her experience of the Tohoku earthquake, but dies of a disease soon she remains in a room of their flat as a ghost. She believes she will be forever happy with her stasis, and so will his husband. However, the husband has decided to change his life. He invites a female friend to the room and confesses his love to her. Thus we can find a divide between mobility and stasis in both plays, which poses several questions. How does the divide affect the characters? Is the divide permanent? This paper will consider these questions and examine how Okada represents the world after the Tohoku earthquake.

Key Words
Toshiki Okada, the Great East Japan Earthquake, ghosts, mobility, stasis
REVENGE THROUGH AGES: POLITICS OF “YOSHITUNE AND THE THOUSAND CHERRY TREES”

Yoshitune Senbonzakura Yoshitune and the Thousand Cherry Trees is a well-known bunraku play first performed in 1747. It describes a famous battle between Genji and Heike clans in the 12th century. However, the play is not a historical representation in a modern sense, combining events in the past with those in the present, ordinary life of the 18th century people. In the second dan of the bunraku piece dan roughly corresponds to act in the western theater, but much longer and relatively independent of the rest of the play, the dramaturgy is further elaborated by reference to a nô play “Funak Benkei” written presumably in the late 15th century, giving to this dan a metatheatrical taste. The bunraku version, based on a cross-genre intertextuality, emphasizes a sense of “history repeats itself first as tragedy, second as farce”. It aims to give the audience a sense of déjà vu because Tomomori, hero of this dan, not knowing on stage that what he is doing is a reiteration of the things already happened, tries to deter the action of Yoshitune, his enemy. However, at the final moment he is betrayed by the little empress who decides to join the winners, the Genji clan. In an elaborated three-fold temporal structure, this bunraku play gazes a fate of the losers how they are excluded from a legitimate history, marginalized and eliminated. If they are given a second chance, this turns out to be a farce, hence a tragedy.

Key Words
Japanese theatre, kabuki, bunraku, revenge play

RAGE WITHOUT JUDGEMENT – A CALL FOR JUSTICE “BEYOND THE FACE”

Elfriede Jelinek’s last play, Wut Rage was written at the time when, Agamben declared, “we live in a permanent spatial arrangement of the concentration camp” as super-power agendas manipulate bare life biopolitics under the guises of capital. The camp as the space of exception becomes an immanent condition present within the political order. Wut, an experimental textual pastiche is based on the recent fatal terrorist attacks in Paris on the editorial team of the satirical magazine “Charlie Hebdo” and a kosher grocery store among others. The dense prose text is nearly unintelligible, as the incongruent modes of discourse evoke a myriad of voices that rage in the midst of their displacement and exile against: fanatic self-empowerment, helplessness, the presence of terror, the rage, the demagogues, and the inability to rupture the present political landscape. Theatre as the space of liminality par excellence becomes the container for this rampant rage as it continually insights a re-thinking of its relationship to politics. In this paper I aim to address the question whether this multi-layered rage can be seen as a subversive act or it is a movement toward a moral stance of a new kind? Jelinek’s disjointed chorus of voices evokes a painful image of the crises in today’s world that begs the question of the “humanism of the other.” In Levinasian terms, this rage is ultimately against the otherness of the other, a war that arises from the possible indeterminacy between I and Thou. Levinas’ concepts of the “hostage of the other” and justice “beyond the face” are the two pillars of his marking the way towards the understanding of the “humanism of the other.” And this might be the only way to move beyond the rage against the violence we are so often faced with.

Key Words
other, migrant, rage, humanism, justice, subversion, liminality
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REPRESENTING THE MIGRANT BODY AND PERFORMING DISPLACEMENT: CONTEMPORARY INDIAN FEMINIST INTERVENTIONIST ECOLOGY

The migrant tribal communities in India are forced to lead a nomadic existence on the fringes of the society due to economic deprivation, social-legal ostracisation, and coercive displacement. These marginalized groups have primarily remained outside mainstream modes of politics of representation, particularly the theatre that has come to be associated with a middle class urban cultural practice. If any serious dialogue has to ensue between the marginalized communities and its mediated representation, the dramaturgical process remains fraught with anxiety, anomaly and potential conflict. This presentation intends to probe the hypothesis that feminist directors deliberately seek to present the subject matter that does not conform to conventional patriarchal discourse and thus opens up a space for resistance by depicting the migrant tribal groups. The paper would specifically focus on the work of Anamika Haksar and her landmark production ‘Ucchaka’ 2008. Haksar belongs to a family of Kashmiri migrants a politically targeted and vulnerable minority in the Indian population till date and has intensely worked on the figure of the Other in her works. By the depiction of the migrant figure’s fears, anxieties, habitat, survival, and livelihood through the ‘abject body’, she acts as a mediator who makes these narratives travel into spaces of middle class civil society, thus giving visibility to the figure of the ‘stranger-danger’. Some key critical questions further examined will be is the choice of a multi-lingual and multi-regional cast, a text written in a regional language but performed in the national one a deliberately political one? How does the psychophysical theatrical trope where the inner and outer worlds come together on stage allow her to translate the embodied performative vocabulary into potential agency of the theatrical gestures?

Key Words
Migrant Body, Performing Displacement, Feminist vocabulary, Feminist theatre

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THE COLOURS OF BURNT ORANGE. LANGUAGE AND CULTURE THROUGH DRAMA AND THEATRE

In this joint project we propose to explore the possibilities of adapting the methods of drama and theatre pedagogy in academic education, however, the practical results and conclusions may be hopefully integrated into a larger framework of experimental research in the field of drama in education, more specifically the teaching/learning of intercultural communication through drama and theatre. The techniques and strategies of theatre and drama may be adapted naturally in communication-focused language teaching. Using theatre as a method of learning a new language allows the students to see language in real use, and by stepping outside of their everyday roles they might experience the use of the target language simultaneously utilizing their whole being and body as part of their linguistic performances. In our previous teaching and research work at the Babeș-Bolyai University Romania we have explored the use of improvisation practices, drama methods and kinesics alongside more traditional language teaching methods, and, at the same time, felt the need to apply the interactive method, the improvisational and creative techniques in a broader field of philologist education: including the teaching of aspects of literature and culture. Laying emphasis on the cultural dimension of language learning in accordance with Michael Byram’s ideas about intercultural communication competence we intend to enhance the students’ in-depth knowledge of the target culture, and thereby their socio-cultural competence, by combining two apparently distinct fields: teaching literary in our case mainly dramatic texts in combination with creative tasks as well as theatre pedagogy rooted in improvisation philosophy and methods formulated by Keith Johnstone 1979, 1999 and Gary Peters 2009. The practical course of Finnish drama and theatre designed around the joint application of these principles and methods is meant to be open and interactive – the students and teachers working as partners in a team and the course project should evolve dynamically and flexibly, taking into account the contribution of students in the form of interpretive and creative tasks fulfilled at different stages of the process. Our aim is to demonstrate that traditional, memorisation-oriented methods may be significantly improved through the use of improvisation, role-play and creative writing, as well as a task-in-process approach throughout the learning process.

Key Words
Drama and theatre pedagogy, cultural learning, improvisation, creative writing
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**MIGRATING CONCEPTS IN PERFORMANCE – RESTAGING, REMAKING, RECONSTRUCTING, REIMAGINING**

This paper is part of a panel, which brings together approaches to performance from separate disciplinary discussions like performance philosophy, dance history, and artistic research. The purpose is to show how material-discursive practices, migrating concepts and translations have a direct bearing on how we make, experience and understand performances. My contribution focuses on how, although we take for granted that any performing art exists in the moment of performance and changes at each performance, the past of performing arts are reiterated through practices of restaging, remaking, reconstructing and reimagining that all still largely rest on a formalist discourse of work and authorship where a canonical work of art has to re-emerge on stage as ‘the same’ as a historical precedent. The lexical differentiation between various degrees of change to whichever is considered the ‘authentic’ iteration of the ‘original’ work is different in re-staging, re-making, reconstruction, and so on. But what happens if these lexical differentiations – these re-doings – are taken as the fictions that they are: as attempts at creating a canon of art that would incorporate earlier performance practices whilst ignoring corporeal difference between past and present bodies as well as how ‘art’ or ‘work of art’ or ‘author’ are understood? Does translating the vocabulary have an effect on the practice? What happens when these translated concepts and the understanding of performance they contain are re-translated into English? This presentation offers one case study of a re-imagining of a Russian choreography performed in Paris and London in 1913 and reimagined in Finland in 2016.

Key Words
repetition, reperformance, dance

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**DAAI ZA BUTOH LADY: A DESCRIPTION OF A SERIES OF DANCE PERFORMANCE THAT TRANSLATE HYBRID SOUTH AFRICAN IDENTITY**

This paper links migration to translation and illustrates it as a transformative process by examining how a particular physical articulation of dance combined with butoh philosophies re-imagines singular categories of identification and embodies notions of liminality. It discusses a personal mode of performance that researches how the body itself can inhabit ideas of difference, with the intention of arriving at a heightened proprioception and more complex understanding of identification. A self-created fable called Daaï za Lady is the original source of a body of solo performance work that holds a central theme - identity cannot be fixed as the body itself holds and transforms memories of multiple origins within and beyond itself. These ideas are further understood by analysing performance processes, sonic and physical memories, and experiences that grapple with Sara Ahmed’s notions of strangeness from a corporeal perspective. It extends to Elizabeth Grosz’s sense of bodies that are conscious of both animate and inanimate elements within and outside of itself, which in turn, developed a dance language that affords significance to what may be perceived as peripheral in the self, other people, objects and the surrounding environment. These include how a particular way of thinking about performance has developed through an appropriation of butoh, itself carried from Japan and requiring a re-rendering within a South African context. The paper does not hold the notion of migration or translation as one completed act, instead, repeated acts of performance that engage with difficulty, unfamiliar and difference are presented. Tracing these migrations and associated translations from one corporeal perspective over a period of time can provide a clear trajectory of transformation in multiple ways. Ultimately, an argument for a perpetual migration towards and from the self, is valuable in re-imagining what it means to be a person in transformation in South Africa.

Key Words
Translation, South Africa, Performance, Butoh
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EXILE AND RESISTANCE NARRATIVE IN NIGERIAN HISTORICAL DRAMA: A STUDY OF AHMED YERIMA’S “THE TRIALS OF OBA OVONRAMWEN” AND “ATTAHIRU”.

The British colonialists arrived the part of West Africa that metamorphosed into Nigeria during the second half of the nineteenth century, and by 1914, they had succeeded in the annexation of the many ethnic nationalities and kingdoms together under one country. However, the colonialists’ foray into these territories was not without violent resistance from the indigenous people of the area. The resistance and eventual amalgamation of the areas have become living materials in the hands of many Nigerian dramatists including Ola Rottimi and Ahmed Yerima. This paper interrogates the concept of resistance, exile and power play in two plays - The Trials of Oba Ovonramwen and Attahiru by Ahmed Yerima. It will look at how the playwright represents historical events and figures in dramatic texts. It will attempt to use the plays to respond to the issue of massacre, imprisonment, displacement and local migration that are the fallout of the British annexation of the indigenous peoples’ land. In conclusion, this paper will also examine the effect of the British contraption narratives on the present Nigerian situation.

Key Words:
History, text, massacre, displacement and exile

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HERITAGE, IDENTITY AND CARE: THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC WORK IN RECENT CHILEAN THEATRE

This paper focuses on the lingering topic of the “nanas” in recent Chilean theatre. “Nana” is a colloquial term used in Chile for the women on domestic service. It is a conflicting word, for it carries affection, a patronizing view of the worker and a blurring of the limits of their work. The emotional labor, their role in taking care of the children while cleaning and cooking is contained on those two syllables. Paid domestic work was key in the Chilean modernization process 1920s-1940s and in the formation of its middle class. During the 20th century the nana was profusely staged in theatres. These characters combined the inheritance of the servants of classical theatre with the clichés of Chilean identity and the development of a modern political consciousness. Domestic work in Chile has been profoundly transformed since the 90s of last century, due to the arrival of migrants, greater ideological awareness of their position and new regulatory frameworks. Chilean theater has expressed these changing relationships. The work of Luis Barrales “Topografía de las lágrimas” 2017, focuses on the relationship between a modern and guilty patron and a nana equally modern and self-conscious. A key moment of the play depicts the patron accepting a loan from the nana, subverting the economic dependence that their roles imply. Curiously enough, “Año Nuevo” García, Giôn and Lorca, premiered also in 2017, exhibits the same plot twist. Even more: in Mama Rosa Debesa, 1957, a classic of Chilean theatre, there is the same scene. The same plot point in different plays from decades apart. It is not a quotation, nor a parody. The country has hanged, theatre has changed and, somehow, the scene remains. How can we elaborate this rest, this uncomfortable inheritance?

Key Words
history, domestic labour, women, Chile
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BEYOND BELONGING

In this study, it is aimed to handle the work of some artists with a migration background to explore how the roots determine their identity and the work they reveal. This presentation draws attention to Shermin Langhoff, the creator of the term post-migrant theatre, to Nurkan Erpulat who has produced a variety of plays within the post-migrant theatre, to Neco Çelik and Tamer Yiğit, the film and theatre directors who do not give importance to the definitions of the origin. The people mentioned above drew attention to their work at Beyond Belonging festival which was first held in 2006 at the HAU. As the name of the festival reveals, the focus of its productions was primarily on issues such as belonging and identity. In cultural theory, terms such as hybridity Bhaba, metissage Glissant and patchwork Keupp have been used to describe forms of identity of people who have been socialized in different cultural environments and created possibilities for their own conceptual positioning. In this context, it will be dealt with how the artists mentioned above define their own identity and how they deal with the society in which they live. The identity issue is not simply made up of parts that arbitrarily selected or put together as needed, but rather it has been discussed many times by negotiating in a power-filled room see Foroutan, Yildiz, Türkmen, Terkessidis. Therefore, this study examines individual forms of reaction of these prominent artists and the impact of their point of view on their work. The methodological approach will be the critical discourse analysis.

Key Words
Identity, Belonging, Postmigration

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“AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE”: A NARRATIVE DISCOURSE OF TIME AND SPACE-THE EMERGENCE OF CODOMINANT DRAMATURGY

In this presentation, I will argue that Arthur Miller’s adaptation from 1950 strengthened An Enemy of the People as a political play within the spatiotemporality. The backdrop was the McCarthy period in USA, and Miller’s adaptation has a strong focus on the conflict between authorities and individual freedom of expression. In the film Ganasatru from 1989, the Indian film maker Satyajit Ray creolized Ibsen’s text with Miller’s adaptation through the process of transculturation which aimed at adjusting with Indian socio-political conditions and cultural conceptions during the 1980s, particularly in West Bengal. Ray focuses on “temple politics” - how water, in the name of religion, becomes part of the local economic and political power game. The metaphoric dimension of this screenplay can be seen as a strong political expression against the Hindu fundamentalist party that gained substantial strength in the Indian parliament after the 1989 general elections as well as a satire of the communist-led Left Front that had ruled the state of West Bengal since 1977. Thomas Ostermeier and Florian Borchmeyer developed a new form of dramaturgy of An Enemy of the People in 2012, characterised by transformation between rigidity and flexibility through a combination of closed and open modules of dramaturgy. This also allows for partial adjustment to country specific political contexts through continued negotiation between Ibsen’s text and the performance text. Ostermeier and Borchmeyer transformed Ibsen’s text into a new reality which Ostermeier has called ‘capitalist realism’. I will investigate the contemporaneity of this new ‘playtext’ by focusing on the conditions of facts and ethics in a world interlocked with a politico-economic system characterised by power and control. My view is that their dramaturgy, which I will term codominant dramaturgy, facilitates global-local dialectics through a process of democratisation.

Key Words
Adaptation, Ibsen, Enemy of the People
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THE MIGRANTS TALE: VOICES OF THE DISPOSSESSED

Three year-old Aylan Kurdi lies dead on a beach near Bodrum. The establishment of ‘The Jungle’ at Calais sparks politicians to denounce ‘swarms’ of migrants threatening Europe. Media representation of the current migration crisis has variously depicted migrants as victims, opportunists and dangerous aliens. This presentation examines the theatre’s response to such mediatized representations of migrants through an analysis of three contemporary plays. Suzan Lori-Parks’s Venus 1996 addresses the migrant’s tale through a focus upon the racialised body of the Black ‘Hottentot Venus’, lured to Paris by promises of work, only to find herself the object of a fetishized male gaze. Hideki Noda’s Red Demon 2003 considers the attempts of a newly arrived migrant to overcome the xenophobia of suspicious villagers. The Jungle 2017 was devised by Joe Murphy and Joe Robertson and produced at the Young Vic. Founders of the Good Chance Theatre at Calais’s ‘Jungle’, this verbatim play is drawn from the life stories of the men, women and youths who they met there. The discussion of these plays will also consider how theatre presents counter-arguments to prevalent media images and if it may serve as a forum for social advocacy.

Key Words
migrant race suzan Lori-Parks Hideki Noda Good Chance Theatre refugee diaspora

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PERFORMING TRAUMA AT THE TURN OF THE 21ST CENTURY: THEATRICAL RESPONSES TO THE (EUROPEAN) MIGRANT CRISIS

Contemporary theatre practices face various challenges in the face of the migrant crisis, thus examining the role and the effects of the theatre in regards to the community it is created in. Performances that engage with the political are socially aware theatre forms, and they usually generate a direct communication with the community, as they give voice to the vulnerable through different forms of (self) representations, by creating social bonds and advocating open discussion. We will look at the question of (i)migration and some theatrical responses to the most recent (European) migrant crisis as both traumatic and political event that urge for (collective) re-action. More specifically, this presentation will analyse three case studies dealing with the same topic and using trauma testimonies based in the real-life experiences and/or documentary material: Lampedusa Beach by Senka Bulić/ Lina Prosa (Kazalište Hotel Bulić, 2016), Compassion. History of a machinegun by Milo Rau (Schaubuhne, 2016), by Creation of human by Ivona Šijaković and Tijana Grumić (Atelje 2012, 2018). We will analyse these three performances by employing the concepts like liminality (Turner, Fischer Lichte), which is an important notion in performance studies, stemming from anthropology and tackling the interconnectedness as well as the fragile boundaries between the social and the artistic, between the ethics and aesthetics; empathy in relation to the testimony- one of the crucial concepts in trauma and memory theory (LaCapra, Hirsch, Oliver); homo sacer (Agamben) as one of the fundamental notions dealing with migration from both philosophical/ethical and political perspective. We will argue that these concepts are important starting points when thinking about staging both the ongoing traumas, as well as representing the oppressed and subsided. Finally, we will examine this suggestion in the interviews with the authors and present the discussion and the findings.

Key words: migrant crisis, homo sacer, liminality, empathy, socially engaged theatre
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FROM EAST END TO THE WEST END: THEATRE WORKSHOPS IMMIGRANT PRODUCTIONS

Howard Goorney wrote that the Theatre Workshop’s actual demise was due to its becoming a ‘transfer theatre,’ for, “once you need a West End success in order to pay to keep going, you’re doomed, because you’re looking for something different” Goorney, 1981. Especially after settling in Stratford, East London, Littlewood’s strategies for sustaining her theatre and working-class mission relied heavily on transferring her productions to the West End, five of which were successfully exported to Joan Littlewood and Ewan MacColl’s long-eschewed enemy grounds: Middle-class entertainment row, the West End. Upon these transfers, or migrations for they happened for want of survival and sustenance of the ensemble, Littlewood had to re-produce her successful shows, in a limiting way, to match the talents and capabilities of the West End actors. In one case, Littlewood complained about the need to train the hired West End actors, whose feet were earthbound by the West End realism in its heyday “she had to run from show to show to ‘combat the artist’s deadly enemy – slowness, milking the part,” [as they had] ‘never been called upon to move except in his own individual way,’ [their feet] ‘stuck in a slough of naturalism’ Harry Greene, 2007 Joan Littlewood, 1994. Apart from losing the advantages of her well-trained actors in most of these shows, I argue that Littlewood was also stepping in for middle-class, or in our day, neoliberally-complicit processes of enquiry, crowning and meaning-making which make up the theatre industry that Baz Kershaw brilliantly calls the ‘theatre estate’ Filewood, 2015. As Ric Knowles elucidates, local meaning-making processes generated through the “performance text” modify the contexts of works and bring variance to the meaning-making processes different audiences and different settings will set new criteria for appreciating, what I may call immigrant productions Knowles, 2004. Once these productions reach the attention of the ‘theatre estate’, they become, I argue, immigrant pieces in mandatory efforts of adaptation dismembered, for want of their intended, local audiences, bound for processes of neutralization from their politics. Raymond Williams’ and Ric Knowles’ expositions of short circuits in the creation of meaning during theatrical production and reception processes Knowles as well as methodological pitfalls in apolitical, objectifying academic inquiries Williams, 1995 contribute to the neutralization of the cultural/political other, in my case the immigrant productions of the Theatre Workshop in the 1950s. Given these brief contexts, how can the context and template of migration help complicate the ways of looking at the transferring of the Theatre Workshop productions, originally meant for and produced, acted, designed by people of leftist and communist inclinations, to the heart of middle-class theatre-goers’ taste and expectations?

Key Words
Theatre Workshop, Joan Littlewood, working class, transfer, immigrant, West End.

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PERFORMING COMMUNITY IDENTITY CRISIS

A Sangat of Tanks in the Dargah Consider this scene from what the classified government documents of the Indo-Pak 1965 war call the “Punjab Theatre”: a row of American Patton tanks, displayed at the border town of Khem Karan, where one of the climactic battles of that war were fought. The war itself, while waged in the name of the then burgeoning Kashmir dispute, played out a few hundred kilometres south of Kashmir— in the freshly partitioned Punjab border, divided by the British along religious lines. Despite the massive technological military assist from the U.S., Pakistan lost the battle as well as that huge row of machinery, which India decided to display on the border for a few months, an on-site exhibit if you will. Eventually, a new small town called Patton Nagar emerged around that spot in Khem Karan. Specifically, this scene was set in Khem Karan where a Chisti Sufi is buried the most important event on its social calendar being the annual pilgrimage of devotees from both sides of the border for the Sufi’s urs death anniversary. In this paper, I explore the relationship of space to community in context of this town—particularly the competing communities that converge around it annually for the festival. From the vulnerable yet faithful Pakistani devotee, the local artists enthusiastically performing for a temporary swell of audience-listeners, to the rare curious ethnographer, the shrine and the row of tanks share a space yet evoke very distinct pasts, just as both contribute to commercial and congregational spatial arrangements within this festive landscape. In particular, this paper is interested in both the stories of the Sufi and of the war that energize the spatial aspects of the idea of community formation for a brief three days every year in this town.

Key Words
Punjab, Sufism
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ENTVREMDUNG INSTEAD OF VERFREMDUNG: EPIC PRACTICES OF CHANGING ATTITUDES TOWARDS MIGRANTS ON THE NEW GERMAN STAGE

Yael Ronens Common Ground, Milo Raus The Dark Ages, and Christine Umpfenbachs Urteile – represent a prevailing trend of German theatre makers to transform and manipulate constituents of Brecht’s epic theatre practice – by refuting their aesthetic and ideological intents from within – as a meta-strategy to humanize the migrants social image. This strategy includes alienating storytelling means of re-migrating the already Germanized performers, such as reconstructing a voyage of the Bosnian performers of common Ground to their origin homeland and identity and reconcile it with their acquired one. The productions furthermore apply Brecht’s distancing historiazation practice to the performers’ own biographies: they quote themselves, demonstratively stage their biographies, reduce their complexity into a schematic Gestus, and intermingle their delivery with a song or dance. Thereby they comply with Brecht’s indoctrinate dictum of abolishing the hypnotic magic of Realism, by paradoxically enhancing it, namely, putting Reality itself - consisting in their own non-fictional presence - on the stage, thus demanding the spectators’ emotional involvement in their narratives. My test-case is the multi-ethnic Common Ground production, performed by Bosnian, Serbian, German and Israeli migrants in Berlin. The show is inter alia constituted upon a structure of abruptly intercepted presentative Brechtian situations which facilitate revelations about the complex nature of human beings, thereby disproving the condescending German stereotypes of the Balkanese migrants. Consequently, the transcodification of epic measures relates to two of Brecht’s key-notions: Verfremdung and Entfremdung. Whereas the V-Effekt denotes emotional alienation in order to allow the spectator to reflect, Entfremdung might refer to the abolition of defamiliarization, depersonalization and estrangement since the prefix Ent denotes in German obliteration, abortion. In other words, the new German theatre replaces the E - with the V-Effekt: Instead of defamiliarizing the familiar, these productions familiarize the defamiliarized.

Key Words
Verfremdung, Entvremdung, re-migrating, epic practices, historicization, emotional reception, multi-ethnic

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PERFORMING AND CONTEMPLATING INDENTITY ON THE BORDER OF EU

The major source for my presentation is interactive documentary we realized a few years ago, which was based on material recorded in the North-East of Estonia. This is the region of the oil shale industry, where electricity for whole Estonia is produced. But there is located the border city of Narva, exactly on the border of Estonia/Russia, where 90% of the population are Russians. I made several expeditions in this regions: first trips were made with the film crew. We were recording material around Eesti Energia power plant, secondly another trip was done alone in the dachas cottage area behind the plant where you can find these houses build in bricolage manner from various material. You can find there some sort of Little Russia, this area is even more detached from the country of Estonia as Narva, which as a Russian speaking town doesn't remind you Estonia at all. People on the river, mostly from the city of Narva, have dachas there practically 50 meters from the Russian border. I was interested in their attitude towards Estonia and Russia. They didn't feel themselves accepted in Estonia and at the same time they lost connections to Russia. Despite of that they defined themselves as Russians. As a result of these expeditions we had several multimedia products: interactive film, DVD, video documentary. In connection with this material many questions arise: how people are adapting to the changes in the region after change of society, from the Soviet Union to Estonian Republic from 1990ties and onward? What is their relation to the country of their nationality and language, to the country which is 50 meters away? How inhabitants of these dachas are defining their relation to their homeland? How they are performing their identity in architecture of these bricolage houses?

Key Words
EU border, living on the border, bricolage, identity, interactive narrative
EATING RACISM, EATING HISTORY: UNBORDERED AT BERLINS NEUE NATIONALGALERIE

“Die Bundesrepublik ist kein Einwanderungsland,” the CDU political program succinctly stated in 1982, laying bare an ideology that Germany has at once grappled with, contested, and put on banners in the decades since: „Germany is not a country of immigrants.” In this paper, I turn to a 2015 performance staged at the Neue Nationalgalerie in Berlin by two artists who themselves trouble easy equations of Germanness with native, ethnic whiteness: Anne Duk Hee Jordan, a transnational Korean-German adoptee, and Shira Wachsmann from Tel Aviv. The interactive performance, UNBORDERED, plays on the relationship between German history and contemporary transnational migration. A table is decked with a tablecloth, embroidered with a map of the European Union—it was made for this performance by a refugee from South Sudan. On it are scattered euro coins among historical German cultural objects, many borrowed from leading archives and cultural institutions: phrenological measuring tools used in Nazi eugenics experiments from the Charite medical archives, a menorah from the Centrum Judaicum. Damning artifacts of Germany’s genocides stand alongside racist tchotchkes next to objects brought to Germany by Turks and Palestinians. And there is also German food: cold boiled potatoes, dark bread with butter. The sterility of the museum is replaced by the lush sensuality of a feast or wake. Though a small bell rung by museum guards warns the audience, the audience disregards it, slowly eating from and disassembling the tableau throughout the evening. By inviting the audience to a buffet laden with objects and foods both painfully and enticingly “authentically German”, Jordan and Wachsmann pose the question “What is Deutschum? Who is German?” in a visceral and material way. By joining strangers around this table, there is no outside to the question.

Key Words
migration, identity, food, history, Berlin, Germany, performance art

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THE COLOURS OF BURNT ORANGE - LANGUAGE AND CULTURE THROUGH DRAMA AND THEATRE

In this joint project we propose to explore the possibilities of adapting the methods of drama and theatre pedagogy in academic education, however, the practical results and conclusions may be hopefully integrated into a larger framework of experimental research in the field of drama in education, more specifically the teaching/learning of intercultural communication through drama and theatre. The techniques and strategies of theatre and drama may be adapted naturally in communication-focused language teaching. Using theatre as a method of learning a new language allows the students to see language in real use, and by stepping outside of their everyday roles they might experience the use of the target language simultaneously utilizing their whole being and body as part of their linguistic performances. In our previous teaching and research work at the Babes-Bolyai University Romania we have explored the use of improvisation practices, drama methods and kinesics alongside more traditional language teaching methods, and, at the same time, felt the need to apply the interactive method, the improvisational and creative techniques in a broader field of philologist education: including the teaching of aspects of literature and culture. Laying emphasis on the cultural dimension of language learning in accordance with Michael Byram’s ideas about intercultural communication competence we intend to enhance the students’ in-depth knowledge of the target culture, and thereby their socio-cultural competence, by combining two apparently distinct fields: teaching literary in our case mainly dramatic texts in combination with creative tasks as well as theatre pedagogy rooted in improvisation philosophy and methods formulated by Keith Johnstone 1979, 1999 and Gary Peters 2009. The practical course of Finnish drama and theatre designed around the joint application of these principles and methods is meant to be open and interactive – the students and teachers working as partners in a team and the course project should evolve dynamically and flexibly, taking into account the contribution of students in the form of interpretative and creative tasks fulfilled at different stages of the process. Our aim is to demonstrate that traditional, memorisation-oriented methods may be significantly improved through the use of improvisation, role-play and creative writing, as well as a task-in-process approach throughout the learning process.

Key Words
drama and theatre pedagogy, cultural learning, improvisation, creative writing
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MIGRATION THEATRE IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH REFERENCE TO MIKE VAN GRAAN’S “WHEN SWALLOWS CRY”

Abstract: International focus is often on migrants from Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Asia, who try desperately to find a new and save home in the UK and Western Europe. Within the African context the plight of mainly Northern Africans Libyans, Sudanese, Ethiopians, etc who endanger their own lives by crossing over land and sea to get to the shores of Europe, usually receive daily news coverage from international news channels. Although some people will be aware of the fact that migration from various African countries do not only include migration to the North, but may also include migration to the South namely to South Africa, the scale of this migration is not always known or realized. It is not only migrants from South Africa’s direct neighbours notably from Zimbabw and Mozambique who come to South Africa, but migrants as far away as Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Malawi and other African countries, have also been searching for a better life in South Africa in the past twenty years. This paper will first contextualize, not only the scope of these migrations, but will focus especially on the complexities and conflicts associated with these migrations. A discussion of Mike van Graan’s play really three “playlets”, When swallows cry, will be used to show the how contemporary theatre in South Africa reflects these realities.

Key Words
South Africa, migrant theatre, Mike van Graan

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REPRESENTATION OF MIGRATION IN IRANIAN POST-REVOLUTION THEATRE

This research deals with two plays by two Iranian playwrights who belong to two different generations: “Mac Adam Café” by Mahmoud Ostad Mohammad (1950-2013) emigrated to Canada after Iran Islamic revolution and “Amid the Clouds” by Amir Reza Koohestani (1978- ) emigrated to England for two years. During post revolution political and social crisis many playwrights and artists chose migration. Both case studies consider migrants in a metaphoric position. This paper explores an immigrant as a speaking being based on the semiotic and the symbolic in Julia Kristeva’s approach to the subject in process.

“Mac Adam café” is a resort of some Iranian migrant who are belonging to opponent political tendencies like Monarchist, Communist, Guerrillas and refugees but have to commute in this dead-end. On the other hand, Mac Adam is the local name of die-hard plant that can grow in hard situations. They have landed to Canada as a goal but not acquiescent. Mac Adam is the metaphor for migrant identity.

“Amid the Clouds” have been in tour from 2005 to 2014 and was successfully welcomed in Europe. The play illustrates illegal migrant on the way to indistinct destination in a boat. Despite of the realistic space of the first play, the second case illustrates a poetical and sophisticated metaphoric situation in a box of full filled water, which the actor and actress perform their role in it. The survey tries to study metaphoric aspects of these plays whilst their concrete conditions can clarify to image of Iranian migrant playwright of migration.

Key Words
migrant identity, cognitive metaphor, Macadam Cafe, Amid The Clouds.
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“AS A STRANGER GIVE IT WELCOME”: A DERRIDEAN ENCOUNTER WITH THE OTHER IN PHILIP RILEY’S MOONFLEECE

The question of identity is always a question of similarity and difference. Hence it is a question of the other, too, which belongs with and extends beyond the question of selfhood. This is because defining the self requires a consistent attitude towards the things to be excluded from, besides the ones to be included in the identity –with which the self is identified, and which is supposed to remain identical during the lifetime. Philip Ridley’s play Moonfleece 2010, as a dramatic exploration of the proposition above, addresses the issue of identity by juxtaposing homosexuality with conservative politics. Raised to be a Conservative by his right-wing politician step-father, Curtis chases after the ghost of his brother that begins haunting him. Then he learns that his brother was gay and purged out of their new family, so as to protect their step-father’s political career. This knowledge shatters the safe ground beneath his feet, leaving Curtis unsure whether to embrace the truth about his brother, or to hold on to the pseudo-memories that so far conserved his family alongside with his identity. Through this paradox, the play emphasizes that the conservative tendency towards the stranger is a single attitude that manifests itself in the creation of various others such as foreigners, or homosexuals. This study, therefore, aims to approach Moonfleece following Derrida’s footsteps as he differentiates between ‘absolute hospitality’ and ‘hospitality by right’. It argues that the unwritten laws that run the society may provide the ground where absolute hospitality seems less impossible, rather than the official laws of the governing bodies. The study, therefore, attempts to acknowledge the urgency of the matter, for today any chance of hope depends upon the openness of the people towards the absolute other, as the rights given to the lawful foreigner keeps proven deficient.

Key Words
Identity Self The Other Contemporary British Drama

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NEGOITIATING PUBLIC SPACE: EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY, MIGRATION AND PUBLIC THEATRES IN GERMANY

The formation of modern European nation states since the 18th century has been interlocked with the foundation of various national theatres e.g. Stockholm 1773, Vienna 1776, Mannheim 1777/78, Munich 1818, Prague 1881. In many places, the drive to perform national unity, identity and citizenship gave rise to concepts of an exclusive national culture based on a standardized national language, normed speech, and a specific canon of dramatic literature. Many of these theatre institutions are still operating today. Although contemporary performance practices offer negotiations of multilevel concepts of citizenship rather than proliferating uniform ideas on national identity and cultural belonging, the recent migration of refugees from Syria and Afghanistan to member states of the European Union have intensified a re-evaluation of national theatre institutions: How are they perpetuating in the present aspects of the historical moment of their foundation? How democratically organized are they? What sense of cultural belonging are they performing and for whom? How is the access to their stages regulated e.g. by the entrance examinations of state funded acting training programs and their standards of normed speech and acting prerequisites? This paper will address these questions by positing migration vis-à-vis the static ideal of a homogenous national culture implied in the founding notion of many national theatres in Europe. It will do so by focusing on the particular situation in Germany, using the foundation of the Nationaltheater Mannheim in 1777/78 to historicize the utopian idea of performing a static ideal of culture linked to a concept of national unity, in order to then re-read this history against the backdrop of migration, both past and present, and a contemporary critique of these institutions as recently posed by members of the ensemble network, a movement of professional theatre people questioning the working conditions, autocratic organization, discrimination of women, disabled and ethnically diverse people at subsidized theatres in Germany.

Key Words
national theatre, critique of institutions, citizenship, democracy, public space, Europe, Germany
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THE THEATRE AS A REFUGE: OTHER HOME FROM THE AUDIENCE PERSPECTIVE

The Finnish National Theatre's Touring Stage production of Other Home sees refugee thespians, professional actors in their former home countries, interpret the events of their lives and encounter a new culture together with their Finnish peers. The performance also has ramifications for the surrounding community with interactive elements that actively draw the audience members into the production. The performance takes place in the Omapohja studio, where seating surrounds the stage and provides close access to the actors. The production is multi-lingual Finnish, Arabic and English is spoken, and Finnish and Arabic text is projected on the walls. The performers also translate some of their lines into different languages as part of the production. My research focuses on observing the audience response. Results are compared with the Touring Stage’s 2011 Paper Anchor production, also created in cooperation with refugees in Finland. The sudden influx of asylum seekers to Finland in 2015 meant that Finns throughout the country were more likely to share experiences with the newcomers at the individual and group level in their own neighbourhood. Public discourse on the topic expanded, and in part grew more polarised. My work will examine the Other Home production as part of the cultural environment in light of its public reception. It will touch on such things as cultural characteristics, the acceptance of diversity, the meaning of community, and the theatre’s role in exploring painful subjects. Viewers make contact with a new form of artistic expression in Other Home: the principles of identity politics, the humanism of the other, and performances of belonging, among other things. The material under review consists of the performance and its documentation, media reviews, feedback to the theatre, and social media commentary. The analysis is further framed by associated research on asylum policy and the theatre.

Key Words
refugee, identity politics, reception

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PROCESS MIGRATES: PERFORMING OFFSHORE BUSINESS IN INDIA, A CASE STUDY

In this paper I approach the functioning of organization from the notion of performativity as it establishes that how an organization is constantly performed and produced through various communication flows, set processes, governance structures which get migrated to the offshore centres and function independently. For more than two decades, Urban India has been a site of choice for multinational companies to set up their call center operations Business Process Outsourcing, BPO which caters to the needs of ever increasing appetite of the globally connected capitalism by maximizing profits and minimizing cost. These organizations outsource certain processes in part/full which need to be managed offshore. I would be looking into these migrated processes in particular which involve the complex network of technology and human actors workers and try to explore its performative role in different perspectives.

Key Words
Offshoring  BPO, Posthumanist Performativity, Affective role, Non representational theory
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ENACTING CRISIS IN COMMUNITIES: A STUDY OF THEATRICAL INTERVENTIONS IN THE DISCOURSES OF MIGRATION AND IDENTITY IN CENTRAL EASTERN EUROPE

After the flow of displaced people including children, elderly and vulnerable segments of populace from Middle East, Africa and Asia to Europe through the Balkans in the summer of 2015 Hungary and the CEE region has been dominated by a wave of xenophobia, Islamophobia and racism. This has been dictated by the political discourses about migration and movement of refugees and asylum seekers thus, reviving deeper questions of citizenship, ethnicity and nationhood in this region. On the theatrical stage, it has resulted in a very forceful and significant intervention by a leading lum seekers thus, reviving deeper questions of citizenship, ethnicity and nationhood in this region. I will focus on the performances and strategies employed in the performances and thereby delineate the performative nature of identities. Finally, the questions of fear and otherness embodied in these performances will be analyzed and it’s agency? And how did the contemporaries project the future role of theatre and its goals? To answer these questions, which have not been addressed by historians yet, I will employ discourse analysis drawing on theatre makers’ and theorists’ debates published in the press at the time.

Key Words
performance, community, identity, crisis

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POSTMODERNISM MIGRATING INTO A SYSTEMIC CRISIS

Loss of the subversive “anti-communist” agency, cuts in the state subsidy and disinterest of the audiences represented some of the factors which generated “a crisis of theatre” in Czechoslovakia after 1989, as the situation was conceptualized by a number of contemporaries. According to a renowned Czech dramaturge Karel Kraus, “the theatre became mute [...] and was addressing a spectator who was proved to be deaf.” Within this situation, postmodern aesthetics entered the field of Czech professional theatre significantly for the first time, since during the communist period, the concept of postmodernism was rather denied by the cultural policy, which considered it a suspicious trend spreading from “the West”. How was the emergence of the new aesthetics negotiated in the situation of a systemic crisis when the role of theatre was being redefined? In what manner did theatre makers and theorists, including the former playwright and - at the time - president Václav Havel, interrelate the on-going value reorientation of the society with postmodern philosophy and aesthetics? In what ways did the new aesthetics relate to the previously established concepts of theatre and it’s agency? And how did the contemporaries project the future role of theatre and its goals? To answer these questions, which have not been addressed by historians yet, I will employ discourse analysis drawing on theatre makers’ and theorists’ debates published in the press at the time.

Key Words
Theatre in crisis - postmodernism - Czech theatre - theatre history - discourse analysis
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**VOICES OF THE INSIDERS AND OUTSIDERS: PING CHONG + COMPANY’S TWO PROJECTS**

My paper discusses identity, history and stories about insiders/outiders in Alaska by examining two works by Ping Chong and his collaborators. One is ALAXSXA/ALASKA Fall 2017 and the other is Undesirable Elements—Juneau Histories upcoming in March 2018. I attended three performances of ALAXSXA/ALASKA in Anchorage and New York City in September and October 2017. I plan to attend a performance of Undesirable Elements—Juneau Histories in March 2018. The title ALAXSXA/ALASKA consists of different words for Alaska: Alaxsxa is an ancient word of the Unangax tribe. The name, which means “the land against the sea breaks” was changed, by Russian traders in the eighteenth century, to Alaska in the nineteenth century. The juxtaposition of the two names suggests social, political, and cultural encounters and clashes between the natives and new settlers. Undesirable Elements—Juneau Histories is a new Undesirable Elements installment which Ping Chong + Company is currently creating with his collaborators Ryan Conaro and Juneau artist Frank Kaash Katasse. Tlingit Chong has worked Undesirable Elements, the oral history series with different communities since the early 1990s. All of the installments, which have been collaboratively created by Chong and his co-artists and community participants, intend to discover and share stories of underrepresented people. My paper will rediscover and reexamine the perception of “Alaska,” which has been perceived as an isolated place of and for the “Others.” I will examine in what way Chong and his collaborators address history of purchases, trades, migration, and exploitation through voices of the “insiders” and “outsiders” in the two pieces. In my investigation, I will particularly focus on one of the 2018 Conference thematic questions: “the construction of the Other” in the realities and practices of everyday life.

**Key Words**

Alaska, Ping Chong, Community-based

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**THE THEATRE OF GHOSTS AND THE OTHER UNDER THE THREAT OF MASS DEATHS**

The details of the historical event like Nazi’s Holocaust, which is too horrible for ordinary people to face up to, had been for long years un-told. But now ‘time’ has begun to encourage people to remind what they experienced in the past, namely, people have begun talking about what they saw, felt and kept deep in their minds.

**Key Words**

decades-After Nazi’s Holocaust, memories, struggles among the Others
DIVISION AND MIGRATION: NORTH KOREAN DEFECTORS IN THE CONTEMPORARY SOUTH KOREAN THEATER

Since the division of Korea after World War II and the end of the Korean War, some North Koreans have managed to defect for political, ideological, economic or personal reasons. Such North Koreans are referred to as North Korean defectors. Starting from the North Korean famine of the 1990s, more North Koreans have defected. In 2017, there were 31,093 defectors registered with the Unification Ministry in South Korea, 71% of whom were women. North Korean migrants experience serious difficulties connected to psychological and cultural adjustment once they have been resettled. This occurs mainly because of the conditions and environment that North Koreans lived in while in their own country, as well as inability to fully comprehend new culture, rules, and ways of living in South Korea.

Key Words
migration, North Korean defectors, division of Korea, South Korean theater, refugees

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In the wake of poststructuralist thought, it has become commonplace for us theatre scholars to acknowledge the interconnectedness of perception, knowledge, culture, and power in performance making and analysis. However, in our field, relatively little attention has been paid to explaining the functioning of the human perceptual apparatus through which we sense and make sense of reality and of artistic performances. Such explanatory efforts could open up new possibilities for addressing processes of exclusion, inclusion and “othering” both in performance situations and beyond them.

In this paper, I present a novel analytical framework for locating and interrogating ways in which performance events engage and affect the participants, and for understanding the culture-bound dynamic of perception, power, knowledge and the body in contemporary performance practice. My framework is based on a detailed view of our bodily and cognitive ways of sensing and making sense of reality i.e. of how our experiences and knowledges take form through the interaction between our bodies, the environment, and culture. Drawing especially from Jacques Rancière’s, Marcel Mauss’s, and Michel Foucault’s views of human perception and experience, the main concepts – or “tools” – of this framework are “sensory fields”, “experience fields” and “body techniques”. I suggest that the crucial ideological assumptions as well as the processes of exclusion, inclusion and “othering” in any performance are not to be seen solely in their “goals” or “themes” but, even more distinctly, in the modes of bodily participation that the performance employs. Thus, my framework takes the bodily dimension – what is actually done to and expected from the bodies of the participants during the performance event – as the starting point for critical analysis. I conclude my paper by outlining how the concepts “sensory fields”, “experience fields”, and “body techniques” have informed my PhD research project at the University of Helsinki.

Key Words
Performance analysis, performance philosophy, human perception, Jacques Rancière, Marcel Mauss, Michel Foucault
REFUGEES WATCHING REFUGEES

The production Other Home at the Finnish National Theatre was created as a co-operation between Finnish and refugee artists. Consequently, it became naturally multilingual. The languages used side by side in the performance were Arabic, Finnish and English. Also, the text spoken during the performance in either of the languages, was almost consistently translated to another, either as spoken translation or as writing projected on the wall. This multilingual character of the production opened it also to audiences that do not usually belong to the probable audience members of Finnish theatre. However, in the repertoire of the producer of the Other Home, the Touring Stage of National theatre this is not such an exception. The Touring stage aims to broaden the audiences by performing at schools, homes for the elderly, reception centres, prisons and other locations which have limited access to theatre. Productions of the stage are often created through community research and interaction. The production Other home was not performed on tour. Nevertheless, it drew audience with an immigrant and refugee background, when native Finnish spectators made good use of the opportunity and brought their friends to see the performance. Also, among them, the questions of politics, identities, liminalities and distinctions were activated.

Key Words
Political theatre, spectatorship, language and translation
MELODRAMATIC IMAGINATION IN CURRENT CHILEAN THEATRE. THE CASE OF “LOS CONTADORES AUDITORES” (“THE AUDITORS”) ACCOUNTANTS

In contemporary Chilean scene, melodrama has been installed not only as a purely aesthetic reference, but also from its configuration and dramaturgical structure. Since 2000, the melodrama has been reworked in his imagination, to collapse within a same context political discourse into a new national scene. This paper aims to establish the behavior of this contractual presented melodramatic imaginary part of the Chilean drama from 2000, through the analysis of various scenic parts corresponding to the Company Los Contadores Auditores. Through a review of their main works it will be possible to establish nuclei of common interest around the treatment and the rediscovery of melodrama as a renewed ideological prism construction work of the mise en scene. In this, an urge to demystify the materials be submitted trailing spaces, and melodrama would be, in part, a way to perform this task. In fact, the current chilean melodrama performed by Los Contadores Auditores claims the primigenius political rol that the melodrama -as a genre- already had in its beginnings. Thus, that for this Company -as a synecdoche of the current generation-, melodrama is far from a mere stylistic observation, to take a historical and cultural place within the Chilean dramaturgical national scene. This paper aims to establish the behavior of this contractual presented melodrama in the Chilean scene of the XX-XXI centuries. Since 2011, Larraín works as a theater director of Cronopolis Theatre Company. She debuted with the plays, Prueba Viviente Living Proof, 2011, Rojo claro sobre rojo oscuro Light red on dark red, 2012 and Triptico Tryptic, 2013 She is now preparing her fourth play, about chilean dictatorship.

Key Words
melodrama, chilean scene, dramaturgy, melodramatic imagination

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THE PLEBISCITARY PROBLEM OR, RE-OTHERING OTHERS: PLURAL PUBLIC SPHERES AND THE PERFORMANCE OF POWER

This paper explores reasons and implications for culture, political process and performance of the plebiscitary ructions of 2016 and 2017: the outcomes of the UK’s Brexit referendum and the disputed Catalan independence referendum the following year the US presidential election of 2016 and the differently resolved French version a year later. Each of these processes was characterized by a theme concerning the prevalence of national or regional identities over and against immigrants, immigrants or others. Each saw the consolidation of stark divisions within civic society, in part through the reiteration of impassioned and incompatible affiliations. Such separations were compounded by the effects of individuals operating within social media ‘bubbles’, so that the notion of a single public sphere appeared to be supplanted by one of plural public spheres expressing radically different notions of common sense. That said, the effects of each on the macro-political domain in each country can hardly be overstated. Each process featured considerable production management and ‘performative’ manifestation in both senses of the term, in keeping with the extension of performance as a determining trope of culture McKenzie and pervasive mediation as a defining mode of socio-political narration. My paper explores some consistencies and conundrums here: changing conceptions of the public sphere the defining contribution of neoliberalism to a reshaped expression of and by ‘the people’ the notably diverse political positions entailed the harnessing of populism through performance and, in line with the conference’s theme, ideas of immigration and identity as a strikingly dominant topic within this turbulent plebiscitary discourse. Indeed, the immigrant stands as the emblem of that which is most often contested in this resurgence of the populist, where the performance of power is typically most effective where it defines its presence in relation to that of nominated others.

Key Words
Plebiscite, popular, performance, public sphere, neoliberalism

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Directing: Either We Met for the First Time or We Have Known One Another For Too Long. 2017 Two Rooms. By Lee Blessing. 2016. Pillowman. By Martin McDonagh. 2015

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Key Words
Jaram Lee, pansori

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OTHER HOME: A HYBRID COMMUNITY OF ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

Over the past few years I as theatre practitioner and scholar have been developing the concept of a hybrid community of artistic expression HCAE. This community includes people from different backgrounds who collectively create a joint piece of art. These are individuals who would not spend time together otherwise. The community aims to call attention to the stories of marginalised or stigmatised people, fostering change by making these experiences understandable to a larger audience. It also seeks to provide it’s members with the opportunity to participate in the public discourse through the medium of art. The Other Home project of The Finnish National Theatre is an example of this kind of a community. It included participants from three groups: 1 artists who sought asylum in Finland in 2015 2 artists with background in Finland 3 non-artist asylum seekers who had participated in an open workshop led by the project. The final product is a kind of documentary theatre: the production tells not just the stories of the community, but also the imagined stories of the community it considers itself to be. A key role comes when the community presents its production to the audience, as the ticketholders become a part of both the community and its final product by contributing their own unique input. The activities of a HCAE are politically charged in many ways. The Other Home community contained members that fought on opposing sides of civil wars in Syria and Iraq. It was a big challenge to make these people do art together. Politics was also present with regards to the unresolved asylum applications of many members of the community. Over the course of the project, both positive and negative asylum decisions were handed down. Further tensions in the community included conflicts between males and female, the young and old and the group’s professionals and amateurs. HCAE is an imagined community that perpetuates a vision of its inner sameness while also being aware of the phenomena that cause its members to be different. This is part of the community’s performance and self-narrated story.

Key Words
Refugee, performance process, community theatre, politics of performance
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“THE SHOW BUSINESS HAS GONE ALL TO PIECES” – THEATRESCAPES, MOBILITY AND STASIS DURING WORLD WAR I

In The Birth of the Modern World. A global history 1780-1914 2008 the British historian Christopher A. Bayly used the formulation of a paradox of globalization to describe what initially seemed as two contradictory processes of globalization in the 19th and early 20th century: On the one hand, the period from the mid-19th century up to the First World War saw the formation of political, economic and ideological views of the sovereign nation state. On the other hand, there was an increasing and dynamic global interconnectedness and cultural mobility. Theatre plays an important role in this ‘two-faced’ dynamics in that it both serves as a ‘carrier’ of nationalist and representational ideas, and is subject to an increasing transregional/ transnational mobility at the same time. Between the late 19th and the early 20th century theatrical productions, performers, and plays circulate often globally on a larger scale than ever before, enabled by improved infrastructures of communication and transport. By following the professional paths of selected theatrical agents, impresarios and performers, in my paper, I will focus on the impact the outbreak of the First World War had on the mobility of theatre. Based on primary material, and by applying perspectives of global theatre history, I shall demonstrate to what extent the War cut the infrastructural routes and trails of migration, and forced a massive ‘setback’ and re-direction of theatrical practices and individual careers.

Key Words
Global Theatre History, Theatrical Brokers, Transnational Exchange, Migration and Stasis, Nationalism, Theatrical Mobility, Transatlantic Cultural Exchange, World War I

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WHAT DID MIKHAIL CHEKHOV WRITE TO THE HEBREW THEATRE HABIMA?

Mikhail Chekhov, a prominent Russian actor and director and one of the most famous theatre artists in the 20th century, left Moscow in 1928, feeling persecuted by Soviet ideological standards. Since that moment, he experienced the life of a wandering artist, performing and directing in different European countries. Habima, founded in 1917 as a Hebrew studio-theatre of the Moscow Arts Theatre, fled from Moscow in 1926 due to the complete cessation of funding by the Soviet regime, and for a number of following years became a wandering, cross-cultural theatre. At the end of the 1920s and beginning of the 1930s both of them, the theatre and the artist, were exposed to the obstacles of immigrant art practice. In 1930, they met in Berlin, where Chekhov directed The 12th Night by Shakespeare on Habima’s stage. The success of this work resulted in a continuing correspondence between Chekhov and Habima’s actors and to the latter’s attempts to reunite with him. This paper proposes an analysis of Chekhov’s unknown letter to Habima (1934), which was discovered at the Israeli Centre for the Documentation of the Performing Arts. The letter is reminiscent of a highly dramatic scenario, where every paragraph contains a specific dramatic situation, referring not only to Chekhov’s personal life circumstances, but to the whole complex of political, socio-economic, and cultural problems accompanying the reality of Russian and Jewish immigrant artistic communities between the First and Second World Wars. The analysis of this document allows revealing and discussing the macro-history of theatre artists’ migration, through the micro-history presented in Mikhail Chekhov’s letter.

Key Words
Mikhail Chekhov, Habima, Immigrant artistic communities, Wandering artist, Cross-cultural theatre.
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FOUND IN TRANSLATION: PERFORMING DISPLACEMENT AND MIGRATORY GEOGRAPHIES IN A VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS COLLABORATION

Drawing on the conference topics around performing displacement and migratory geographies, this paper explores sites of possibility for addressing the current refugee crisis through artistic collaborations. How do we as artists negotiate artistic mediums to foster a collective dialogue about ethics of representation concerning migrant bodies and mediatized images of violence and destruction? Since his election and inauguration, United States President Donald Trump has continued to rally his base around his campaign promises, which include building a U.S.-Mexico wall, enforcing a travel ban, and deporting millions of undocumented immigrants. To many, his populist rhetoric is a troubling reminder of the racism and anti-intellectualism that permeate contemporary American society, to others, it is a direct threat to their lives and communities. In winter 2018, University of Central Florida’s Schools of Visual and Performing Arts leveraged the support of the National Endowment for the Arts to respond to issues of exile, displacement and Otherness, and demonstrate how notions of migration might be employed to grapple with issues of cultural cross-fertilization, transfer, appropriation, and mutation, de/construct normalized racist representations and spaces, challenge neoliberal hegemony, and offer techniques for resilience and resistance. The gallery exhibition Finding Home: The Global Refugee Crisis brought together fourteen artists from around the world whose work addresses themes including borders as geographical and symbolic dividing lines, displacement and asylum seeking, refugee camps and detention centers, and immigration and resettlement. The production of David Edgar’s Pentecost interweaves the past with the present to challenge how society responds to a refugee crisis and treats “precarious bodies” of the displaced and wounded. This paper considers the ways in which this collaboration united the visual and performing arts, decolonized the institution, adapted, transformed, and negotiated media, performed difference and diversity, and demonstrated the ability of the arts to act for social justice.

Key Words
performing displacement cross-cultural fertilization mediatized images of violence

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MIGRATING INTO THE SCIENTIFIC BUNKER AND THE FUTURE BEYOND: THREE LATIN AMERICAN PLAYS

Three plays from Chile and Argentina, written and performed in the last fifteen years conjure the image of the bunker as a sort of control center and laboratory for a near escape or migration to the future. El Vuelo del Dragon [The Flight of the Dragon], by Javier Daulte Argentina, 2002, El Lobby del Odio [The Lobby of Hate] by Benjamin Galemiri Chile, 2006 and El Barro Se Subleva [The Mud Rises] by Norman Briski Argentina, 2012 are very different plays in terms of language, tone, and politics. The common image of the bunker, on the other hand, reveals mixed and contradictory emotions about the theatre of possibilities on a global stage at the dead end of capitalism, or the “antechamber of Godot,” in Brisky’s words. In this paper I will present the plays as peripheral visions of global impasse, where Latin American characters seek to short circuit the electronic, chemical, or genetic connections, emanating from the First World, that threaten the future of the World. I will show how these plays stage the tension between the promising efficacies of technology and science on one side and of affect on the other. In Daulte’s play, the coordinated computer room work of saving the world is unmatched by any feeling of solidarity or accomplishment. Similarly in Galemiri’s play the attempted chemical fusion or dilution of modern ideologies in the lab, is sabotaged by the inept romance of the two lover scientists. I contrast these comedies of defeat to the oneanic play by Brisky where defeat itself becomes a kind of affect and a source of solidarity and hope. The affective work done in the bunker with self, a dog, co-workers and co-prisoners, I argue, becomes its own experiment and a positive political force.

Key Words
migration, science fiction, affect, politics, revolution, Latin America, technology, science, defeat
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DEdITION URBANESIA: CITYSCAPES, MILITARIZATION, AND THE GLOBAL PACIFIC

The rapid changes to Pacific Island cultures caused by mass migration to urban centers after the Second World War form the backdrop for this paper, which takes up “Urbanesia” as a spatial configuration, creative arena, and mode of lived experience. Coining by New Zealand-based Cook Islands/Samoan performance artist Courtney Sina Meredith, the term Urbanesia describes the new physical mappings and social formations that emerge from the energetic, polyglot Pasifika cultures of contemporary metropolises, where island and city are brought into profound collision and act as the crucible of fresh global identities. As an elastic cartography that takes the modern city as its common ground, Urbanesia emphasizes Pasifika identities shaped by expansive, mobile cultural fields and offers a counter to the artificially imposed and colonially restrictive geocultural categories of Polynesia, Melanesia, and Micronesia. Urbanesian cultural production can, I argue, also be fruitfully extended to examine how Pacific artists frame broader coalitions with different communities across global, urban spaces to interrogate histories of mobility, colonialism, and violence.


Key Words
Pacific Island, performance, diaspora, urban

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STATIC MIGRATIONS/INNER EXILES: CHALLENGING COLLECTIVE MEMORIES AND DECONSTRUCTING NATIONAL MYTHOLOGIES IN DRAMA AND THEATER

The problem of migrations and exile in societies with illiberal tendencies and lack of democracy can be an artistic choice. In conflict with dominant narratives and collective mythologies, performing artists can choose the position of inner exile and static migration. Staying within their societies, they can ignore their borders and its limitations. The paper shows the inner exile attitude and position of the Other from a generalized approach to performing confronting the stereotypes of collective memory and deconstruction of national mythologies to specific example of the Croatian theater author Oliver Frljic. In his case of exile as the chosen position, the examples of the receptions experiences shows the same reaction patterns in condemning his work in Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia, Poland and Austria. Looking at the subversive strategies in the identity politics through the theatre of recollection, memory theatre and the political theatre, the paper reflects on spatial and temporal aspects of inner exile in post-authoritarian and post-conflict societies, attitude of the chosen Otherness, and social and cultural displacement from the Mythscapes Duncan S.A.Bell of the dominant cultural narratives. Cultural representation and construction of the Otherness through this performative strategies stays on the borderline between cultural integration and cultural displacement. From the point of phenomemonology of the memories Paul Ricoeur and rethinking the transitional structures of constructing the collective mythologies, through the highly polemical concept of Cultural Trauma Caruth, Weinberg, Kansteiner, Weinböck the performing artist in inner exile and in the static transition rethink and conceptualise the topics of Memory, Remembering and Forgetting, and challenging collective memory by the individual reminiscences. Negotiating between memory, history and social forgetting, such artist is targeting collective mythologies and challenging dominant cultural narratives at the high price of permanent marginal postition, which constitutes inner exile space.

Key Words
static migration, inner exile, collective memory, personal witnessing, performance, Otherness
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DIRECT AUDIENCE ADDRESS IN CLIFF CARDINALS HUFF: COMPLICITY, POWERLESSNESS AND SOVEREIGNTY

Direct audience address or ‘breaking the fourth wall’ is a mode of theatrical communication in which the performer, often through the construct of a character, addresses the spectator directly. This paper examines how Cree/Lakota performer Cliff Cardinal employs direct address in his monodrama Huff to both undermine and directly respond to power of the colonial gaze. Huff is a brutal and powerful piece of theatre which presents the effects of colonialism and the Canadian residential school system on a family. It deals with what Cardinal calls Canada’s “most taboo subculture”: “First Nations’ kids abusing solvents, at high risk of suicide” iv. Through his address Cardinal foregrounds the immediacy of the theatrical situation and instigates a relationship of affective intersubjectivity with the audience, blurring boundaries between the fictional and the actual world. This strategy allows Cardinal to ‘speak back’ both literally and figuratively to a gaze that is both institutional—embedded in the power structures and historical context of the proscenium theatre—and individual, contained in the overwhelmingly white, middle class audiences of Canadian theatres. Grounding my investigation in the work of Indigenous writers and scholars including Michelle Olson, Dylan Robinson and Jill Carter, I examine how through these strategies Cardinal uses direct address to assert sovereignty, to challenge settler complicity in colonial violence, and to confront the erasure of Indigenous bodies in the audience, blurring boundaries between the fictional and the actual world. This strategy allows Cardinal to examine disturbing content while denying spectators any kind of voyeuristic pleasure. Finally, by framing my discussion in terms of an address’ invitation to audience members to ‘participate,’ I will consider how direct address as a mode performance might productively engage with contemporary discussions about the political potential of participatory performance.

Key Words
performer-audience relations, direct audience address, Indigenous performance, participatory performance, colonial gaze, spectatorship

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AMBIVALENT THEATRE: THE DIFFICULTY OF COMMUNITY IN ATC AND DAVID GREIG’S “THE EVENTS”

In this paper I will analyze David Greig and Actors Touring Company’s 2013 staging of The Events at the Young Vic to consider how the deployment of ambivalent representational strategies in the performance served as a complex critique of British conceptions of liberal multiculturalism. I order to so I will focus on the choice made by the company of casting actors of colour to play a white supremacist who kills most members of a community choir as well as the lesbianism of Claire, the play’s other main character, reflecting on the racial and sexual tensions which underpin liberal conceptions of multiculturalism. While the show was understood by critics as essentially an attempt to champion community in the face of irrational racial hatred, many aspects of the staging and the play text itself destabilise such a singular reading. Indeed, when reading and watching the play performed, I sensed a more ambivalent relationship to the content than a singular quest to understand ‘evil’, embodied here by the fascist and mentally ill attacker. Rather, the play and its production seemed to suggest a troubling proximity between liberal tolerance discourses and white supremacist views, and to suggest, in contradiction of widely held liberal assumptions, that community cannot be relied on as a redemptive force. Considering ongoing critiques of liberal multiculturalism in Europe in the work of Paul Gilroy, Jin Haritaworn, Gavan Titley and Alana Lentin will help me uncover the contradictions between the way The Events was staged and its critical reception. Although according to most reviewers the casting choice was a seemingly neutral decision, analysing the opening monologue specifically through Homi K. Bhabha’s concept of mimicry will help exemplify how this choice might point towards a much more critical relationship to conceptions of multicultural togetherness in a liberal context.

Key Words
Ambivalence, Multiculturalism, Liberalism, Spectatorship
RE ARTICULATION OF IDENTITY/IDENTITY NEGOTIATION: DIALECTIC INTERPLAY BETWEEN TRANSNATIONAL THEATRE AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

Identity, an important keyword in contemporary human existence, is the result of the negotiation of personal conditions, social context, relationships and institutional frameworks. However, it is also very crucial to explore how meanings and conflicts are associated with different localities of individuals and groups and how multiple identities are compounded and negotiated to generate new forms of cultural hybridism. One of the complexities of contemporary theatre is that the performance in it is contained as much in the enforcement of a peculiar identity as in its breaking of the attempted traditional or national uniqueness. The representation of congruity in terms of the bonds of culture, place and identity invites the spectator to consider the liquidizing force of the wider culture and global framework in which it is located as an apparatus. This research paper critically analyzes the tension between identity and mobility and exhibits how transnational theatre articulates notions of home, belonging and identity in an ever-shifting negotiation and reconfiguration of spatiality. The paper deals specifically with Asian theatre and attempts to explore how contemporary cross-border flows intensify adaptations in traditional Asian theatre forms. This paper is structured around several interconnected issues related to multiplicity of transnational spaces and Asian theatrical engagements with these spaces in an intensely interconnected world. The paper also focuses on the politics of representation and highlights how transnational movement of theatre and its practitioners can create new political openings and new dialogues to forge and reinforce a collective identity.

Key Words
Negotiation, Identity, Transnational, Intercultural, Dialogue, Spatiality etc.
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SOCIAL ROLE OF THEATERS: CASE STUDY OF BELGRADE’S PUBLIC CITY THEATERS SYSTEM

Based on Holden’s theory on constructing cultural values (Holden, 2004) and conclusions of various researches dealing with the impressions and experiences of theater audiences (Sauter, Martin, 1995, Sauter, 2002, Schoenmakers, Tulloch, 2004, Brown, Novak, 2007, etc), I have singled out the functions of public theaters which contribute to the development of the local community, as well as to reaching wider social goals, the benefit for the public and the creation of public value (Moore, 1995): contributing to social cohesion and cultural emancipation; aiding social inclusion; initiating critical opinion; initiating dialogues and public debates; revising formal history and re questioning myths and traditional opinion patterns. All these functions are essentially tightly connected to processes which include ‘others’ into the social life of the dominant cultural group, whether the difference is based on national, political, religious or some other denomination. However, the question is: do public theaters actually perform all of those functions? To what extent are the following functions obstructed by the material problems in theaters? Are theaters perceived as centers of community’s social life which attract a widely diversified audience? In search of answers to those questions, I have analyzed the results of researches carried out within Belgrade’s public city theaters system, which included both the analyses of the content of the program as well as results of surveys completed by theater directors and employees (asked about their experience and opinions on these issues). Main results show that the above mentioned social roles of theaters are scarcely recognized in practice and thus the understanding of the importance of the defined social functions is poorly and unclearly regarded by the theater management. That indicates the necessity of creating repertoires and additional programs which would mainly fulfill the audience’s current needs whilst support the development of a stronger social role of theaters turning them into congregational centers for diverse social groups and critical judgement of social problems.

Keywords: public theater, the social role of public theaters, public value, others, theater management

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BUILDING NEW WORLDS: HOW ARTISTS NAVIGATE INSTITUTIONAL LIFE AND ENVISION POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

As a response to migrant flows and manifold crises in todays societies, ecologies and economies, new para-institutional artistic collaborations have emerged. Different from working in the form of temporary projects, many artists today have started building long-term organisational structures which challenge the singular commodified artwork and which potentially restructure social relations as such Malzacher 2015. Theatre makers, performance artists and art institutions across the globe have formed alliances with underrepresented political parties and social movements. Together they have enacted ad-hoc political parliaments such as the General Assembly 2017 founded by the theatre director Milo Rau and the New World Summit 2012– founded by the visual artist Jonas Staal. Both cases propose a mode of radical agonism and a new political togetherness. But both cases also raise a host of ethical and legal issues concerning equalities and human rights: While the General Assembly sought to give a voice to the “victims” of todays “global third estate”, the New World Summit is an alternative migrating parliament for representatives of stateless peoples and black-listed organisations. How can such artist-run organisational structures open up new models for engagement between performance and political action? What is implied when artists seek to both imagine and build new worlds? In this paper I argue that, if we attest such a shift of political performances from temporary events to artist-run organisational structures, that we need to contest our performance registers rather than to perpetuate a traditional “mistrust of structure” Jackson 2011, bureaucracy and policy.

Key Words
New World Summit, civic engagement, institutional collaboration, political performance, statelessness
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“4:48 MACBETH”

The practice led research project will engage with adaptations allowing connection between different dramatic forms and experiences through deconstruction of stasis, performing migratory geography and transformation, migration, mutation and appropriation of theatrical forms. The performance practice and subsequent research presentation are based on an interdisciplinary installation combining visual and performing arts migrating form a dramatic texts. It antecedent two dramatic texts: 4:48 Psychosis by Sarah Kane and Macbeth Projecto based on Shakespeare’s Macbeth. The research could be presented as a solo-performance, and a research paper. The phases of the project, premiering in Belgrade, were previously seen in Madrid Reina Sofia , Spain and Birmingham Centrala, UK. The new performance 4:48 Macbeth Projecto premiers migration of dramatic texts into installation / live art events, in which the narrative is fragmented and presented as a multi-sensorial aesthetic journey, provides a new performative experience. Performance and visual art can be presented as two different geographies defined by the language that each artistic media uses. In the case of conceptual art it is the space, texture, atmosphere combined with the atemporality of the artistic piece. In theatre, the moving body of the actor, the dramatic text and the temporal line of the dramatic action which define its geography. The different artistic forms and media are related to each other within rhizomatic structures 1998, G. Deleuze, F. Guattari, they can be transformed and migrate from one to another following different processes, not just through a linear hierarchical process. The research aims to: • investigate strategies of offering audiences new experiences combining elements of performance and visual arts • defining the geographies of interdisciplinary aesthetic journeys • investigate methodologies in transforming dramatic text into a multisensorial aesthetic performing arts experience and • engage with cross-cultural collaboration and migration of classics though interdisciplinary visual and performing art.

Key Words  
Interdisciplinarity, Installation, transformation, mutation, Sarah Kane, Shakespeare

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PEEPING THROUGH THE KEY-HOLE: HAGEMANN DIRECTS “VASANTASENA” (1915)

In 1915, when the designer Ludwig Sievert accepted the assignment of creating a setting for the Indian play Vasantasena in Mannheim Germany, he created a setting that was framed by a golden-braided dome-like silhouette that also evoked the image of a key-hole through which the spectator of the production was following the events on stage. The production – based on Lion Feuchtwanger’s translation – was directed by Carl Hagemann 1871-1945. Hagemann had not only attempted to reform the German theatrical language by experimenting with new forms of set design as well as new dramaturgies, he had also extensively traveled abroad, in particular to India. His book-length description Spiele der Völker Plays/Games of the People of the World, 1919 is an essayistic attempt to reflect on theatre and performance in a global comparison. The paper is aiming at reading Vasantasena 1915 – at the peak of World War I – as an an testament to the migration of scenes and images.

Key Words  
transcultural relations Germany - India migrating scenes
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IN A QUEUE: POETIC AND SOCIO-POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF MOVEMENT AND STASIS IN A CONTEMPORARY BRAZILIAN CORPOREAL MIME PRODUCTION

The purpose of this study is to analyse the different poetic and socio-political dimensions of movement and stasis in the 2017 production of Na Fila In a queue, a contemporary Brazilian corporeal mime play. The focus was to determine the impact of movement and stasis as creative and poetical principles for physical acting both on the development and the results of the artistic process. The effects of movement and stasis have been outlined by taking into consideration technical and poetical procedures of Étienne Decroux’s corporeal mime, physical and verbal actions, spatial relationships on stage, dynamo-rhythm as well as thematic and dramatic perspectives connected with contemporary theatricality and socio-political scenarios in Brazil and other countries. The dramatic and thematic elements, as well as the context of the play are presented followed by a description of the corporeal procedures used on stage. Subsequently, the principles of movement and stasis are described and analysed in each dimension to show their impact on the development of the play and the expansion of performance borders in Étienne Decroux’s corporeal mime itself. From the poetic principles to the thematic approach, the paper highlights the connections between the play’s images and socio-political-cultural issues such as the Brazilian National Health System waiting lines, inner migration, racism patterns and narratives of war refugees in other countries. The principles of movement and stasis are then related to ideas of passiveness and activism through the image of a standing line where those issues are addressed. By breaking away from corporeal mime’s standardized principles of balance between spoken text and movement, movement and immobility, acting and non-acting, the poetical principles applied in the staging of Na fila help shift some conventions in mime itself thus bringing about different perspectives for contemporary creative processes and productions based on Étienne Decroux’s acting system.

Key Words  
corporeal mime, creative processes, movement and stasis

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SCENE CHANGES: THE SECOND WAVE OF INDEPENDENT THEATRE IN SWEDEN

After a decade of relative aesthetic stability and ideological unity, the field of independent theatre in Sweden started to disintegrate towards the end of the 1970s. In the years around 1980, there were a number of competing directions among the independent groups, aesthetically as well as politically. The older and more established groups — who had their collaborative organization Teatercentrum — were in the middle of a heated debate about whether or not to include the word ‘socialism’ in their joint manifesto. At the same time, the younger groups — loosely held together by an interest for Grotowski, physical acting, circus etc. — seemed unsure whether they wanted to form their own movement, as an alternative to the alternative, or join the established groups. Based on a recently commenced research project, this presentation aims to give an outline of the status of political theatre in Swedish independent groups, a decade after the heydays of radicalism. The political issue will be addressed broadly, ranging from the content of plays, the place of performance and the audience relationship to the groups’ internal and external organization, international interests, etc.

Key Words  
political theatre, independent theatre group, Sweden, 1970s, 1980s
PLACELESSNESS: REPRESENTATIONS OF EMIGRATION IN CONTEMPORARY LITHUANIAN DRAMA

Since the early 1990’s when the Iron Curtain was lifted after over fifty years of Soviet occupation, approximately 800 thousand citizens of Lithuania have emigrated, leaving a population of less than three million. Considering that we live in the times that sociologists have called “The Age of Migration” and that are so visibly shaped by the march of globalization, Lithuanian emigration seems to be but a natural part of that global migration course. However, when it comes to the trend in emigration in recent years, Lithuanians do not show any optimism. Even acknowledging the inevitability of migration as part of globalization the researchers from different areas point out the massive extent of Lithuanian emigration. The very fact that in a period of approximately twenty years, about twenty percent of the Lithuanian population have left the country, led the Lithuanian public and political figures to declare emigration to be the “ultimate non-military threat to Lithuania” and the public at large to see emigration as “evacuation”. The high level of mass emigration from Lithuania has not only turned into a dominant issue in the public sphere and political discourse but has also gradually entered into the artistic field. A growing number of contemporary Lithuanian artists have addressed the issue of emigration, using artistic forms to raise questions about the causes and outcomes of this social problem, exploring the effects of emigration on the ordinary life in Lithuania and representing the complex experiences of contemporary emigrants. This paper analyses the plays Goodbye, My Love Antoškos Kartoškos by Marius Macevičius and Expulsion Išvarymas by Marius Ivaškevičius and points out how the reflection on the contemporary experience of emigration helps to explore deeper problems of post-Soviet society and the individual, such as fragmented identity and sense of placelessness.

Key Words
Lithuanian drama, migration, emigration, post-Soviet identity

ON MYTHOPOETICS OF MIGRATION: STAGING SELF IN CANADIAN IMMIGRANT SOLO-PERFORMANCES

The focus point of this presentation is the “how” of making the mythopoetics of migration Cox 10: the discursive practices of constructing a figure of an immigrant on stage, the way immigrant artists employ their mother tongue and adopted languages. Working predominantly in the official languages of their new country, these artists often engage with the embodied experiences of speaking simultaneously in their mother tongues and a second language. This phenomenon generates performative heteroglossia and polyphony in theatre dialogue. The work of Canadian theatre artists constitutes a comprehensive map of dramatic devices that portray immigrants negotiating their sense of self as the uncanny tension between one’s I as Self, expressed in his/her mother tongue, and the same I as Other, expressed in a new language Kristeva 184-85. This theatre often features authorial voices partaking in language games, employing accented speech and dialects, and dabbling in multiple forms of Englishes or Frenches so, this reminds us of the power of logos as the meaning making and experience forming element of performance. This article examines the narrative strategies of multilingualism in Canadian immigrant performance, as an example of “incorporation” or being possessed by “the voice of another” Carlson 148. As its primary example, it uses the work of second generation Canadians—specifically their solo-performances.

Key Words
mythopoetics of migration, multilingualism, solo performance,
HOW TO CONCEIVE THE HISTORY OF WORLD THEATER IN AN ERA OF MIGRATION AND GLOBALIZATION

How to conceive history of world theater in the modern world of migration, globalization, multiculturalism, and of cultural appropriations as well? If, as our starting point, we take the theses of Erika Fischer-Lichte which she states in Routledge Introduction to Theater and Performance Studies about the double challenge that the history of theatre is facing nowadays – how to avoid universalizing approach but also cultural appropriation marked with imperialistic dimension – this presentation outlines a possible approach in “incorporating” non-European theatre traditions into the study of what, actually, comes down to history of European or Western theatre, although it is still represented as history of world theatre in numerous academic contexts. Dialectic, multi-perspective study of theatre phenomena in various epochs and cultures that is offered, for example, by the book Theatre Histories: an introduction does seem like an “optimal” theoretical and methodological approach. However, what is immanent to thus conceived approach is a practical challenge also highlighted by Fischer-Lichte: it requires gathering of enough authors competent in various fields/cultures. Another problem which could emerge are the dilemmas of how representative the “samples” are, since this approach also does not aim at encompassing theatre history of the entire world. Is it, for example, enough if the thematically focused (as all of them are) chapter “Theatre and State: 1600-1900” analyzes only the situation in France, England and Japan of that period? Why not also China, Russia or the states which were not nationally homogenous or centralized at the time: the multinational ones (Turkey, the Austro-Hungarian Empire), or the ones struggling for unification (Germany, Italy)? With an intent to avoid a totalizing approach to history of world theatre, but bearing in mind these pragmatic and methodological reserves to this kind of multicultural approaches grounded on “quod; case studies”, we base our proposal on the contrary premise which does not disguise the necessary fragmentariness in the study of history of world theatre, but lays an emphasis on it. The phenomena of non-western performing arts, principally the traditional and highly codified ones, are studied from the perspective of their historical “inscription” into the western theatre, its influence on it (the visit of Japanese kabuki theatre and the influence it has exerted on the directors of historical avant-garde at the beginning of 20th century, or the influence of various traditional Asian forms on the inter-cultural theatre of A. Mnouchkine, P. Brooke, and E. Barba). Although this approach, at first glance, might seem colonial, since it supports an approach where non-western theatre is studied from the point of view of the western one, it is, actually, quite opposite. It abandons the crypto-imperialist ambition to study the traditions with whose cultural, religious, political and philosophical context it is not fully acquainted as if those challenges did not exist, while still offering a basic, informative and thus methodologically more honest insight into the traditional forms of non-western theatre. Moreover, some notable examples of intercultural theatre and its polemic reception (“The case of Mahabharata by Peter Brook”) let us step into the theoretically much deeper, multilayered analyses of the problem of cultural appropriation, hybridization, etc.

Key words
history of world theatre, globalization, cultural appropriation, intercultural theatre, western and non-western theatre
CULTURAL HYBRIDITY: THE QUESTION OF BRITISHNESS IN CONTEMPORARY BRITISH THEATRE

In the first decade of the new millennium, British theatre seems preoccupied with the issue of national identity. The spread of this phenomenon is ascribed to the social fragmentation, cultural segregation and a huge number of immigrants. However, the ever-increasing migration in the United Kingdom, especially after the Arab Spring made British playwrights think seriously in the issue of national identity which is in flux. Moreover, among unique forms of art, British theatre responds abruptly to this phenomenon which finds its expression in the old tradition of one nation to new ideas of multiple cultural hybridity. So the tensions between the old traditions and new adopted ones made those playwrights raise questions about the Britishness of these new ideas. No doubt, the new comers have their own values which, on the long term, affects the host ones. The clash between these cultural values are enjoyably enacted on stage. The present paper is an attempt to shed light on the acceptance and rejection, on the local and alien values as described by David Edgar’s Testing the Echo (Out of Joint, 2008). Edgar tries to tackle issues surrounding Citizenship and its text in contrast with those about immigration, asylum, and refugees. It’s about becoming official and accepted in UK as a British citizen. Depending on testing existent vales, Edgar writes his play in such a way to encourage those who want to reconcile British culture with echoes of a previous life, or the audience’s testing their own beliefs as echoed back at them from the stage. What is the most important thing is that the newcomers tried hard to assimilate in a new hybrid space where all values meet together.

Key Words
Cultural Hybridity, British theatre, Arab Spring, cultural values

SMILING WHILE WAITING FOR DECISION ON ASYLUM

What do you do? I’m waiting for my status to be resolved. For constructive dialogue on integration to begin, recognition of the humanity and identity of the ‘other’ and the mutual acceptance need to be achieved. This paper is focusing on the social use of performance as a possible support to the integration process. It examines how theatre projects with culturally and linguistically diverse group of refugees and asylum seekers in London created a space and opportunities for people to meet in a safe, fun and creative environment allowing them to recall other element that constitutes their identity beyond dominant ‘refugee’ one. Furthermore, it examines why going away from testimonial theatre projects might be beneficial. Through close analyses of the theatre project The Hypochondriac this paper aims to understand how humour and comedy function as a vehicle to address issues related with displacement such as isolation, dehumanization and identity reshuffle and how it can support the complex process of integration in the circumstances where one is trapped in the time vacuum while waiting for asylum application to be resolved not being allowed to work, go to university nor to volunteer. I will outline the key principles that guide this work, as well as examining the difficulties this approach poses, and what potential benefits it holds regarding the use of humor in theatre work with refugees. The study takes a cross-disciplinary approach to research, drawing from theory of applied theatre practice, comedy studies and refugee studies.

Key Words
refugees, comedy, humour, theatre
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**MIGRATIONS OF SLOVENIAN AVANT-GARDE DIRECTORS ACROSS THE YUGOSLAV THEATRES**

Among Slovenian theatre artists active in the former Yugoslav space in the first half of the 20th century and partly in the first decades after World War II three of them were particularly productive: Rade Pregarc, Ferdo Delak and Bojan Stupica. Known also as ‘the famous trefoil of Slovenian avant-garde directors’, they were restless theatre nomads, continuously migrating all around Europe and especially bigger Yugoslav cities. Along with theatre nomadism, they share a leftist orientation and versatility – they were also actors, stage designers particularly Stupica and, to some extent, Pregarc, theatre managers, theatre educators in addition, Delak and Pregarc were writers, translators and editors. Because of a restless spirit and the conviction that the only true art is that ‘for which you burn’ Stupica, they often came into disputes with theatre management, thus moving from city to city and, consequently, left a significant trace in many Yugoslav theatres. In the presentation, I will briefly outline the migrations of each of the three theatre directors across the Yugoslav stages, and in the end I will summarize some key findings on the common characteristics of their work, which significantly influenced the theatrical life in many Yugoslav cities in the 20th century.

Key Words
Slovenian theatre, Yugoslav theatre, 20th century theatre, avant-garde theatre artist, migrations

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**PERFORMING PASSIVITY: MARINA ABRAMOVIC’S “THE ARTIST IS PRESENT”**

Seemingly simple in its conception, Marina Abramovic’s 2010 performance piece The Artist Is Present confronts one with radical uncertainty in deciding how to interpret a piece that ostensibly refuses to “mean” anything in particular. The author herself, a painter by education, describes it as “a blank canvas” that the audience queued to spersonally experience during more than 720 hours of the performance. While some of them found it worthwhile, describing the experience as moving and life altering, others saw it as a marketing ploy, impotent and void of any significance. Either way, the reactions were forceful and extreme. In my essay, I am exploring the mechanisms provoking such reactions, as well as the implications of intended non-productivity in the system of economic exchange. What does it mean to choose not to perform in a performance? What does “doing nothing” ultimately do? Using concepts such are radical passivity, habitus, and the afformative, I contextualize the piece, analyze the source of diverse audience responses, and read its non-action as a site of radical potentiality. Investigating theoretical implications of the performance that refuses to be one, as well as audience’s responses to it, I am interpreting Abramovic’s complex piece itself, while revealing its philosophical and political connotations.

Key Words
stasis, passivity, performance art, Abramovic
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OHNO KAZUO AND HIS EXPERIENCE OF GYMNASTICS AND GERMAN CULTURE IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY

Durning the 20th century, Butoh has spread all over the world and it becomes the most successful cultural product of Japan. But when we see the history of Butoh, there are a lot of influence of various cultures including Europe especially Germany, USA and so on. For example, Ohno Kazuo, known as one of founder of Butoh, studied Modern Dance from Eguchi Takaya and Miya Misako, who had studied under Mary Wigman. He also watched the performance of Harald Kreutzberg in 1930s. As for the case of Hijikata Tatsumi, who was another founder of Butoh, many researchers already point out the influence of German Modern Dance or French literature too. But looking at the personal history of Ohno, we would notice that he also studied gymnastics and became a teacher. In the beggning of the 20th century, many kinds of gymnastics from Germany, Denmark or Sweden were imported in Japan. After WW2, Ohno also taught again the gymnastics and the dance to the girls’ school and choreographed a ‘mass game’ in the sports event in 1955. How did these body culture work in Japanese dance scene and what kind of its echo remained in Ohno’s body ? It is also important not only to interrogate the genesis of Butoh by Ohno but also to know how these corporeal culture behave for the emergence of nationality in pre- or post-war in Japan. Via one dancer, Ohno Kazuo, I would like to argue about the transcultural correspondance of dance and gymnastics and its relation to nationality.

Key Words
Butoh, gymnastics, German Modern Dance

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THE SACRED WITHIN. TRAVELLING, SHIFTING MIND SETS AND TESTIFYING BODIES IN OBERAMMERGAU TOURISM

In the figure of the religious tourist two movement types converge. At a first glance, one might think of tourist travelling as a movement there and back again while the pilgrim’s way is broadly conceived as a one way trip to a long-desired destination. The tourist returns to his starting point but the pilgrim will to some extent stay, literally or virtually. Thus, the religious tourist allows for focusing the tension between migration and stasis and at the same time the state of sacred places between historical change and religious persistence. In the light of the religious tourist, issues of religion, conversion, identity and community are to be discussed. This will be illustrated by the worldwide known Oberammergau passion play. From mid-19th century on, it attracts an audience throughout Europe and, only a little later, worldwide. The attitude towards the play is ambivalent partly it is taken as mere play, partly as devotional exercise. Within a wide range of travel guides and travelogues published in German as well as in English, a considerable part takes the very way to the outback village as a pilgrimage. But how can one justify to be a pilgrim how can it be plausible that she or he has experienced a change of mind? This question leads to the immediate physical reactions of the audience. To be sure, these performative testifying can only be traced via textual representation. But this still allows for the analysis of discursive strategies by which the passion play is proved to be still sacred, notwithstanding the historical change that turned it into a tourist attraction.

Key Words
Oberammergau Passion Play, Religious Tourism, Pilgrimage
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OBERAMMERGAU’S DA VINCI TABLE - PERFORMING STASIS IN A POST-MODERN BAVARIAN VILLAGE

Every ten years, Jesus and his disciples perform the Last Supper as part of the Oberammergau passion play – around one hundred times per season, but always on the same table since the year 1890. It is the oldest stage prop still in use and distinctively carved after the model in Da Vinci’s famous Last Supper painting. But over the decades, its symbolic reference has shifted away from the painting and it has become a genuine piece of Oberammergau theatre tradition, an anchor, carrying the aura of every famous Jesus actor who sat on its side. Based on the history of the table, this talk will examine how stasis is performed in Oberammergau and how different time and space registers – biblical Jerusalem, Italian Renaissance and Bavarian peasantry – mingle into an illusion of timeless nostalgic stability that becomes tangible and real, not only for visitors, but especially for the actors and participants in the passion play. Stasis, in this example, is only possible through mobility, which puts the opposition of both concepts to question.

Key Words
Oberammergau, passion play, performance of stasis

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EUROPEAN TANGO, KOREAN-STYLE: A STAGING OF “THE SEAGULL” IN SEOUL

The paper will look at a successful marriage of a European text original Russian that traveled to Korea via a German translation and an Asian performance. A Korean appropriation of Chekhov’s The Seagull, as represented by its staging in Seoul in 2008, became a perfect tribute to the Russian playwright, with no dissonance, far-fetchedness, or straining. The action-packed Asian interpretation of the action-free Russian drama focused on finding and exploring common ground, bridging two different worlds, epochs, styles, practices, and ideologies. The paper will examine two of those building, or rather bridging, blocks: insight into what it means to be misunderstood, unappreciated, and lonely and a study of the destructive force of uncontrolled passions and desires. The verbal directness of Western theatre effectively migrated to Korea through its merger with the non-verbal symbolism of the East. For example, Sang-Sik Nam, the show’s director, introduced a dumb-show prologue in the beginning of the play. Western spoken words were first translated into the Eastern language of gesticulation, masks, and dance more familiar to, and better understood by, the local audience. Chekhov’s velvety symbolism, his metaphors and allegories are well perceived by the East. His dramas are said to appeal to Korean public, as they combine tragedy and comedy, creating a mixture that works well with the Asian perceptions of life.

Key Words
Russian, Korean, Chekhov
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EDWARD GORDON CRAIG, MOVEMENT, AND ORIENTALISM: ATTEMPTS AT MIGRATING EMBODIED COGNITIVE POSSIBILITIES

This paper considers how Edward Gordon Craig’s orientalist gaze might have been undergirded by what he saw as the potential of movement in the practices and principles in Asian performance traditions. Furthermore, it investigates how this gaze toward Asian movement may have aimed at not only a new aesthetics, but also new kinds of cognitive-affective encounters between performers and spectators. It navigates through some of the touchstones of Craig’s Asian interests including Balinese dance, Indian aesthetics, and Nō to trace how contact with, misunderstandings of, and perversions of Asian movement practices could have held the promise of new ways of thinking and feeling with and through theatre. By using the lens of the enactive cognitive scientific paradigm, this paper proposes a new dimension to understandings of orientalism and theatre to explore how the historical cultural and political forces of orientalism could have mingled alongside Western artists’ dissatisfactions with their own models of theatre and performance as cognitive-affective engagements. This presentation follows parallels of actual theatrical movement practices, imagined geographical movements, and movement within the paradigm of enactive cognition to investigate how Craig’s attempts at migrating the practices and principles of Eastern movement traditions were aimed at forging not only new identities but even new ways of thinking about what performance should be for. By following both movement as a core principle in enactive cognition and the proposal that movement was central to Craig’s essentialist gaze, this project looks to how Craig’s fiery urge to change the stasis of theatre as he saw it was a cognitive project proposed through movement.

Key Words
cognitive science, Edward Gordon Craig, movement, embodiment, Asian theatre, orientalism

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“WHITE PEOPLE ALL OVER”: REFUGEE PERFORMANCE, FICTIONAL AESTHETICS AND DRAMATURGIES OF REPRESENTATION

Over a two months period during the summer of 2017, I have been following the production process of Passajar Passage, an immersive participatory theatre project collaboratively created by four theatre-makers and recent refugees from Congo, Iran, Iraq, Syria and Zimbabwe. Developed under the curatorship of Madalena Victorino and as part of the Todos Festival in Lisbon Portugal – a multi-arts festival that became synonymous with representing migrant cultures in the Portuguese capital – this multilingual experimental work focused on representing migrant experiences through a postdramatic artistic gaze. The production refused the forms of testimonial theatre and with it the contradictory role of facilitators, opting instead for a multidimensional practice, rendering personal accounts and deeply rooted traumas, universal. In this paper, I am looking at the functions and interplays of multiple performative devices e.g. communal choreographies, solo and interactive elements, installations and dramaturgical processes by which fictional aesthetics of refuge are being created. Similar to a growing number of non-verbatim migrant theatre initiatives, Passajar switched from the real to the fictitious via non-realistic representations and processes of abstraction see Balfour 2010 and Tinus 2016. Arguably, this practice went against victimhood narratives, but does suspending traditional means of identification and empathy help develop new understandings on migration, or, on the contrary create detachment in audiences? What are the ethical consequences to audiences and refugee participants alike? By reflecting on both the rehearsal process and the final production, I am also questioning the ethical qualities and positions involved in Passajar and beyond. Ultimately, this production not only presents a dramaturgical deconstruction of the stranger, but crucially, provides transformative albeit uncertain alternatives for migrant representations on and beyond the stage. This presentation will be a part of the curated panel ‘Dramaturgy of Migration: Staging Multilingual Encounters in Contemporary Performance’

Key Words
migrant theatre, refugee performance, fictional aesthetics, dramaturgy, representation
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TRANSLATION AS HISTORIOGRAPHICAL METHOD: THE OTTOMAN “ALEXANDROVODAS THE UNSCRUPULOUS” (1785) IN ENGLISH

In this work in progress I interrogate translation as historiographical method through the case study of Alexandrovodas the Unscrupulous, a closet drama written in 1785 by Georgios Soutsos. Of the wide range of issues raised on this first occasion of a translated Greek play from the period, I look into the libel’s shifting narratives from a 1785 manuscript, privately circulating among the members of the Phanariot Greek-speaking minority of the Ottoman Empire of which the writer was a member, to the Greek publication of a considerable treatise in 1995, when the play found its place in the Modern Greek Theatre canon, and finally, to an international English-speaking audience of Ottoman and Empire Studies, World Theatre, and Translation that the 2012 translation allows. I assess the English Alexandrovodas in my hypothesis of translation as historiography, particularly as it builds on the principles of metakénosis, the historiographical-translational approach that dominated the play’s period. Metakénosis, a term coined by Greek intellectual Adamantios Korais 1748-1833, referred to the transfer of the ideas of European liberal humanism through translation into Modern Greek. European thought of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries was assumed by Korais to be based on classic Greek ideals, and its re-translation into Greek was undertaken in earnest in order to inspire sentiments of national unity and continuity with the classical past. This highly consequential concept dictated a selective historiographical outlook on Greek culture’s Ottoman past. The centuries between classical Greece and late eighteenth century were condemned to historical obscurity. I argue that the recent translation of Alexandrovodas constitutes a break with the until recently accepted mode of historicizing eighteenth century Ottoman theatre. The availability of this useful historical document in English, over two hundred years after its composition, sheds light onto an unknown multicultural and multilingual dramaturgy.

Key Words: historiography, translation, metakénosis, Greece

DISASSEMBLING THE DANCING SUBJECT FOR THE GOOD OF CLEANING

The act of cleansing inherently holds the power to disassemble the subject itself, while the exhibition that accompanies the act of cleaning connects to the internal sense of purification. Japanese artist, Masaru Iwai produces films, performances and installations on the themes of cleansing, cleaning and purification, thereby he visualizes the various circumstances by which the act of cleansing comes to emerge. This paper deals with one of his attempts with cleaning staffs of immigrant origin. The collaborative dance production “x / groove space,” choreographed by Sebastian Matthias, served to explore the city “grooves” common to Düsseldorf Germany and Tokyo, leading to the fundamental question regarding “groove” in terms of how homogeneity is received within space. Iwai had devised several innovations for this work, in which both dancers and the audience were present within the same space. In order to realize the idea of collective cleansing onstage, Iwai had asked for the support of individuals in the respective cities who were responsible for cleaning the theaters as a delegated performance. Because cleaning tasks take place in the early hours of the morning, even the people working in the theater rarely encounter the cleaning staff. Interestingly, all persons involved in these tasks in these four theaters in two countries were of immigrant origin. In particular, the involvement of African cleaning workers at one theater in Berlin led to critical comments from the predominantly contemporary dance world, where audiences are predominantly Caucasian. While in Tokyo, the Japanese audience rarely mentioned the background of cleaning staff, who was an Asian woman originally from China. Through the act of cleaning proposed by Iwai, the audience are confronted with the construction of other in one’s societies, which also came to visualize the invisible structure of homogenized dancing subject as opposed to the participating, migratory identities.

Key Words: dance, cleaning, delegated performance, migratory identities

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WHERE IS HOME?

The question of migration, as any other contemporary issue, is most frequently tackled in the theatre of today within its self-imposed limited scope. Namely, theatre has in recent decades narrowed its field of vision, often downplaying its social significance. The focus of this paper is one such project meant for limited groups, underlying individual transformations instead of social change. It is a cycle of creative performances - operas by the international group of artists called VestAndPage. Though it is still a work in progress, they have so far realized five chapters in five European countries, under the umbrella title HOME: HOME I in Regello Italy, I Left My Story Home HOME II in Thessaloniki Greece, AEGIS IV HOME III in Belgrade Serbia, After the Fear HOME IV in Venice Italy Come Home and HOME V in Sopot Poland Mother. In the Artaudian, anti-Brechtian tradition, these artists highlight the idea of migrating towards each other and ourselves, investigating what home represents for each of them. In this case the limited vision mentioned before means that each performance or chapter is shown only once, before a limited, specially chosen audience, without permission to record or make photos. The paper is primarily based on the chapter seen in Belgrade which questions the notion of fear and post-fear.

Key Words
home, migration, fear, limited vision

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MIGRATING CONCEPTS IN PERFORMANCE: PERFORMANCE AS THINKING OR PERFORMANCE PHILOSOPHY?

This paper is part of a panel - which includes proposals by Annette Arlander, Hanna Järvinen, Tero Nauha and Pilvi Porkola - brings together approaches to performance from separate disciplinary discussions like performance philosophy, dance history, and artistic research. The purpose is to show how material-discursive practices, migrating concepts and translations have a direct bearing on how we make, experience and understand performances. The difference between the conceptual apparatus of performance as thinking and performance thinking are elaborated in this presentation, which is linked with the discourse of performance philosophy. The performance philosophy insists that the definition of thinking and research need to be kept open, when it is regarded as process of relating with the world. But how performance thinks in what it is performing or how it performs what it is thinking? My research project relates with migration through non-standard thought, presented by François Laruelle. It is a radical interpretation of heresy- a freedom to choose or a deviation from the proper thinking. If performance thinks, is it proper thinking? Can we make a choice, or do we need to make thinking meet with universal principles and standards of thought, i.e. philosophy? This paper relates with a research project on non-philosophy and performance. It ties thinking with the generic and the Other, or recognition and the common sense in performance. The proper thinking is the sufficient organization and generation of the world, which simultaneously predetermine positions for a subject and the Other. However, the argument goes like that, that the human is not central for performance thinking, but it is the performance that thinks. It is an experimentation with thought itself. Will be commented by Hanna Järvinen in the panel.

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performance philosophy, non-philosophy, heresy, orthodoxy
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QUEENS OF SYRIA: AN ADAPTATION OF EURIPIDES’ “THE TROJAN WOMEN” OR DOCUMENTARY THEATRE?

Queens of Syria premieres at the Young Vic Theatre in July 2016, following a four week workshop process in Jordan, before embarking on a UK tour. Thirteen Syrian women on stage play extracts from Euripides’ The Trojan Women. They are not actresses but refugees exiled in Jordan. They narrate their personal stories of their lives in Syria before and during the war. The performance turns to documentary theatre until each of them explains why their lives identify with Hecuba, Andromache or Kassandra of the ancient Greek tragedy. The story of The Trojan Women is parallelized with their exile because of the war and the catastrophe of their country. This presentation is going to explore how Queens of Syria bears similarities with The Trojan Women and at the same time puts a mirror up to our society today.

Key Words
Trojan Women, Queens of Syria, exile, war, catastrophe, adaptation, documentary theatre

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TRANSCENDING THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN “OWN” AND “OTHER” MIGRATION EXPERIENCES

This paper focuses on two contemporary performances, which ostentatiously transcend the boundaries between ‘own’ and ‘other’ migration experiences. Both draw parallels between the migration of Germans in the past and contemporary migration into Germany: Kalte Heimat Cold Homeland, Munich 2017 relies on testimonies by Germans who had to migrate after World War II. Actors share their experiences of losing their homes, being unwelcome and feeling unjustly treated. Then, young refugees who recently arrived in Germany enter the stage and voice their hopes, wishes and political demands. The performance does not exploit their stories, but offers them a public forum. The traps of theatrically representing traumatic experiences and arousing mere pity in the audience are avoided. Nevertheless, the performance left me with uneasiness since German post World War II migration experiences have been appropriated and misused by the far right. The First Fall of the European Wall 2014 by Center for Political Beauty CPB antagonized these reactionary spheres within the German public. CPB addressed the migration from East to West Germany during the Cold War, another large-scale migration of Germans still vivid in collective memory. But they did so in a far less subtle way: They dismantled a Berlin memorial for the Victims of the Wall and transferred it to the European Border in Morocco. The message was clear: Refugees are like ‘us’ and ‘we’ have been refugees – are refugees. The artists obviously tried to confuse these categories and thereby outraged conservative politicians and ring-wing publics. Can looking at contemporary refugees through the mirror of a country’s own history help reshaping a collective memory and national identity? Is it maybe an especially adequate way of dealing with the so-called “refugee-crises” considered that both performances were mainly addressed at a ‘German’ public?

Key Words
collective memory, national identity, migration, political performance, recent and historic migration
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CROSSING THE RIVER: TRANSGRESSING THE FOLK/CONTEMPORARY BORDER

While the practice of labeling rural or working-class artists as “folk,” “self-taught,” “outsider,” or “naive” has been problematized over the last few decades, curators and performance critics continue to represent non-institutional artists as an anonymous mass. In Serbia, the artistic practices of rural communities have been heavily represented in discussions of the “folk” since Johann Gottfried von Herder’s theorization of Volksgeist in the late eighteenth-century. Recent confrontations of this term emphasize the nationalist connotations of “folk” discourse, however, little attention is paid to the role of “folk” discourse in the perpetuation of social Darwinist ideology. In the Serbian and Yugoslav contexts, I theorize that “narod”—an analogue to “folk”—invents a common national archetype by marking rural space as an ancestral past. By equating living rural communities with ancestors, politicians and scholars alike prescribe the death of contemporary rural people in Serbia. To resist this semiotic maneuver, I turn to the performance practices of Breda Beban, Vladimir Nikolić, and Svetlana Spajić. Each of these artists facilitates collaboration across the folk/contemporary art border by either inviting rural cultural practitioners into their artistic works or vice versa. Using the case studies of Breda Beban’s video “Walk of Three Chairs” 2003 Vladimir Nikolić’s video “Death Anniversary” 2004, made with lament singer Milica Milošević and traditional singer Svetlana Spajić’s album “Serbian War Songs” 2017, made with German art music group zeitkratzer, I propose that these artists practice collaboration as a mechanism through which to re-endow the anonymous “narod” with contemporary subjectivity. By pushing back against what Johannes Fabian dubs the “denial of coevalness,” this paper begins to untangle our definitions of art-making from the evolutionary underpinnings of European epistemologies.

Key Words
rural temporality, folklore, Serbian performance, volksgeist

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THE ALIENATED SELF? ADDRESSING THE BORDER BETWEEN THE DIGITAL SELF AND PARTICIPATION IN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

This paper identifies a particular discourse of technical immersive conventions that belong to both digital gaming and theatre. In bringing together these disparate genres I wish to locate some recent immersive experiences within a critical participatory arts discourse Bishop 2012. Some forms of immersion, particularly ‘perceptual immersion’ Klitch, 2016, physically encourage a viewing position that relieves the viewer from taking the consequences for her/his actions, and in this sense, following Alston, it can be seen to encourage hedonism and risk taking. Cathartic release from personal responsibility is encouraged as risks taken are within a suspended reality. Similar to traditional theatre, these immersive conventions encourage us ask us, with our consent to mask/subdue/suspend our ‘selves,’ leaving our usual world perfectly intact, ready to return to once the experience is over. We allow the artist or company e.g. theme park to take responsibility for our actions – it is not real risk. We become avatars in a ‘closed’ game world Burrill 2005 where we die and get another life. ‘Perceptual immersion’ therefore encourages performances of Otherness in both utopian and dystopian imagined worlds. The immersive installation piece Séance 2017 appears to carry on a tradition of ghost trains and phantasmagoria that plays on the thrills to be found in this fake invincibility. In Séance, the audience sit and passively allow their souls to be taken by the devil. Whist by AOE Aioslestan, 2017 claims to give us an insight into our personalities based on our individual action throughout the piece through its psychological underpinning. In both pieces, on different levels, the ‘self’ is displaced and packaged as ‘other’. And, I argue, this conveniently serves the ‘experience economy’ agenda Gilmore and Pine 1999. However, I examine them here through the lens of ‘delegated performance’ where: ‘The perversive pleasures underlying these artistic gestures offer an alternative form of knowledge about capitalism’s commodification of the individual’ Bishop 2012: 238.

Key Words
Immersive, Otherness, digital, participatory, self
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THE AMBIGUOUS AESTHETICS OF THEATRECLUB’S “THE GAME”

THEATREClub’s The Game (2015) is an activist theatre piece that aims to explore “the rules, the language, and the power structures” of buying and selling sex. Each night, five men volunteer to play. Inverting the gendered dynamics of the sex industry, they consent to participation, but do not know exactly what their parts will entail. Two actors, Gemma Collins and Lauren Larkin, direct the volunteers through roles as Johns in live re-enactments of scenes from the lives of both current sex workers and exited women. Set against a political backdrop of Ireland’s introduction of Nordic model legislation – i.e. decriminalizing the selling of sex and criminalizing the buying of sex – as well as Amnesty International’s release of its draft policy on sex work, The Game came up against criticism from Irish sex workers rights groups, who considered its focus on the harms of the sex industry to represent an illiberal abolitionist politics. However, international reviews are wildly divergent in terms of their readings of the politics of the piece. This paper will argue that THEATREClub’s activist commitments create an ambiguous aesthetic, a refusal to concretize which functions politically and semiotically. This leads viewers in different national contexts to connect very differently with the piece, and to come to very different conclusions as to who wins the game.

Key Words
Activism, Sex Work, Aesthetics

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MOBILITY AND PERIPHERY IN PRE-MODERN JAPAN: THEATRE AS SOCIAL MEDIA

This panel will discuss how Japanese theatres bunraku and kabuki from the 18th to the 19th centuries worked as places to mediate political, social, or cultural peripheries through theatrical representation, with a view to gain some insight into the dynamism of Japanese society in the pre-modern era. Bjork focuses on the communication between rural and urban areas through kabuki stage in the 17th century she analyses how the famous Ichikawa Danjûrô family one of the most prominent lineage of kabuki actor built a close relationship with influential Buddhist temples on the outskirts of Edo, thus showing a cross-regional advertising strategy of the kabuki theatres and religious institutions. Iwai and Odanaka will treat the bunraku play “Yoshitune Senbonzakura” Yoshitune and the Thousand Cherry Trees, written in the mid 18th century, in which a 12th-century revenge story is transplanted into the world of merchant class people of the day. By juxtaposing the world of ancient samurai and that of ordinary people, the play reveals, as a contemporary drama, a process by which self-assertion of the defeated is blurred, modified, and finally erased from history. Finally, Hioki considers the figures of war losers on stage. After the Meiji restoration in 1868, Japan rapidly modernized the country through a series of domestic and overseas warfare. He interested in how kabuki theatre, still overshadowed by a pre-modern mind-set, depicted the defeated people who found themselves on the threshold of two different “world”.

Key Words
Japanese theatre, kabuki, bunraku
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THE POWER OF OUTSIDERS: A DANCE MOVEMENT IN JAPAN DRIVEN BY MARGINAL WOMEN

Outsiders can open new doors and discard convention. This paper explores a case in the history of Japanese “traditional” dance in which dancers from outside the mainstream created a great sensation. In the early twentieth-century period of social modernization, a new dance movement emerged, led by three female dancers: Fujikage Seiju 1880–1966, Hanayagi Sumi 1898–1947, and Gojō Tamami 1899–1987. All-male kabuki theater had long dominated stage performance culture in Japan, and female dancers were a rare, new phenomenon. These three dancers, moreover, were all from peripheral areas of Japan, outside of the cultural capitals. Since dance had not yet developed as an occupation, they worked as geisha, a stigmatized profession. These three dancers can therefore rightly be regarded as outsiders. This paper argues that it was precisely because they were outsiders that they were able to establish new dance movements. Because of their marginality, moreover, their innovations in dance have not yet been properly assessed, even today. They have been dismissed as amusements for peasants. For audiences and critics in the center of performance culture, dances created and performed by outsiders were unacceptable. This paper will explore the experimental work of these three dancers and discuss why these outsiders could make a completely new start, disregarding orthodox expectations. I argue that their outsider status enabled them to be innovative, in three ways: first, they were not yet accustomed to the conventions of traditional dance. Second, they needed to stand out in order to advance their dance careers. And third, the fact that they were not yet established gave them the freedom to take risks since they were not yet established. This paper places Seiju, Sumi, and Tamami in the broader context of Japanese dance during a period of drastic social transformation that took place a century ago.

Key Words
others, dance, movement, tradition, modernization

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MIGRATING AUDIENCE AS STRATEGIES TO CLEAR CENSORSHIP IN FRANCO’S SPAIN – IN THE CASE OF BUERO VALLEJO AND SASTRE

Spanish playwrights had to cope with the censorship to be able to present their plays during Franco’s era and worked out various strategies in order to deceive the censors. This paper will analyze some dramaturgy of two major playwrights of this time, Antonio Buero Vallejo and Alfonso Sastre. Their works make the spectators experience spatial migration, time-shifting and also crossing the border between reality and fantasy. In The basement window 1967 of Buero Vallejo, 2 researchers appear and thank the audience for attending their experiment. They live approximately in the 30th century and their experiment is to save the past, 1967. That is, the audience is moved to the future to observe the past which is actually their reality. The Foundation 1973 shows 5 investigators working on a national project. However, it all turns out to be protagonist’s imagination and they are in fact political prisoners. In this play the spectators experience a process of awakening from misperception. Sastre’s Ana Kleiber 1955 starts from the death of Ana Kleiber in a hotel, where a playwright Sastre happens to be in the lobby. Then the audience sees flashback episodes about Ana and her lover. The final scene comes back to the beginning and Sastre in the lobby says that he will write a play titled Ana Kleiber. It means that the audience sees what has not be written yet. In William Tell Has Sad Eyes 1955, Sastre invites us to a famous story by Schiller however, with a different version where William Tell kills his son and leads a life of agony. In this way 2 playwrights make the audience migrate in various levels and it was surely their strategies to clear censorship.

Key Words
Audience Migration Time Space Reality Fantasy Censorship Spain
BETWEEN STASIS AND MOVEMENT: DISMORPHOMANIA BY VLADIMIR SOROKIN AND THE MIGRATION OF SHAKESPEARIAN TEXTS

Postmodern literature is characterized by a constant game with the reader and the text which becomes a sort of palimpsest. In the play Dismorphomania 1990 by the Russian writer Vladimir Sorokin, the Shakespearean text migrates from England to the USSR. After being manipulated by the author, it undergoes a mutation merging with itself and with the Soviet reality it paints: the world of seven patients locked in an asylum. The Other is seen as something extraneous to oneself and also as a figure alien to the everyday life. This leads to the construction of social barriers which seem impassable between “us” and “them”. Margined, isolated and removed, the Other is locked up in places that do not communicate with the outside and with others. The Soviet asylum represented the place and the instrument for the elimination of the enemies of the people. “Madmen” were nothing but people who deviated from the norm and therefore could not be part of the community. In this heterotopia see Foucault in which space and time are arranged and articulated with parameters and rules differing from those of external reality, Sorokin’s characters are stripped of their own identity. The postmodern stasis, seen as something empty, is well represented by the immobility of the characters in the first part of the play. This emptiness is then filled by the movement and the words uttered by the characters in the second part, but they seem to be something equally empty and meaningless. The birth of this stasis is perhaps traceable in the climate of terror that reigned at the time but it is perhaps also a consequence of the imminent dissolution of the Soviet Union.

Key Words
stasis movement other border migration otherness madmen asylum Sorokin Shakespeare

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MIGRATION VIDEO PERFORMANCE – AN ARTISTIC EXPLORATION OF IMPERMANENT, TRANSIENT AND POROUS SPACES OF ABANDONED FACTORY

Migration according to the dictionary is: 1. the mass movement of people, usually in search of better living conditions, moving animals from one area to another, related to reproduction, searching for food, etc., moving the limits of the reach of some plants. But what happens if migration become a place? The space inside the abandoned factory with the roots so weak as the drying tree. An artistic exploration of impermanent, transient and porous spaces of abandoned factory, the spaces between, marked by decay and temporality investigating how the relationship between site-specific performance art and architecture / space may be understood. The result of this experimental operation, rotation of body in an abandoned factory, followed by two camera operators, is the video performance Migration. The performance was created in 2015/2016 at the Ksiezy Mlyn, the postindustrial district in Lodz, Poland. The title of the action was significant, referring both to the history of the place itself the indow and outflow of workers from the factory and to the biography of the performer. The performance grew from uprooting and migration. The workers came to the Scheibler factory, the largest textile factory in Poland, in the 19th century from all over. There were Silesians, farmers from nearby villages, Germans, Jews, local residents. Together, they created an enclave, community, and family, which after years was destroyed by history, politics and economy. At Ksiezy Mlyn, dialogue strongly marked lack, rupture, being in between. Roots, migration and uprooting strongly marked all activities at Ksiezy Mlyn, were defining their common axis. Material memory was superimposed on symbolic memory. The present was strongly immersed in many time plans. Migration is the performance in which the horizontal relationship of all elements of action is crucial: the performing body, Zina the dog, the abandoned factory, human and inhuman objects, traces of the past. It seek the answer to the question how have performance responded to issues of exile, displacement and Otherness. It also asks how the notion of migration might be used to think about the mobility of bodies and the mixing and cross-fertilization of forms, practices and ideas. Migration refers to the achievements of the new humanities, issues related to performance studies, archives, leftovers or found things. It also refers to the achievements of contemporary philosophical trends: object-oriented ontology, space phenomenology, hermeneutic tradition, psychogeography and promenology. It results from a horizontal, partner relationship with a place. The place that is an interdisciplinary concept, one of ‘travelling concepts’ Mieke Bal. Space is the crossing of bodies in motion and includes both the physical dimensions of the place, as well as all possible relations that occur in it. Thus, one can not claim that the space has been fixed once and for all, because it undergoes dynamic changes at any moment.” Michel de Certeau. Space empty and abandoned as a migration is a concept which assumes the introduction of a two-way performative turn. When the body stops moving, space begins to vibrate.

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performance as research, abandoned factory, migration, site-specific performance art, uprooting

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The works of French playwright Jean Anouilh (1910-1987) had earned long-lasting popularity on the Parisian stage throughout his career (1932-1987). The success was enough to attract the interest of foreign actors and directors, who in turn imported his works to their countries. Of these adaptations, we will on those on the London and New York stage, two cities that showed contrasting reactions upon the initial introduction of Anouilh between the 1930s and the 1950s. While the London audience appreciated his works and its interpretations by masters such as Laurence Olivier, Christopher Fry and Peter Brook, resulting a “Jean Anouilh vogue”, the spectators of New York proved to be more hostile towards this French dramatist and his creations. What caused such different receptions? We will observe and contrast the difference of reception by studying the journalistic reviews in the two cities, and will contemplate for both cities the shared ethical values, the existence of dramatic mediators, and the political and historical backgrounds concerning the importation of French culture and arts. Finally, the failure in United States will be further considered through the observation of Lucienne Hills English translation of Le Waltz des Toréadors, which was staged in 1957, marking one of the first great American success for Anouilh’s work. Close examination and comparison with the original French text will illuminate the merits of Hills translation, which successfully adapted Anouilh’s text to suit the Anglo-Saxon audience. The presentation will explore the limits of the importation, or the “migration”, of a theatrical work and its poetic and aesthetical value. This presentation is a part of the presenters on-going thesis project, focusing on Anouilh and his audience. This study will therefore have as corpus previous works focusing on reception theory and audience studies, such as the works of H.R. Jauss, A. Ubersfeld, and M-M. Mervant-Roux.

THE THEATRE OF RESPONSIBILITY, REFUGEE CONSTRUCTIONS AND THE INSTITUTIONAL DESIRES OF THE GERMAN STAGE

Refugees, Europe’s new ›foreign others‹, have become the central obsession of German politics and theatres alike. While the former is currently producing figures of exclusion to schmooze right-wing voters, the latter have been proudly producing gestures of inclusion to reassure their left-wing stance. Those labeled refugees appeared as choirs, amateurs, actors or audience members, representing themselves, the global south, injustices of world economy, the moral discontents of benefitting from these injustices, or the pitfalls of representation themselves. Within these parameters the chances, that the voices of those who lately arrived in the country could actually be heard, were small, while the chances to learn more about the contested construction of a German identity were high: for west- germans, who built their national pride on a moral exceptionalism that rests in the admittance of an unspeakable guilt, the symbolic welcoming of refugees seemed to reassure their distance from the Nazi-crimes as well as their moral superiority. But the cost was often the reduction of those represented to the role of victim, and the concealment of the hosts interests in a gesture of seemingly selfless generosity. Taking the cue from postcolonial thinkers like bell hooks, the paper asks what the German theatre demands from the refugees it participates in constructing: what wants, needs and desires lie behind the representational hospitality? What institutional lacks are compensated for, what symbolic gains are arrived at? And in what way does the appearance of the refugee on the German stage promise a way out of an aesthetic and institutional crisis that touches the very fundamentals of that institution? Refusing to denounce good intentions because of their lack of selflessness, the paper proposes an affirmative stance towards the needs and desires of hegemony to avoid the patronizing stance of privileged ignorance.

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IN CIRCULATION: DISCOURSES OF AUSTERITY AND NATION IN KALEIDER’S “THE MONEY”

This paper examines Kaleider’s The Money 2013-date in terms of its implication, in performance, in national politics and policies of austerity. The Money, a piece of ‘game-theatre’, challenges an audience of ‘benefactors’ renamed ‘players’ in 2016 to negotiate with one another to decide upon a use for a sum of money – the total ticket revenue contributed by the benefactors themselves as paying customers of the show. The paper offers a close reading of a performance of The Money at London’s Battersea Arts Centre in 2015, part of the year-long festival The Nation’s Theatre. In this particular performance, the benefactors’ discussion and decisionmaking regarding how to spend the money focused implicitly and explicitly on alleviating the effects of austerity, and positioned charitable acts repeatedly in relation to the figure of the refugee. The paper contrasts the benefactors’ debate with the cultural and economic politics of The Money’s global touring practice – which, its website announces, has by now visited ‘5 continents and played as charged and prestigious venues as Edinburgh City Chambers, UK Houses of Parliament, Lagos City Hall, Lisbon City Hall, Victoria Parliament, City of London’s Guildhall, Tianjin’s Grand Theatre and many others’ Kaleider 2018. The paper analyses the politics of the production’s dramaturgical treatment of money as a scarce, finite and locally consequential resource. It proposes a tension between this treatment, which elicits heated debate from benefactors over the ethics, cultural politics and efficacy of expenditure, and the global circulation of the production itself, as it ventures into new territories as a touring commodity.

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PERFORMING THE ANTHROPO(S)CENE: MIGRATORY HISTORIES AND CARTOGRAPHIC INVERSIONS

According to the anthropologist Tim Ingold, Western modernity is characterized by a ‘logic of inversion,’ by means of which the plurality of life is systematically reduced to structures of interiority. In a time when both the climate crisis and the refugee “crisis” are met with ever more introvertsive politics, the logic of inversion is itself in crisis and the quest for alternatives ever more urgent. In this paper, I relate histories of inversion to the horizontally extended human performance – “All the world’s a stage” – that is now dubbed the Anthropocene, its ‘performativity’ argued in the Butlerian sense of reiterated practices regularly confused with essential nature: That the relevant range of practices from agriculture to automobility seem to virtually define human conduct and being, is because they are not only restored or twice-behaved Schechner but infinitely behaved, massively reiterated, and also non-humanly distributed. More specifically, I trace as much of world history as twenty minutes allows – based on a chapter by then well underway – along two very different trajectories: that of local migrations of human associates, and that of human attempts at global overview. The former ranges from migrant crops and animals, at the dawn of agriculture, through European germs as agents of colonial conquest, to the diffusion of plastics as one stratigraphic marker of the Anthropocene epoch the latter traces the cartographic inversion and abstraction of all such local trajectories into an externally observable ‘globe,’ performatively naturalizing not only national boundaries and geographical distortions, but the very separation between ‘nature/geology/climate’ and ‘humanity.’ A cosmic spectator above all local struggles, ‘the human’ becomes what Ingold calls an ex-habitant’ of the globe rather than an inhabitant of the world, logically blinded to the vast human migrations that effects of global warming are likely to cause over the coming decades.

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“BEAUTIFUL LADIES, BEAUTIFUL GENTLEMEN THE BORDERS ARE OPEN”: GAME, POWER AND AFFECT IN RIMINI PROTOKOLL’S “HOME VISIT EUROPE”

“Beautiful ladies, beautiful gentlemen the borders are open”: game, power and affect in Rimini Protokoll’s Home visit Europe. My generation grew up listening to the European’s anthem and to sentences like: “Beautiful ladies, beautiful gentlemen the borders are open”, at the Eurovision Song Contest. Back in 2006, actor and director Pedro Penim Teatro Praga devised and performed Eurovision. While addressing theatrical ontological issues, such as the presence/absence of the body constituted in performance, Eurovision discloses some of the ways by which a common European subjectivity has been hardwired in new generations and how political borders supplanted geocultural ones. Europe is presented as a “game of the Almighty whose power organizes and commands over people’s lives”. Last year, Portuguese singer Salvador Sobral “moved the world” to the media said with the unpretentious song “Loving for the both of us” and, for the first time, Portugal won the competition. Love crosses borders. In 2015, the German/Austrian company Rimini Protokoll premiered Home visit Europe, a performance commissioned by the European theatre network “House on Fire”, in private apartment. Confronting the idea of Europe with individual experiences of belonging. Each performance enact a game played by 15 spectators sat around a table with the purpose of investigating “How much Europe is in us all?”. Home visit Europe proposes a competitive game dispositive with a clear structure and rules that creates an “intimate public” Berlant. Divided in teams, spectators will be given tasks to perform and questions to answer, oblivious of the fact that they are fighting for the largest piece of cake served at the end of the show. In this text, I will look into game as a recreational practice that fosters affective attachments with “fantasies of the common” Berlant, in particular, of European identities and feelings of belonging, thus, creating specific kind of “intimate public” Berlant that simultaneously dissipation and reinforces borders. In contrast with Eurovision, which urges us to find an “artistic and geographic position” within the game of Europe, I will be suggesting that Home visit Europe activates a power structure embedded in cultural narratives and ideological representations of Europe, in some ways similar to Eurovision or Jeux Sans Frontières, that discloses public affect attachments to fantasies of belonging in private homes. Anchored in my personal experience, I will further argue that, perhaps against the odds of the artists, the actual encounter can game the system or, at least, disrupt it. What happens when the audience wants to change the rules as a result of the game itself? What could happen to Europe? Drawing upon public affect theory by Lauren Berlant 2008, 2011 and Sara Ahmed 2004, I will address how borders are performed and affective attachments produced in theatre contexts, informed by political and ideological narratives, and how audiences can challenge planned games. References AHMED, Sara. 2004. The Cultural Politics of Emotion. Nova Iorque: Routledge. BERLANT, Lauren. 2011. “Cruel Optimism.” In . Durham e Londres: Duke University Press. BERLANT, Lauren. 2008. The Female Complaint. The Unfinished Business of Sentimentality in American Culture. Durham e Londres: Duke University Press.

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TRANSITIONS OF ETHNOFUTURISM? - ANDRUS KIVIRÄHK IN FINLAND

In this paper, I examine two performance adaptations of Estonian writer Andrus Kivirähk, played at Kokoteatteri, Helsinki, Finland, in 2006 and 2007. I analyze his plays in the context of ethnofuturism, a literary, artistic and sociocultural reform movement that was born in the late 1980s in Estonia. Later the term has spread among young Finno-Ugric writers and artists. The core of ethnofuturism is in mixing and remixing elements of old and new, ancient mythology, folklore and national romanticism with postmodernism. Old myths used in modern contexts can construct counter to monolithic, transnational culture. My aim is to examine how the traces of ethnofuturism translate when they are moved in a different political and historical environment. The performances I examine are based on Kivirähk’s novel Old Barny, or November (Rehepapp ehk November, 2000) and play Romeo and Juliet (Romeo ja Julia, 2004). Old Barny, or November provides a account of the chronicles of a nameless village throughout the month of November. In Romeo and Juliet, Kivirähk has adapted the well-known tale Estonian countryside, to a village that people has left behind. Romeo is a foolish country boy who falls in love with roe deer. Both stories share the grotesque use of folk tale plots and motifs as well as other genres of folklore and connect with peasant culture that gathers from avant-garde. They open up a view to villages that are closed communities that hang through surviving. Old Barny, besides humans, the village swarms with ghosts, treasure-bearers, or kratts, and werewolves, figures known from Estonian folk religion and beliefs.

By examining these adaptations, I debate how the traces of ethnofuturism were interpreted in the Finnish adaptations and their reception. Through that, I explore the question of locality in ethnofuturism when it is moved in the context of theatre.

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**BETWEEN MOVEMENT AND STASIS: THEATRICALITY AND THE PROBLEM OF SCALE IN LEFT AESTHETICS**

Critical geographers, following the philosophical intervention of Henry Lefebvre, have forcefully argued for the centrality of space, and especially the significance of the category of ‘scale’ as defining life in the contemporary times [Neil Smith 1992 2010 Hewitt 1997 Brenner 1999 2004 Moore 2008 Marston 2000 Bunnell and Coe 2001]. Rather than considering scales as given and natural, they foreground how the scales of nation, region, local and global etc are reproduced constantly in relation to each other. Unlike neoliberal framework, wherein world is conceived of emerging through unimpeded flows, these works highlight simultaneous territorialisation and deterritorialisation in the flow of capital. Building on these works, I interrogate the status of theatricality within politics of scale. I take performances, broadly aligned to Left, across two historical and geographical sites. First, I analyse closely two plays Gudalloor, a play dealing with mass eviction and displacement of primarily adivasis, repatriates from Sri Lanka and Dalits from Gudalloor and the play Spartacus performed by the Peoples Cultural Forum in Kerala south-India in late 1970s and early 80s. The second site is the contemporary performance, Atlas of Communism directed by Lola Arias that looks back at the life under GDR through memories of primarily women aged between 8 and 84 who narrate the truth about their own experience. Interrogating their theatrical strategies whereby they fold what is regarded as the global scale with the most local personal and bodily, I show how they offers a reconfiguration the world by marking and producing a space-time of performance wherein one can feel movement and stasis as relational. In the process, I explore the larger question of globality of left aesthetics and the ways in which political strategies and imaginations are shared across wide geographies.

**Key Words**
theatricality, Left aesthetics, politics of scale, movement, stasis

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**EVERYONE’S WELCOME HERE: MIGRATION AND UTOPIA IN DAVID GREIG**

In his 90s work, both with the company Suspect Culture and as a solo playwright, David Greig dramatized a world in which flows of population were converting the world into an extension of Marc Augé’s non-spaces undifferentiated locations within which, at best, potentially utopian encounters might take place. In these works, borders were porous. It is not that all symbols of national identity dissolved into a globalised whole rather, the world was imagined, at least potentially, as a space in which indications of cultural specificity did not necessarily place characters in a hierarchical relation to each other and to the spaces they inhabited. In his more recent work, however, the idea of porous borders might persist, but the utopian potential of encounters in non-space no longer seems to be possible. In more recent works The Events, and The Suppliant Women, for example, moments of utopian cultural interaction are fleeting, in which hierarchies based on the presumed superiority of some cultures and nations over others persist, and where the staging of cultural interaction involves a different type of performer- a performer who can serve as an audience surrogate within the action of the play. This paper will examine the change in Greig’s approach to cultural encounters, and will attempt to analyse what, if anything, is left of the utopian idea of cultural exchange in Greig’s work.

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Migration, Greig, politic
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RE-INScriBINg histoRyS inTo LoST GeOGRAPHIeS: MIGraNT laBour and SoCIALIST IMaGINaTIoNs

Re-inscribing histories into lost geographies: Migrant Labour and socialist imaginations. The last decade has seen the largest outbound migration from India since independence, ranking the second highest in the world, not only in terms of an affluent class leaving the country, but a large exodus of menial labour, moving to east and west Asia. Inbound migrations has been severely controlled and restricted particularly from Bangladesh, Afghanistan and West Asia where communalism has become a serious issue. In addition aggressive neo-liberalism in nexus with religious fundamentalism are redefining critical notions of nation, citizenship through drafting new national register of citizenship as a result of which I would argue both the notions of migration and labour has shifted fostering narrow identity politics based on religion, caste, indigeneity and in effect re-defining the visions of working class solidarities a foundational base of left or communist ideology and activism. Against these shifts and changes the paper will map through a recent agit-prop performance Janam’s The Struggle through pictorial-words and Shaina Anand’s project with Tate From Gulf to Gulf, contemporary engagement-activism and concerns pertaining to the migrant-labour. The agit prop intended for spreading awareness amongst its working class constituencies also inaugurated the centenary celebration of the October Revolution and the paper would try to understand how such historical imaginations, at one time closely related to gesturing towards a socialist future and internationalism Non Alignment Movement where India and Yugoslavia formed an alternate to cold war world, is re-inscribed through performance and artistic works in these times and contexts. The paper intends to question through Benjamin’s ideas of historical labour, artistic responsibilities particularly at a time when global cultural productions are reinterpreting the history of the socialist revolution and its potential deployment of historical strategies.

Key Words
Migration, Belonging, Dissent radical performance

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MAkING A SONG AND DANCE AT SEA: THE RISE OF SODS OPERA IN THE ROYAL NAVy

Upon the wide-open expanse of the sea, ships’ companies of the 20th century Royal Navy have transformed into performers and captive audiences to stage SODS Operas. A hybrid theatrical form that takes influence from 19th and 20th century theatrical forms such as Music Hall and Concert Party entertainment, SODS Opera evokes a carnivalesque atmosphere that encourages patterns of interaction outside the norms of everyday shipboard behaviour, dress, and activity. Drawing from interviews with serving and retired naval personnel and materials from formal archive holdings, this paper investigates the origin and historical development of this unique naval tradition to examine why Commanding Officers COs have repeatedly permitted the production of a theatrical form that facilitates the temporary suspension of a rigid naval hierarchy. Situated within mobility studies, this paper will identify the ways in which participants confront and contest structures that restrict movement on board ship to pinpoint the limits of their transgression within this floating performance arena. By investigating the literal as well as social and imaginary mobilities of people and space within performance, I argue that like many of the amateur theatre-making practices that have emerged within the Royal Navy, SODS Opera functions as a subtle means of control. Theatrical turns not only provide COs a valuable insight into the health and wellbeing of personnel, but the mass participation of the company enables participants to collectively re-imagine themselves as rooted to an exclusive community with a distinct naval culture and identity.

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SPANISH REPUBLICAN THEATER IN EXILE: A SOCIAL QUESTION

In the late 1920’s, and throughout the duration of the Second Republic 1931/1936, Spain underwent a period of intense and prolific theatrical production. During the Spanish Civil War 1936-1939, theater was used as a political tool, and as a critical means of communicating with a population suffering high levels of illiteracy. At the end of the war, with General Franco’s victory, theater companies that had sympathized the Republican cause were forced to go into exile, while others, with no political affiliation or orientation, were also obliged to emigrate, due to the desperately impoverished state of Spanish society in the postwar period. For Spaniards forced to live far away from their homeland, what did theater signify at the political and human level? Was it a means for them to relate to one another, and to maintain a collective awareness and memory? Was it a way for them to reaffirm and differentiate themselves from their host country? Or was it their way of making themselves heard, of crying out to the world for the injustices they had suffered? What relationship did this Spanish exile theater have with vanguard theater in the host countries at that time? What parallels can be drawn between the experiences of these exiled Spanish republicans then, and the experiences of exiled persons today? To answer these and other related questions, one needs to examine the conditions prevailing in the receiving countries—most notably Mexico, Argentina, France, and Russia—while bearing in mind the social, political, and cultural differences among them.

Key Words
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ROUTES AND MIGRATION PROCESSES WITHIN AN INVESTIGATION ABOUT PERFORMING OF REAL PEOPLE IN A THEATRICAL FRAME

In this work we expose and analyze some of the migratory routes and processes produced in my research about performances of real people Garde and Mumford: 2015 within determined structures and theatrical dispositives - We present and analyze, among others, the route, migration and transformations of the formal essence—that is: the nature of the biographic materials, the artistic forms, the technological tools, etc.-from each scenic creations/performances that I have studied originales to the scenic creations/performances that the researcher, have created and performed derivates as part of the research. The route, migration and transformations of the mode “not acting” following the continuum proposed by Michael Kirby, when both creations/performances: the originals and the derivates, are ordered following the criteria: from the ones that stand as performative lectures to the performative assemblies from those where the performer becomes spectator, to those where the spectators become performers. The routes and migratory processes will allow to confirm or not, the following hypothesis: 1 if the theater of the real people, ordered taking into account their radicality, have frontiers by one side with post-fictional theaters centered in the artistic realities, and by the other side with theaters socially centered, and 2 if we are facing a new paradigm of theatrical acting.

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PERFORMING BORDERS: QUESTIONS OF NATIONAL IDENTITY ON THE EXAMPLE OF TWO PRODUCTIONS THAT DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP OF ESTONIANS AND RUSSIANS

Estonia is a small country with 1.3 Million inhabitants. One third of the population is Russian speaking. That third of the population is hardly taking part in the Estonian cultural life. My presentation analyses two exceptional theatre productions that deal with the Russian minority, with the migration problematics and with talking in the name of the Other. The productions are: “At second glance”, authors and directors Mari-Liis Lill and Paavo Piik, Tallinn City Theatre, 2016 and “I’d Rather Dance with You”, director Oleg Soulimenko, dramaturg Piret Jaaks, Vaba Lava / Open Space, Tallinn, 2016. Those productions are extraordinary because almost for the first time in the Estonia theatre history Estonians and Russians meet on stage and talk about history and politics. Both productions are using strategies of documentary theatre and are presenting egodocuments on stage people talking about their real life experience. The productions use relational aesthetics and were created using strategies of devised theatre. Both productions are exceptional examples of political theatre and created intensive discussions in the media: how is the relation between Estonians and Russians? How should the minority of Russian-speaking people be presented on stage? The reception of the productions was extremely polarised.

Key Words
national identity, political and documentary theatre

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IMMIGRATION, POPULISM AND IDENTIFICATIONS

Abstract 48 words: This paper examines alternative ways of constructing subjectivities within the context of ‘European migrant and refugee crisis’ and rising right-wing populism. The goal is to open up a debate about the relationship between different subject positions in terms of identifications that nevertheless anticipate a multiplicity of identities. Abstract 131 words: In the course of the EU economic and refugee crisis, the right-wing populist discourse constructs the people by successfully connecting anti-immigratory, racist and nationalistic interests with the anxiety of workers. It designates immigrants as the enemy and threat to the economic stability of the welfare state. In contrast, the left-wing populist discourse aims at constructing the people by connecting a multiplicity of social demands, including those of the workers, in a struggle against the powerful corporate elite. It designates the neoliberal politicians / businessmen bond as the establishment that threatens global stability. Taking contemporary performance as a trigger for thought, this paper seeks to explore how contemporary performances contribute to the left-wing populist discourse on constructing the people in plural terms — in terms of identifications, rather than identities. To envisage identifications is to challenge not only the right-wing populism, but also the hegemony of neoliberalism.

Key Words
immigration, refugees, populism, identity, identification, pluralism, performance
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**HISTORIOGRAPHY – IDEOLOGY – COLLECTIONS. PROVENANCE ISSUES OF HISTORICAL THEATER MATERIAL FROM THE ZENTRALINSTITUT FÜR THEATERWISSENSCHAFT IN VIENNA 1943-1945**

An essential aspect of working on theater and migration is to document conflicts of flight and expulsion and to elaborate the vacancies of that very documentation in archives and collections. This research is fundamental, if archives hold sensitive materials surrounding the “National Socialist” era. The project “Historiography – Ideology – Collections”, which is funded by the Austrian Science Fund, aims not only to investigate such vacancies, but to illustrate them as provenance issues. The primary focus of interest is the collection of the Archive of the Zentralinstitut für Theaterwissenschaft Central Institute for Theater Studies, founded 1943 as ideologically motivated scholarly studies. The in-depth investigation of a collection formed during the “National Socialist” era will contribute to the clarification of complex provenance concerns regarding questionable inventories, and will thus form the basis for restitution proceedings and the research of the historical origin of materials. An important objective of the project is to develop a standardized mechanism for provenance issues. This process is combined with the exploration of a collections history and the collection structure of uncatalogued archives. The goal is to conduct an historical analysis of the generated sources, based on targeted digitizing, methods of the digital humanities and traditional archiving. The material to be digitized implicates graphic and textual records. The contents include Jewish actresses as well as actors and theater documentation on exemplary NS-stage productions or “Grenzlandtheater”. The questions regarding the material focus on investigating canonization processes in an historical context. The history and logic of exemplified inventories are researched by means of linking them via digital processes. Examining the ideology of the collection and the collecting process will form the basis for the long overdue research of the historical provenance of materials that were most likely stolen, such as some of those integrated in the Archive in this case.

Key Words
provenance issues, theater-historical collections, 1943-1945, digitizing

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**MIGRATION FROM AFRICA TO EUROPE AND THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF PERFORMANCE: TWO ITALIAN CASES**

The powerful migration wave from Africa to Europe constitutes a challenge for some theatre people in Italy. My paper focuses on two recent cases among the many that are nowadays going on in Italy in the attempt to cope with the unexpected event. One case took place in Gradisca, a small town near Gorizia, at the border with Slovenia. The other one occurred in Tuscany, the garden of Italy. The three-year Gradisca project, directed by Elisa Menon from the Theatre Group Fierascena, which she founded in 2010, consisted of workshops with African immigrants hosted in one of the notorious recently abolished by the Government CARA Centro Accoglienza Richiedenti Asilo and of a performance acted in front of the audience of the small town at the end of each workshop. Elisa Menon was born in the eighties she accomplished her training as an actress mainly through workshops run by some leading figures of the physical and devised theatre in Italy such as Emma Dante, just to mention one of them. The Tuscany experience followed an apparently more traditional pattern: a group of African immigrants performed The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui by Bertolt Brecht in the Italian translation by Cesare Molinari, the well-known theatre scholar, under the new title Story of a Villain who conquered the Power. Cesare Molinari is also one of the two leaders of the project. The other one, Massimo Luconi, began his career as a stage director in the seventies he is open to suggestions from the African tradition of griot. The play was first presented to the public in Florence in January 20ween different cultures. How did the transformative power of performance affect both experiences?

Key Words
Migration from Africa to Europe. Transformative power of performance. Different cultures. Two cases.
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Main areas of research: Theatre, Dance and Performance Theories, Body Concepts, Performing Arts in East Asia, Arts and Politics.

FROM BEING ALIEN TO ALIENATION. REVISITING BRECHTS REVOLUTIONARY CONCEPTION OF THEATRE

Bertolt Brecht's theoretical and practical theatre work, his poems, his songs, his novels, his engagement with film — in short: his entire oeuvre cannot be considered without the social and political ongoing of the time. Two world wars determine his life, force him to leave the Weimar Republic in 1933 and to live in exile until 1948, when he returns to Eastern Germany. In continuous collaboration with others most prominently Kurt Weill, Hanns Eisler, Walter Benjamin, Ruth Berlau, Margarete Steffin, Elisabeth Hauptmann, Brecht seeks to revolutionize the art of theatre through new aesthetic and political techniques. In my paper, I will ask how Brecht's radical draft of an other view to the world could be thought today: In "Revisiting Brecht" through the lens of contemporary perspectives like those of Georges Didi-Huberman and René Pollesch, I would like to conceive of theatre as a scenic process that reflects both history and historicity on several levels, calling for intervention and critique. The concept of alienation obtains a central position: rather than being a purely formal artistic technique, it marks a discourse of the political, where structures of powers are both analysed and attacked.

Key Words
Bertolt Brecht, Exile, Alienation, Georges Didi-Huberman

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FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT? SITE-SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE AND THE ROLE OF THE EMPATHETIC SPECTATOR IN IRISH THEATRE NOW

This paper considers site-specific performances of intersecting marginalisation within Irish society, focussing on migrant sex-workers, asylum seekers, socio-economically deprived communities, and institutionalised children. The paper contends that through physical movement and the use of defamiliarising performance tactics, site specific theatre can engage audiences to think differently about marginalisation and victimisation. Vardo 2014 by ANU Productions brought audiences into a range of spaces in inner city Dublin – a bus depot, a brothel, a car, and a pub – where they met, talked with, and held hands with performers. A migrant sex worker flees her pimp, an asylum seeker learns of his father’s death. At turns, the audience member is asked to answer questions, to give opinions, to hold objects, or to help. In Dominic Thorpe’s Proximity Mouth 2015 audiences are led into the former Children’s Court in Dublin Castle. The room is darkened, a performer holds a mirror up, the audience are led by hand by a resident of the Direct Provision asylum system. A young girl reads a list of names of those others born there. She asks if the audience member would like a boat or a plane. Both of these productions require physical contact and verbal responses from audience members. Both target audiences one by one or, at most, in groups of two or three. Both are site-specific and ask the audience to reflect and engage with the history of the site, and the present ethical and social crises being performed at these sites. How do these performances affect the spectator, and shape the role of spectatorship? How do these performances exploit the idea of movement to pose questions about the ethics of movement? How do the performances engage with questions of freedom and entrapment? How are these performances of memory and performances of presentness?

Key Words
Site-Specific Movement Empathy Spectatorship Performance Art
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THE “OTHER” OF THE INNER THEATRE

How does “otherness” across political boundaries and group identities relate to the theatricality of Self with various aspects of character performing for the Other as audience—through cooperation and competition with others? Especially with the migrant’s otherness, when viewed as a territorial invader or villainous terrorist, can the theatrical display of Self and group identities, onstage or onscreen, evoke a catharsis of emotions and rasas with tragicomic insights altering such fearful projections—or potentially backfire, increasing the melodramatic stereotypes and violent, competitive drives? Drawing on research from my last three books, I consider psychologist Bernard Baars’s notion of a “theatre of consciousness” in our heads, related to our evolutionary heritage and our daily performances, from childhood to maturity, with others as mirrors. I involve research on mirror neurons, emotion contagion, and oxytocin as a group-bonding neuropeptide, regarding primal drives and core affects—plus Rene Girard’s theory of mimetic rivalry and scapegoating. I also consider the research of Mario Beauregard on “cognitive reappraisal,” with changes in the brain while watching sad, aversive, or erotic videos, and then reflecting on the experience. Using an inner theatre model of the brain developed from Baars’s Global Workspace Theory, with an inner “improviser/designer” and “scripter/critic,” as well as primal “stagehands” and memorial “audience” aspects of otherness within, I explore how current neuroscience connects with ancient and modern theatre theories, illuminating the spectator-character-actor relationship when a hero, group, and others appear onstage/onscreen in certain genres.

Key Words
catharsis, rasa, neuroscience, psychology, mimetic theory, emotion contagion, cognitive reappraisal, Global Workspace Theory

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STAGING THE OTHER. SANTA CATARINA THE GERMAN PART OF BRAZIL.

In the mid 19th century german farmers left their country to flee the hunger crisis in the Hunsrück-area to find a new future in the south of Brazil, where they were offered land for little money. In the state Santa Catarina for example, a lot of people have german ancestors. They grew up in Brazil, spoke german and brought their culture, like the typical german frame house architecture, to brazil. The movie “Die andere Heimat. Chronik einer Sehnsucht.” from Edgar Reitz tells the story of poor farmers in Germany before the actual emigration to Brazil, always imagining the Other, the foreign unknown country Brazil followed by the prospect of the stereotyped American Indian. The play “Brasilien 13 Kisten” from Karin Beier, named in an extended version with co-writer Elfriede Jelinek “Pfeffersäcke im Zuckerland”, was a transatlantic theatre project evaluated by the Goethe Institut, performed by german and brazilian actors. Theatre in this case is not only for migrants but also from migrants who tell their own stories of emigration which is influenced by the hard work cultivating the different nature of the land. Being a farmer in Germany was different than being a farmer in Brazil which is why the national identity is strongly affiliated with the ground that has to be fielded or mastered. The role of the “caboclos”, a hybrid of European and Indian ancestors in Brazil, is staged as the Other that basically devaluates every ethnic that is not german. The play offers a critic view on german migrants that instead of adapting to Brazilian culture, brought their own culture to the foreign country and pass it on to the following generations. As a result migration evokes fluid national identities. This study examines how they are performed in migrant theatre and how the Other is staged in that context.

Key Words
Brazilian and German Migration, Theatre of an for migrants, staging the Other
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The Uncle Vanya Project: Performing Chekhov in the Australian Landscape

This paper will discuss the Uncle Vanya project; a site-specific, time-specific theatre project which not only translates Anton Chekhov’s early environmentalist play from Russian into English, but transplants it into the Australian landscape, adapting it to local place and issues. Chekhov’s play Uncle Vanya (A Portrait of Country Life in Four Acts) introduces themes such as deforestation, environmental deterioration and climate change. Chekhov was passionate about forests and aware of their ecological importance. In his plays the natural environment, social structures and human lives intertwine in a fragile ecology. Characters work on the land, ignore it, buy it, sell it: they are embroiled in family struggles, while the environment is deteriorating. This contemporary version of the play is adapted to and performed in regional Australia, in response to specific sites. The performance takes place over two days, with each act of the play performed at the time of day indicated in Chekhov’s stage directions. Between acts, audiences interact with performers, are invited on walks in the surrounding landscape and to talks about ecological and farming issues of the region. The project opens up connections between location, environment and performance. The play, the place and the performers enter into conversation, invoking place as a major player. The project dissolves boundaries between performance and reality, between audience and performers in the experience of the landscape. The idea of site as an active player in the creation of meaning in the performance will be developed referring to the ideas of Mike Pearson. I will also discuss embodiment and relation to place, referring to the work of Gernot Bohme on atmosphere and embodiment.

Key words: site-specific performance, translation, adaptation, embodiment, Chekhov, landscape

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QUESTIONS OF TRANSLATING IN LIBRARY ESSAYS

The question of translating performance is multifaceted it concerns not only a language but also a context. In his text “Translator’s Task” Walter Benjamin 1997 problematizes translation of language by stating that fidelity in translating the words can never render the meanings they have in the original. In the context of performance Diana Taylor 2003 has also problematized translation what is considered as a performance in one society might be a non-event elsewhere. Performances are always located they have their contexts. Moreover, when thinking the question of translating from artist-researcher’s perspective there is one more layer how to talk or write about performance, so how to translate action to words? In this presentation, I focus on questions of translating in my performance Library Essays #1 “Elephants are always drawn smaller than life”. The original version in Finnish was performed in an empty library building in a suburb of Helsinki. The translated versions in English were realised in very different contexts: in a yard of University in Sao Paulo and at the busy city library in Turku. If we accept Benjamin’s proposition that you can’t translate the ‘essential’ thing of an artwork, what was translatable then? And what for?

Key Words
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MIGRATING HISTORIES: RUSSIAN AND JEWISH ACTORS IN LITHUANIA DURING THE INTERWAR PERIOD

The presentation will deal with the questions of artist migration in Lithuania between the two world wars 1919-1939. Lithuania was an independent country during the above mentioned period. It started to develop itself rapidly in the thirties and attracted Russian and Jewish artists that were escaping Soviet Russia and moving towards further Western countries. At one time, in the beginning of the thirties, there was quite a significant group of foreign artists, who were coming to Lithuania directly from Moscow, in order to create performances in Kaunas, the temporary capital of Lithuania at that time. Mikhail Tchekhov, Viktor Gromov, Andrius Oleka-Zilinskas, Michael Gor, Miriam Cohen-Bernstein, Vera Solovjova, just to mention a few, all of them came from the Studios of Konstantin Stanislavsky and Yevgeni Vachtangov. They made an important impact to the newly born Lithuanian national theatre. Their reception in the press was not always favorable. Some of them were regarded as a menace for the national spirit of the country. Therefore all these artists did not stay in Kaunas for more than some years and continued their careers abroad. The presentation will reveal, what factors were crucial for the short-living of their artistic careers in Lithuania and what impact they left nevertheless to Lithuanian national theatre.

Key Words
Migrating actors, Lithuanian theatre, Soviet theatre, Jewish theatre, Interwar period

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PERFORMING TRAUMA AT THE TURN OF THE 21ST CENTURY: THEATRICAL RESPONSES TO THE (EUROPEAN) MIGRANT CRISIS

Contemporary theatre practices face various challenges in the face of the migrant crisis, thus examining the role and the effects of the theatre in regards to the community it is created in. Performances that engage with the political are socially aware theatre forms, and they usually generate a direct communication with the community, as they give voice to the vulnerable through different forms of (self) representations, by creating social bonds and advocating open discussion. We will look at the question of (l)migration and some theatrical responses to the most recent (European) migrant crisis as both traumatic and political event that urge for (collective) re/action. More specifically, this presentation will analyse three case studies dealing with the same topic and using trauma testimonies based in the real-life experiences and/or documentary material: Lampedusa Beach by Senka Bulić/ Lina Prosa (Kazalište Hotel Bulić, 2016), Compassion. History of a machinegun by Milo Rau (Schaubuhne, 2016), by Creation of human by Ivona Šijaković and Tijana Grumić (Atelje 2012, 2018).

We will analyse these three performances by employing the concepts like liminality (Turner, Fischer Lichte), which is an important notion in performance studies, stemming from anthropology and tackling the interconnectedness as well as the fragile boundaries between the social and the artistic, between the ethics and aesthetics; empathy in relation to the testimony- one of the crucial concepts in trauma and memory theory (LaCapra, Hirsch, Oliver); homo sacer (Agamben) as one of the fundamental notions dealing with migration from both philosophical/ethical and political perspective. We will argue that these concepts are important starting points when thinking about staging both the ongoing traumas, as well as representing the oppressed and subsided. Finally, we will examine this suggestion in the interviews with the authors and present the discussion and the findings.

Key words:
migrant crisis, homo sacer, liminality, empathy, socially engaged theatre
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PERFORMING ISLAND AUSTRALIA IN A TIME OF OFFSHORE DETENTION

In 2001, the Australian government implemented the so-called ‘Pacific Solution’ to the arrival of asylum seekers: they would be detained on islands both within and beyond Australia’s sovereign borders. The situation continues, enjoying cross-party support. In 2015, there were 1792 detainees, held mainly at centres on Manus Island in Papua New Guinea closed in October 2017, and on Nauru. Australia’s artists have addressed this situation as part of a larger pushback by civil society. Many performances have sought to represent or feature asylum seekers, and scholarship has focused on the ethics of the resulting representations. This paper considers recent performances that examine the implications of the policy for Australians’ own self-imaging. In so doing, I am concerned with the conditions of stasis that all parties – detainees, hosts, activists, governments – find themselves in in this seemingly intractable situation. These performances include: the Malthouse Theatre’s 2017 production of Michael Gow’s classic Australian play Away 1986, which combined a nightmarish diagnosis of 1960s Australian society with a return to the beach as both restorative and sinister site of Australia’s insularity This is Eden 2017, by Emily Goddard, which historicized the current situation by focusing on Tasmania’s role as a nineteenth-century prison island and Samara Hersch and Lara Thoms’ We All Know What’s Happening 2017, in which children presented a history of Nauru. These and other performances demonstrate that although both the numbers of people, and the land masses involved are relatively small, the rhetoric and actuality of the ‘Pacific Solution’ has produced a constitutive reliance on the islands for Australia’s sense of its own sovereignty. This is a pressing material problem for the detainees. But it is also an existential problem for Australians. The resulting performances capture the punishing ambivalence of being between migration and stasis.

Key Words
Theatre, Asylum, Islands, Detention

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FROM CUBA TO COLOMBIA: MÉRIDA URQUÍA’S INWARD JOURNEY LEADING TO THE ENCOUNTER WITH HER AUDIENCE

As a migrant, Cuban actress Mérida Urquía was subject to the regime of social motion that Thomas Nail understands as an expulsion through dispossession that is “neither entirely free nor forced.” Nail’s approach to the migrant through the observation of movement as the migrant’s inherent attribute intends to acknowledge a social force that has traditionally been denied. In her uprooting, Urquía has experienced the process of throwing herself into the analysis of her identity, which is undoubtedly tied to her profession. From the choice of her theater group name, Mi Compañía Teatro [My Company Theatre], to the production of La extranjera [The Foreigner], she has adopted introspection to analyze her condition of migrant and to find theatre as the element that defines her, as her identity, in a search that seems asocial. This asociality paradoxically connects Urquía to her audience as one of the “floating islands,” concept with which Eugenio Barba characterizes theatre groups for which isolation and individual needs become worthy of their methodology.

Key Words
PROBLEMS OF AND FOR THE LEFT IN OUR TIMES

At a time when migration/immigration have become the great divisive issue of our times across much of the globe, we need to understand what could constitute a relevant ‘Left’ politics of migration. This paper will discuss three central problematics: how to understand populism viz a viz a notion of ‘the people’ what is ‘democracy’ for migrant subjects, often stateless and what performance contributes to these debates by virtue of its embodied and signifying affects. Staking out my position with help from Chantal Mouffe, Etienne Balibar, and Jan-Werner Müller, I hope to challenge performance theory to articulate a more effective approach to advocating for progressive politics through performance.

Key Words
Migration, Populism, Democracy, Performance

DEAD WHITE ZOMBIES: OPEN ENDED ENCOUNTERS

Dead White Zombies is a post-disciplinary performance collective based in Dallas, Texas. In its seven years of existence it has experimented with a variety of site-specific events creating a distinct identity, expression, and position within its community. The Dead White Zombies apply and re-mix the vocabularies of theatre, performance art, installation, video and audio art, dance, ritual, and drama therapy. Each performance event explores a deeper connection to the world and self in a multicultural, post-industrial, and rapidly transforming economic, technological, and urban environment. Inspired by the performance models, methods, and expressions of a variety of indigenous groups, DWZ seeks to re-establish and reanimate indigeneity for a globalizing world. DWZ views performance a community event, an emotional, psychological, spiritual, mythic, and functional site of agency and transformation. A site where the body travels through spaces to reiterate and reconsider its place in a mercurial, networked, modern reality. The paper will present a conceptual overview of DWZ performances using specific examples to illustrate how the work instigates open ended encounters with audiences participating and completing the performance. Examples include, Flesh World 2012 whole 2012, and Karaoke Motel 2014, a cycle of performances that respectively travel through death, the afterlife and re-birth T.N.B. 2013 a death ritual of African-American male identity in a former crack house DP92 2015 a spirit journey and devolution to the origins and essences of life on earth and Holy Bone 2016-17, a durational performance of initiation, a performed preparation for our global reality. Holy Bone began at a Taco restaurant and journeying through city streets to fourteen sites in six buildings. DWZ was named the 2017 Theatre Company of the Year by the Dallas Observer.

Key Words
Post-Disciplinary, Immersive, Site-Specific, Participatory, Interactive, Community, Experimental
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**THIS IS OUR SONG: AESCHYLUS’S “THE SUPPLIANT WOMEN” IN A VERSION BY DAVID GREIG**

The summer of 2015 came to be known as the beginning of an ongoing refugee crisis in Europe. On 23 June 2016 the UK voted to leave the European Union. At different scales and in various contexts, people globally seem to want to go, to leave, to look inside, to shut the door. This paper will discuss Aeschylus’s The Suppliant Women Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh, 2016 in a version by David Greig, a play that is 2,500 years old and yet including refugees and a referendum. In both contemporary politics and the play, refugees and referenda are connected. Although one cannot frame Brexit uniquely around the question of immigration, those of us who followed the campaign, remember about the horrifying murder of Labour MP Jo Cox at the hands of a right-wing extremist just days before the referendum and have lived in the UK before, during and in the aftermath of the referendum know about some of the connections. In the play itself, refugees the suppliant women and a referendum are linked because the King of Argos, where the supplicants arrive all the way from Egypt fleeing marriage, asks the people of Argos whether they want to offer sanctuary to these women, who form the chorus in the play. Unlike the townsfolk in Lars von Trier’s film Dogville 2003, where “a young woman, fleeing gangsters, seeks refuge in a small town” Secomb 2007: 142, the people of Argos might they want to offer sanctuary to these women, who form the chorus in the play. Unlike the townsfolk in Lars von Trier’s film Dogville 2003, where “a young woman, fleeing gangsters, seeks refuge in a small town” Secomb 2007: 142, the people of Argos decide to offer the women sanctuary without reluctance. Highlighting the myriad paradoxes of entrances as an unforgettable, profound, plural act of mourning for the perished in the waters and the land.  

Key Words  
Ethics, Politics, Refugee, Women, global indigeneity

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**WHO’S THERE, WHEN A STRANGER APPEARS?**

Suddenly a Stranger Enters My contribution to this panel will examine the dialectics between Migration Movement and Stasis Standstill – as the conference theme proposes – on the basis of Walter Benjamin’s discussion of “The Interruption” Die Unterbrechung in the second version of his essay, “What is Epic Theatre?” This essay, theorizing the work of his close friend Bertolt Brecht was one of the last texts Benjamin succeeded in publishing, about a year before he committed suicide in September 1940, while attempting to cross the border between France and Spain. In this essay Benjamin suggests that the sudden entrance of a stranger on the stage is paradigmatic for such an interruption, a caesura through which movement comes to a standstill, creating an image which Benjamin in The Arcades Project refers to as a “dialectics at a standstill”. In the Epic Theatre-essay Benjamin describes a situation of violence – a State of Exception – where the “wife is just about to pick up a bronze statuette and throw it at the daughter, the father is opening the window to call a policeman. At this moment the stranger appears at the door. Tableau, as they used to say around 1900.” Who is this stranger? Where does he come from? And what induced his sudden appearance? These are some of the questions I will raise, exploring the regulatory principles of entrances as an aspect of the dispositive of the theatre – its own inherently unique system of signs – as well as in my own dramaturgical practice with an Israeli production based on Kafka’s The Trial, called “Citizen K”.  

Key Words  
the stranger the stage state of exception entrances
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TRANSLATING THE TRAGIC

In The Island 1973 Athol Fugard’s collaborators Winston Ntshona and John Kani, both of whom created the roles of political prisoners, play Antigone and Creon respectively. The drama concludes not with death but with defiance, with Winston’s endurance despite his life sentence, John’s anticipated release and, by implication, the amplification of his defiance in the world outside. In this scenario, the hero and her drama represent not so much the tragic sacrifice as commitment to struggle. The darkness of tragedy, the fatal outcome of the collision between hubris and necessity, appear to fade in the light of prospective liberation. If the commitments of the antiapartheid movement encouraged a theatre of resistance whence the suffering protagonist emerged transformed as an agent to struggle, the achievement of democracy in the post-apartheid era might appear to have escaped the threat of catastrophe and thus the grasp of tragedy. In the light of these words of Loren Kruger, written in her article “On the Tragedy of the Commoner: Elektra, Orestes and Others in South Africa, 2012 the lecture will explore the question of the translatability of the tragic. This question will be situated in the current context of the crisis of democracy, perceived as a deep crisis of the communal body on a global scale. It focuses especially on “the tragedy of the commons” Hardin 1968. While the notion of “the commons” is grounded in a desire for the conditions necessary to promote social justice, sustainability and happy lives for all, the “tragedy of the commons” in turn reproduces socio-economic injustices and hierarchical divisions of power, environmental catastrophes and stressed-out, alienated lives De Angelis 2013. Especially against the background of migration due to global asymmetries, thinking and practicing the commons becomes particularly urgent. What does this mean for translations of the tragic?

Key Words
translation, tragedy, global asymmetries, commons

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THE “THEATRE OF EMIGRATION" STARTING WITH WALTER BENJAMIN AND BERTOLT BRECHT

One of Benjamin’s definitions of Brecht’s epic theatre is ‘theatre of emigration’ W. Benjamin, The country where it is forbidden to mention the proletariat, in “Understanding Brecht” [1966] 1998. Not by chance, Benjamin and Brecht came to know each other mainly during their years of exile in the Second World War 1933-40. In this state of re-calibration and unease, i.e., outside of their homeland, fleeing from a totalitarian ideology, in a condition of dislocation and alienation, that the two deepen their mutual understanding of each other. This shared new reality is the starting point to reflect upon concepts such as estrangement, estrangement effect Verfremdungseffekt, quotation, translation/translatio, interruption, montage, iteration, re-staging, contextualization, and re-contextualization. They are not only outcomes of the mutual influence between Brecht and Benjamin in conceiving theatrical art, but also philosophical key terms to understanding more broadly, the profoundly intimate link between the condition of exile and the art of theatre.

Key Words
Brecht, Benjamin, Theatre of emigration, estrangement, quotation, iteration, translation, montage
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SEEKING THE IDENTITY OF VIETNAMESE MODERN THEATRE – A CHALLENGE OF LE KHANH, ACTRESS THAT DOES NOT MIGRATE

Modern Vietnamese theatre has been formed and developed as the combination of the existing traditional theatres like Chêo or Tuồng and Western theatres. In 13th century, the traditional theatre in Vietnam had developed by the influence of Chinese opera. Then Vietnamese imported modern theatre from France during the colonial era in 19th century. After the end of wars, some Vietnamese artists had studied in Russia or Germany and brought the theatrical methods into their country. Vietnamese modern theatre flourished thanks to a gifted playwright Luu Quan Vu in late 1980s. However, the change of economical policy made the Vietnamese theatre struggled to progress in 1990s. It remains present although waning or gradually dying. Le Khanh, is the most famed actress in Vietnam, but not in the World. She lost chances to succeed overseas and had to remain at her birthplace. She is now the deputy director of the Youth theatre. But she has come back to the stage and is trying to find the theatrical identity of her country. In the autumn of 2013, the Japan Foundation has invited performing artists from Vietnam, and in 2014 about 20 Vietnamese performing artists participated in a long-term training program in Japan that lasted for about four months. Currently, several projects that are being jointly produced with Japan are moving forward. Vietnamese modern theatre has been developed by Vietnamese migrated to overseas. Now it is now being turned over a new leaf by the actress who never migrate.

Key Words
Identity, Aisa

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INSECURITY AND VIOLENCE. REPRESENTATIONS OF IMMIGRATION IN THE THEATER OF MEXICO.

The geopolitical space in which is located the Mexican northern border, stands as a scenario where there is a violent encounter of equidistant, complex and contradictory forces. This previously only nodal point of transit which functioned as truncated aspirations Weir, now has become also port of settlement physical site that summarizes longings, imaginary and frustrations place for the uprooting of identities, longing and nostalgia for the geographical distances also cultural and linguistic confrontation. In the real scenario, the nature of the theatre to realize his background and the arising contradictions, because through his Aristotelian form either through some posdramatics expressions, or with the use of strategies of performance than is they refer to autobiographical exposure, conventional logical rupture, narrative - experiential dramatic expression and action. The variety in the way is a reflection of the multiplicity of interests dramaturgies of its authors and the urgency for protesting the violence of everyday life. The intention of this paper is to point out some expressive shafts which Mexican drama said the complex issue of immigration into the United States, taking into account work of reference of this dramatic literature. For the theoretical approach takes into account spectacular and textual analysis of Ubersenfeld and Pavis models, as well as some studies of Alejandro Lugo, Roberto Herrera Carassou and Alfonso Alfaro around the border, studies of migration theories and meetings - misunderstandings in the historical relationship of Mexico with the United States.

Key Words
Mexican Theatre, immigration, violence, representation, analysis of texts.
CULTIVATED FAILURE: WHITE MEN AND THE PERFORMATIVE POLITICS OF FALLING

Can failure be a privilege? What does it mean for able-bodied white men to represent themselves falling? The whiteness and male-centeredness of contemporary art might be invisible to those that speak its codes without intentionality. Through the lenses of gender studies, whiteness studies, visual studies, and performance studies, this paper analyzes latent and manifest ideological meanings within a photographic archive of white male gestures of falling. I identify a pattern of what I call cultivated failure as a practice and a trope in contemporary art, and I argue that white male contemporary artists Kerry Skarbakka and Patrick Manning perform a cultivated failure that, in varying degrees, interrogates masculinity and throws whiteness into relief. Their work questions the need for a stable masculinity by rendering the artist tentatively falling, failing, or floating, and develops a visual counter-argument for how a gendered body should function. Actively resisting a hegemonic whiteness, these disruptive gestures provide representational tactics to counter the strategies of straight white male dominance in cultural production. However, while these artists’ individual gestures perform a collapse, suspension, or failure of straight white masculinity, patriarchal and white supremacist institutions remain standing. Still, I argue that these photographs attempt a visual rupture of masculine ideals of stability by exposing repetitive gendered acts in a moment of collapse, and challenge dominant notions of how men allow (or disallow) themselves to perform. Ultimately, I argue that Skarbakka and Manning use their privilege to perform a self-reflexive exhaustion, emptiness, and failure in late 20th century white masculinity—but provide the possibility of ethical performative interventions in the form of what I call cultivated failures, the pause, and the reorientation drive.

Key Words:
- gender, race, politics and aesthetics, visual studies, performance studies, contemporary art, contemporary performance, photography, conceptual art, failure, falling, pause, reorientation.

NETWORKED PERFORMANCE. PERFORMING ACROSS BOUNDARIES. SAMPLE OF WOKS BY KONIC THTR

Networked Performances are performances taking place simultaneously in two or more locations linked via internet connection. This relatively new form of performance is based on the possibility to share a common virtual space in real time between artists, researchers, engineers, in different cities, countries or continents. The artistic content of the work is created between the different partners in a collaborative fashion, and it is worth mentioning that although they are considered as single works, by the very nature of the Networked Art, each node will present to the audience a different aspect, point of view, mise en scène, of the same performance. In this paper, we suggest that the apparent complexity and disparity of this type of proposals is an opportunity for the collaboration between artists and creators, researchers as well as engineers from different countries coming together to explore new possibilities in the field of the performing arts, and is a great container to bring together different cultural approaches, as well as artistic sensibilities and technological solutions stemming from the variety of partners. We will present two projects in which Kônic was involved, and show how this genre can provide opportunities for cross border, cross cultural, and cross disciplinary collaborations. In Near in the Distance 3 2017 we will see how musicians and dancers from Austria, Spain, Italy, Finland and India are brought together onto one stage in Linz. A project made possible through the transnational collaboration between the artists and network engineers of the different NRENs involved. EVDS8 2015 was shown simultaneously to audiences in Bahia, Mexico, and Barcelona. University department in Mexico, a dance company in Spain, and network engineers and software developers in Brazil were brought together to present one Networked Performance simultaneously in three continents.

Key Words: Networked Performance, Cross border collaboration, Performance and New Media
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FROM GLOBAL RESEARCH TO WALKING AUDIENCES. MIGRATION IN RIMINI PROTOKOLL’S STATE 1-4

In their most up to date production, the tetralogy State 1-4 (2016-18), Rimini Protokoll focuses on post democratic phenomena such as the global network of intelligence, construction sites and lobbyists, digitalisation of democracy and the intertwining structures of global companies and politics. For each of this rather political contents a special setting not only for an aesthetic space experience was constructed but also an unique way of how to address, organise and guide the audience through the theatre event. Different strategies of participation and interaction come into action in order to generate an immersive experience. This paper will discuss the different dramaturgies of staging the publics with the help of theories of Rancière and others. The movements of the spectators is strongly linked to many migrating motions of the research, the production, the lives of the protagonists and the travelling of the show itself.

Key Words
audience participation immersive political performance dramaturgy interaction digital migration

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A NEW INTIMACY? IBSEN AND THE EVOLVING THEATRE-GOING CULTURE OF LATE NINETEENH CENTURY BERLIN

The uncanny relevance of Ibsen’s work across cultures engages scholars and audiences until the present day. How the works of this Norwegian author have captured the global imagination remains a continuous source of discussion. This paper takes one of the most well-known sites of this “Ibsen-effect” – namely the city of Berlin in the late nineteenth century – and aims to broaden the notion of cultural exchange by providing an analysis of the theatre-going cultures surrounding it. By looking at literary matinees, membership clubs and newly intimate theatrical spaces, it aims to highlight the multifaceted layers through which culture can travel, and thereby reshape fundamental notions of human interaction.

Key Words
theatre, avant-garde, modernism, cultural history, late nineteenth century, Berlin
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ACTRESS IN EXILE - LIINA REIMAN IN FINLAND, 1944-61  
The paper discusses the Estonian actress Liina Reiman 1891-1961 who fled to Finland in 1944 and lived in exile until her death in 1961. A celebrated tragedienne and heroine in the 1920s, Reiman’s career had setbacks in the comedy-driven early 1930s. In her quest for a larger audience, Reiman successfully performed and toured Finland several times during 1928-37 and eventually performed some roles in Finnish. Fleeing the Soviet occupation along with tens of thousands Estonians in August 1944, Reiman settled in Finland and was given the possibility to perform Franz Grillparzer’s “Sappho” at the National Theatre of Finland. Finland having lost the war, the situation of Estonian refugees in the country was politically delicate and most of the Estonians proceeded to Sweden. Unable to set foot at the main professional theatres of Finland, Reiman was able to rely on private support and tour minor theatres of the country also directing her own plays, most notably Karel Capek’s “Mother” at six different theatres during the years 1945-47. Displaced as a performing artist, Reiman contributed in instructing young actors. The theatre educational system in Finland being largely unorganized, Reiman’s guest directions had a clear educational character. Appraised for her cultivated voice technique and affective emotional expression, she was invited to teach in the advanced theatre courses and in the Theatre academy. For the afterwar Finnish audiences, Reiman also carried and manifested the fate of independent Estonia.  

Key Words  
artist in exile, World War 2, Estonia, Finland, Liina Reiman  

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“FRUROMANIA” - DRAMATURGIES OF QUEER-POSTMIGRANT PERFORMANCES IN GERMANY  
Frutomania describes an obsession, a lust for life and its translation into the arts. It describes an approach to German and postmigrant theatre, life in the diaspora and safe spaces in queer communities of color. The term was invented and is used by Frutas Afrodisíacas, a young queer performance group from Berlin consisting of people of color. All members of the group received a kind of postmigrant “theatrical education” during their involvement in the artistic work of Ballhaus Naunynstraße Berlin for several years. In their performance, also named Frutas Afrodisiacas, the “Früchtchen” as they sometimes call themselves link themselves to “West-Berlin’s Tunten “fag” movement of the 1980s” to investigate “commonalities, contradictions, and themselves” and explore the queer heritage within the queer community of color. Their “quadruple-linguism”, a mix of Spanish, Portuguese, English and German spoken on stage, their cross-dressing – referencing Carmen Miranda and YouTube-videos of brick shoe dancers as their source of inspiration – as well as their theoretical background in Queer and Postcolonial/Decolonial Studies creates a unique aesthetic framing for German theatre. In my presentation I will examine representation of queer black and people of color within German theatre along the performance by Frutas Afrodisiacas. I will focus on dramaturgies which are linked to postmigrant theatre, but also to political/activists strategies of resistance and empowerment as well as personal experiences of migrants, refugees and/or marginalized subject.  

Key Words  
Migration, Post-migrant Theater, Multilingualism, Queer post-migrant Performance
A PROMISE TO ARTEMIS: HIPPOLYTUS, MALE VIRGINITY, AND QUEER SPECTATORSHIP IN THE 5TH CENTURY BCE

Not many laws governed the theatre of ancient Athens, but there was one which specifically affected the rehearsal process. Choral training was to conclude before sundown, so that young chorus men could walk home in the daylight. This law was instituted to protect these ephebes the age-class of men whose beards had started to come in from sexual assault. The existence of this law evidences a popular sexual desire for the performers and points towards a queer desire in the spectatorship of their performances, which I refer to as a “male gayze”. This paper reads the ancient performance of the Hippolytus of Euripides through the lens of the queer Athenian male spectator. King Theseus’ son, Hippolytus, makes a vow of chastity to the virgin goddess of the hunt, Artemis. While some read this as a foil to Phaedra’s lust, the promise to not marry is also a demonstration of preference to his son, Hippolytus, makes a vow of chastity to the virgin goddess of the hunt, Artemis. 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The 1990s saw a radical shift in the conceptualisation and delivery of psychiatric care in the UK. Following the NHS and Community Care Act 1990, funding and services relating to long-term care of mentally ill people were moved out of NHS Trusts, into the joint jurisdiction of local authorities, charities, and private sector care providers. This deinstitutionalisation policy was widely perceived as causing an exodus of vulnerable psychiatric patients out of hospitals, into uncertain urban sites. Vagrancy and displacement replaced the asylum as the dominant images associated with psychiatric subjectivity throughout the decade. The first production of Kane’s Crave staged experiences of mental-breakdown in a post-asylum society. Its dramaturgy explored the structure of pathological mental suffering at a moment in which assumptions surrounding psychiatric identity were being reconceptualised along ideas of displacement and dislocation. Incorporating the speakers’ paradoxical sense of movement and restless stasis into the staging of the production itself, Kane and director Vicky Featherstone created a performance that integrated these new spatial conditions of psychiatric care into the psychic lives of the characters themselves. By examining newly available archival material on Crave and its first production, alongside arguments surrounding the Community Care Act, this paper demonstrates Kane’s unique dramaturgical reimagining of the relationship between site and mental pain in the context of mass psychiatric displacement. Crave responded to the new-found dislocation of the mentally ill in the 1990s, one might say their newly migratory status, by suggesting that mental pain takes its structure from the socio-politically contingent ‘setting’ in which it takes place. In doing so she suggests a new kind of ‘dramaturgy’ of mental illness for the post-asylum age, characterised by directionless movement.

**Key Words**

dramaturgy, displacement, psychiatry, Kane

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**THE IMMIGRANT WOMEN OF #METOO IN ICELAND #HÖFUMHÁTT AND ANONYMITY**

The immigrant women of #metoo in Iceland will be looked at, in particular the shocking and horrifying stories from immigrant women in Iceland. The autumn of 2017 Iceland found itself without government. Like the year before. The reason: corruption. Also, like before. Except this time the scandal did not involve money but the prime ministers father’s involvement in restoring honour of a convicted child abuser. One of the victim’s father started a discussion on the matter in the media and public sphere under the hashtag Höfum hátt or Let’s be loud. This resulted eventually in a resignation of the government and a new congressional election in October. The autumn of 2017 also brought #metoo and an avalanche of stories told by women from various aspects of Icelandic society. Started by women in politics, it spread to many other professions such as women in the publishing industry, women in theatre and film and in the beginning of this year some shocking stories came to light from women in sports and immigrant women. Certain performative aspects will be looked at in particular. For an example a reading of selected stories that was held at the City theatre in Reykjavík and streamed on the internet from three places at once in November.

**Key Words**

#metoo, immigrant women, gender politics, politics of migration
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NEGOTIATING THE CHOICE BETWEEN MIGRATION AND STASIS: (REVIEWING MULTI-LOCATIONAL POSITIONING OF SELF IN BILJANA SRBLJANOVIC’S “BELGRADE TRILOGY” AND “FAMILY STORIES: BELGRADE”

Migration, with its possible socio-cultural implications, is not just a contemporary phenomenon appearing in European civilization only rather different civilizations of the world, since time immemorial, have been experiencing this phenomenon due to different political, economic and cultural reasons. Since migration is the total result of the internal dynamism of any civilization where different social, political, economic forces work simultaneously, therefore, it may not be seen as a phenomenon just happening externally in any culture. Migratory movements in human cultures have triggered a cultural transformation whose traces are perceptible in all aspects of life including production, distribution and reception of art and creative expression. As an art form theatre has also been experiencing the structural and aesthetic changes due to these migratory movements. Contemporary East European theatre in its aesthetic and structural form may serve as an appropriate example of the cultural transformation. After the end of Balkan wars in 1990s, theatre makers of different Balkan states have dealt with this multi-dimensional cultural phenomenon in their theatrical productions. Biljana Srbljanovic, Serbia’s leading playwright in her plays deals with the theme of the dilemma of choice between ‘stay and fight’ on the one hand and ‘leaving in search for a normal life’ on the other. This paper focuses exclusively on three select plays of Biljana Srbljanovic showing the conflict which arises in the lives of her characters due to the choice they have made.

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MIGRATING HISTORIES & THE OTHERS IN THE ARCHIVE: COISCEIM & ANU PRODUCTIONS “THESE ROOMS”

This paper will focus on the award-winning 2016 co-production of These Rooms as an act of remembering the testimonies of women in the final days of the 1916 revolution in Ireland, colloquially known as The Rising. As an act of rebellion against colonial British rule it fell short of a revolution, was poorly timed, organized, sustained, and doomed to failure. Nevertheless its aspiration for a society of equality in its official Proclamation of an independent republic has long since captured the imagination of Irish citizens. In the final act of the week-long insurrection, male civilians were shot by the British army in the North King Street massacre in Dublin. The testimonies of their surviving relatives, mostly women, at a subsequent military Tribunal were censored and stored in the British National Archives in London. Their release to military historians in 2016 fuelled a performative remembering through installation-like scenes in These Rooms that showed how the history of political and social action configured as the work of Others migrated through time and place through memory in light of their absence in recorded histories of either Irish or British national narratives. As spectators wandered through site-responsive scenes and through multiple narratives, they meandered through the conflicting annals of history of a significant national event. With the focus on the affect of the event and its subsequent suppression on its survivors, spectators were invited to map memories as feelings and stir up the stasis, secrecy and suppression of the document that had been forcibly migrated to another nation’s archive.

Key Words
Testimony Archives Remembering Suppression Migration
PAST IS ANOTHER COUNTRY? PERFORMING DOCUMENTS IN CONTEMPORARY RUSSIAN THEATRE

Post-Soviet space is carved with all sorts of borders, from political and social ones to the one that constitutes its definition and refers to understanding its own past. Russian theatre of 2010s is actively rethinking this past by involving all sorts of sources such as archival materials, cultural artifacts and verbatim interviews. There has been a shift in Russian documentary theatre from understanding a document as a reality equivalent to exploration of variety of ways a document may function in a production. As I am going to argue, these changes in ‘document’ interpretation by theatre practitioners are accompanied by a more thorough understanding of the Other of the Post-Soviet society. Looking back to the Soviet past as a source of reflection about the present necessarily brings about thinking about historical events that radically reshaped territories, social groups and single lives, such as the October revolution, collectivization, Stalinist repressions and Second World war. All of these events this way or another brought about massive displacement of millions of people as well as reshaping their identities. Therefore understanding oneself’s identities today demands tracking of the role of these spatial and inner ‘migrations’ in shaping these identities. Work of theatre director Anastasia Patlay is one of the most vivid examples of this trend. Her production Kantgrad co-authored with Nana Greenshtein and Mikhail Kolchin, 2016 is based on the oral history archive of interviews with Soviet settlers and the German civilian are used to show possibilities of a peaceful postwar coexistence with German civilians. Her another production, Peasant’s Diary 2016, is based on the diary of the Ukrainian peasant Nestor Belous, who documented horrors of the collectivization and the famine of 1931-1933. In Kantgrad stories of the Soviet settlers and the German civilian are used to show possibilities of a peaceful postwar coexistence as well as traumatizing effects of people’s displacements. In Peasant’s Diary the very attempt of reading a document written in a very different social and cultural context happens to be a source of an actor’s identification with his family history. I am going to suggest that the ways documents function within these productions uncover a demand for creating a distance to the past as well as performative strategies of its overcoming.

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LIKAY “RED DEMON” : DRAMATIC REPRESENTATION OF DOMESTIC OTHERNESS IN THAILAND

With the universal content of social concern about discrimination among different nationalities, races, cultures, religious in the world, this paper will demonstrate Red Demon, a Thai tradition-based contemporary likay, which represented and reflected the cultural prejudiced that causes discrimination and humiliation in the country. Originally scripted and directed by Hideki Noda, a renowned Japanese playwright, in 1996, Red Demon deals with racism and the difficulties of heterogeneity, particularly discrimination towards people from outside Japanese culture. It also relates the images and stories of homeless people, refugees, and those banished from their hometowns across the world. When villagers meet an odd-looking creature who is washed ashore, speaking an unfamiliar language that nobody can understand together with his strange appearance, they view him as an intruder. Pradit Prasatthong, a legendary Thai director, brought in this theme and used it as the backbone of dramatic reinvention. Red Demon or in Thai ‘Yak Tua Daeng’ was restaged and performed in tradition-based contemporary Thai performance called ‘contemporary likay’ in 2009. In contemporary likay version the play adopted the geographical approach to relate the situation in the southern part of Thailand. It showed conflict between the local people who can be presumed as Muslim and Buddhist on the continual political and religious turmoil in the three southern frontier provinces of Thailand. It showed conflict between the local people who can be presumed as Muslim and Buddhist on the continual political and religious turmoil in the three southern frontier provinces of Thailand. More to the point, traditional likay performance is considered as chaobaan commoner performance, so it is excluded to be representative of ‘Thai identity/Thaiiness’ due to its characteristics of being a coarse entertainment for low-class people, threatened as a substandard form that fails to meet the aesthetic standards of the Thai national arts. This paper will, thus, demonstrate both the praxis of contemporary likay that can bridge the gap of aesthetic discrimination, all at once presenting the story that help decreasing domestic otherness in Thailand.

Key Words  
domestic otherness, Red Demon, contemporary likay, aesthetic discrimination, Muslim and Buddhist, political and religious turmoil, Thailand

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INTERCULTURAL CONUNDRUMS - BOUNDARIES, BARRIERS AND BORDERS

Among the many conundrums facing scholars and artists working among and between cultures, perhaps the most vexing today are the issues of identity and ownership. As more and more people opt to determine their precise genetic makeup, it becomes increasingly clear that we are all complex mixtures, that our ancestry is a jumble of cultures, nationalities, and so-called “races.” In addition, some people are discovering that they are not the gender their parents assigned them. All aspects of the self are beginning to be revealed as fluid. How do new understandings of “identity” affect intercultural performance? During the last thirty years or so, debates about the practice and ethics of cultural ownership, theft, appropriation, borrowing and so on have raged. The entire project of liberal humanism -- the suggestion that humanity is ultimately a unity -- has come under fire by progressive thinkers and artists, yet these new scientific and genetic realities tend to undercut their concepts and support the “old fashioned” suppositions. The ideologies of “racial” or “ethnic purists,” as well their opposites who espouse “identitarian” or “minoritarian” politics, are now equally suspect. Do such trends devalue the very concept to theatre as art and as a valid academic discipline? Despite efforts to bring the “non-west” into the center of our discussions, why do many scholars continue to view intercultural theatre from the Euro-American perspective? What might be productive modes of theoretical constructions to insure the robust future of the field?

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Terayama Shūji, Japan, Theatre and Film, Gender, Breaking boundaries
MOVING TARGETS: TACTICS OF RELOCATION IN CONTEMPORARY BALTIC THEATRE

Referring to the notions introduced by Michel de Certeau in his seminal book “The Practices of Everyday Life” 1984, it is possible to conceptualize different models of theatrical imagination and artistic “ways of operating” as strategies and tactics. If we assume that creative practices are indeed research into reality, we can define the artist – strategist as the one who occupies the privileged position above the territories of his / her research, keeps the distance and seems dissociated from the realities he / she investigates. Meanwhile, the tactic is always in the position where he /she is directly dependant on the object of his / her analysis and must constantly review and revise the ways of operating. To schematize de Certeau, tactics are the modes of action or knowledge that are acquired in the process, they are not stable, objective or given. It is clear that one can relate these notions to transformations of creative practices of stage-directing in contemporary Baltic Theatre. Furthermore, one can observe the increasing tendency to apply tactical directing in order to deal with themes of “dislocation”, “instability” and “migration”. Tactical directing can be defined as a performance piece featuring male ex-offenders from the Crossroads Adult Transition Center that investigated the performative demands of prisoner rehabilitation programs in the United States. In 2014 Stebbins co-authored the libretto for Musical Land for the Deutsche Oper Berlin Tschilhleri with Felix Seiler. In recent years, Stebbins has also directed music-theater projects with pop artists including Grammy Award-winning composer Michael Einziger, and composer/computer scientist Richard Whaling. From 2011-2013 she was a dramaturgy fellow at the Deutsche Bank Foundations Akademie Musiktheater Heute. Stebbins is also the founder and curator of multiple international artist exchanges involving The Bavarian State Theater Munich, The Goodman Theatre Chicago, and Opera de Butxaca. From 2015-2016 she was a guest in the dramaturgy department of the Bavarian State Theater where she worked to promote Transatlantic collaborations under the auspices of the German Chancellor Fellowship. Other initiatives include Echo Chamber Operas, an international working group and network for contemporary music-theater.

OTHER VOICES: CONSIDERATIONS ON OPERATIC FORM AND STAGING ALTERITY

In this presentation, I will discuss the possibilities opera offers for staging alterity in distinction to dramatic theater or performance. Which are the formal characteristics particular to opera e.g. casting, voice, instrumental, scenic that can scenically capture—or even better—problematize the very concept of “otherness”. Questions of migration, identity, and privilege lie at the heart of my upcoming production THE PEOPLE OUT THERE 2021. This new opera addresses the polarity of inside and out, about who can see whom, and who remains in the dark. The “inside” world of our story is the new headquarters of a young start-up company: a transparent, glass building located in a picturesque volcanic wasteland, displacing “the people out there,” driving them from outside to inside as those inside try desperately to get out. My talk focuses on the character of “the stranger”, a person who is only visible to the lead character and “insider” MARY. Mary cannot classify this alien character. Is he a fan? An employee? Or an intruder? Is he desirable? Or is he undesirable. The appearance of the stranger in THE PEOPLE OUT THERE bears a strong resemblance to Benjamin’s unanticipated stranger, throwing into relief significant differences in the ontological condition of the performer in opera, dramatic theater, and performance.

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ON THE DOORSTEP. THE JUDAS OF/IN OBERAMMERNGAU BETWEEN MIGRATION AND STASIS

In its presentation of Judas, the Oberammergau Passion play is to be seen as part and product of a centuries-long tradition. The various theatrical reenactments of the Gospels since late medieval times tend to present Judas as a figure of in-between, who willingly remains in a pre-Christian time: Although one of Jesus’ disciples, he becomes part of the evil other although part of a Christian narrative, he remains Jewish. The presentation of Judas, in many ways prefigured in the biblical stories, even lead to pogroms in early modern Germany. Not surprisingly, in the Nazi era, the oppositions transported to modernity by the Oberammergau passion play have been functionalized in anti-Judaic propaganda. The paper aims at understanding how the figure of Judas can also lead to a deconstruction of the logics the play seems to claim. By analyzing both the pictorial record and textual evidence from late 19th and early 21st century, it explores the Judas of/in Oberammergau as a figure of migration in stasis. In this, it does not only focus on the narrative level. Beyond, it elaborates on Judas as a figure that never fully approaches the play and its politics: Oberammergau as the village of the Passion is often described as being run by a logic of transparency: The play and the players converge and hint to the eternal truth of the biblical stories which they transport into a contemporary ‘hic et nunc’. According to most of the travelogues dealing with the village community and its structure, “being” Judas in the play leads to a specific extraposition in the village. In being a paradoxically static migrant, Judas disturbs not only the logics of the play but also opens it up for critical, deconstructive and transformative views on the passion play, its story and history.

Key Words
Oberammergau, Passion Play, Judas, anti-Judaism, historical theatricalities

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INTERCULTURALISM – SERVING THE MARKET OR THE POSTMIGRANT PRESENCE IN THEATRE?

One in five people in Germany today has “a background of migration”, however, the increasing-ly present reflection of this in state-subsidised German theatre emerged only slowly. In 2011, the German Dramaturgical Society thus decided to explore “theatre in an intercultural society”. Notably this phrasing shifts the object which the descriptor “intercultural” attaches to: it is no longer theatre which is intercultural, but rather the society from which that theatre emerges. Rather than taking the postmigrant confusion of categories as aberration, this paper views them as paradigmatic for new approaches to interculturalism, theatre, migration and its aftereffects. It asks how making “intercultural theatre” differs from making theatre in an “intercultural society”, moving away from an analysis of theatre which self-positions as intercultural, to trace the ways in which intercultural policies and funding pots have both enabled and demanded McIvor new forms of engagement with post/migrant theatre. My case study will be the multiple productions of Black Virgins Zaimoglu/Senkel which proliferated from 2006-14. Sieg has read this play in its premiere production as a means of working through entanglements of feminism and Eurocentricism. Here I will suggest that the play’s subsequent journey across the German theatrical landscape can also help identify and unpack a further entanglement: one in which the very interculturalism that had previously marginalized post-migrant writers as outside the German literary canon remerges, yet with the potential to situ-ate migration and postmigrant experience as central, rather than marginal. Equally, the relationship between the long-overdue intercultural opening of the theatres as institutions, and the integration management which appears to be a source of that opening, creates an unexpected alliance: be-tween the interests of artists with a background of migration, who have long sought artistic space in the German context and the governance practices of a state which such artists often critique.

Key Words
Germany Postmigration Turkish-German Documentary Theatre Interculturalism Cultural Policy
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Macedonian - Slovenian Theatre Relations

This paper will test the hypothesis that migration of theatre artists directors, authors, actors, musicians, dancers, etc. is an important and in some cases even one of the main triggers of changes in national theatres. It is based on a research of the relations between Macedonian and Slovenian theatres. During the 20th century, many Slovenian theatre artists were guests in Macedonian theatres and a lot of plays by Slovenian authors were staged in Macedonia. Macedonian and Slovenian theatres have developed a close and permanent cooperation based on their similar theatre traditions. Focus of the study is based on researching the reasons for relatively intensive collaboration between these two theatre spaces, the socio-political context and concrete framework from 1913, when Macedonian institutional theatre was established, till today. I will also present collected data on Slovenian theatre artists and their performances in Macedonian professional theatres. Empirical data will be used as a source for analysis of the influence of Slovenian theatre artists and performances on Macedonian theatre and their presupposed long-lasting impact that is important for further researches. Finally, my study will discuss migratory processes bringing Macedonian theatre artists to Slovenia and their potential influence on Slovenian theatres.

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Disciplinary Migrations: Issues in Contemporary Performance Art Research

Disciplinary Migrations: Issues in Contemporary Performance Art Research. This paper offers a critical insight into current migrations between the disciplines that deal with the increased interest in performance art in theory, history and practice. The presentation reflects on the epistemological and methodological inquiry we conducted while working on the Critical Companion to Performance Art forthcoming from Bloomsbury Press in 2020, which gives a comprehensive overview of the contemporary interdisciplinary debates concerning performance in art contexts that have developed over the last decade. Understanding “performance art” as an institutional, cultural, and economic phenomenon rather than as a label or object, we trace this dynamic interdisciplinary exchange that is conditioned by many institutional forces across academia and art institutions. Following the ever-increasing institutionalization and mainstreaming of performance and its methods of display, representation, and mediation in the wider cultural sphere, we identify a marked change in the economies and labor practices surrounding performance art and its curating and presenting practices, reflective of an advanced stage of capitalism that approaches art production in tandem with event production. Embracing what we perceive to be the “oxymoronic status” of performance art—where it is simultaneously precarious and highly profitable—we map the gestures and radical possibilities of this extreme contradiction. Our approach activates an interdisciplinary perspective to better attend to performance art’s legacies and its current practices where art history, visual and performance studies, dance and theatre scholarship migrate and populate each others’ territories in order to provide a non-hierarchical merging of the disciplines within and between the humanities. The methodological directions we see as migrations are key to examining the possibilities of transformative change—the core of performance art’s transgressive radical legacy. This is a co-presentation with Bertie Ferdman, co-editor of Critical Companion to Performance Art.

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THE NARRATIVE IN 887: CONSTRUCTION OF IDENTITY AS QUÉBÉCOIS AND THE COLLECTIVE MEMORY

887 1995, a stage performance directed by Robert Lepage, has a narrative structure that makes the audience reflect on the personal and collective memory. The narrative is irregular especially as a narrator recalls fragments of his past memory, where one persona changes into another persona. Consequently, the audience experiences the real lives of Francophones who had spent time at the apartment at 887, Murray Avenue, Québec City from 1960s to 1970s. The narrative is peculiar, especially for the multiple perspectives. In the previous research on the narrative, Fricker argued that Lepage used the stage as a mirror through which he can see his own reflection. However, the interpretation has a disorder because 887 reflects a variety of images, more than the autobiographical remembrance of Lepage. Dundjerović, on the other hand, insists that narrating for Lepage is finding out who he is by telling audiences about himself and involving, inviting the outside world. Lepage’s way of constructing the narrative is to put fragments of memory together into the collective memory of the audience. The purpose of this paper is to discuss what kind of other elements and imagery are recognized in the process of uniting fragments of the memory of the persona. The key to construction of the collective memory according to Halbwachs, is to place each episode into its current of time flow in one memory. In this paper, first of all, by reflecting on insertion of “Speak White” of Michele Lalonde into the theatre, we will discuss the role of the multiple narrative, and further reflect on the theatrical approach on the memory of the audience experiencing the narrative of 887.

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ROMA PERFORMANCES OF BELONGING AND CITIZENSHIP: FROM BOLLYWOOD DANCE TO “GYPSY MUSIC”

This paper discusses Roma performances of belonging and citizenship in music and dance. Using ethnographic research, it focuses on Roma artists in and from Romania, including internationally touring Roma band Taraf de Haidouks, who play “Gypsy music”, successful Roma singer Florin Salam, and local young Roma dancers. Even though they were recognized as an ethnic minority in 1991, Roma in Romania continue to be seen as foreigners, while most Roma see themselves as both Roma and Romanian. Many Roma live in poverty and face eviction and discrimination on a daily basis, lacking basic citizenship rights, despite measures officially designed to improve their situation. The forced eviction of numerous Roma inside Romania, and the expulsions and police violence targeting Roma in France, Italy and elsewhere in Europe, are related to each other as state-sponsored attacks on Roma, who are not treated as equal citizens by their governments. Despite the diversity that characterizes both Roma and their musical and dance production, and despite their significant success in these fields, Roma have not gained a legitimate place as a culture in the national imaginary in Romania, and they continue to be denied cultural citizenship, even when their musical talent is praised. While Roma musicians’ and dancers’ performances may continue lucrative stereotypes about Roma as exotic Gypsies that have existed for centuries, I argue that these performances can be read as performances of citizenship.

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MIGRANTS IN THEATRE - A LOOK INTO THE 19TH CENTURY

Following the development of steam and railway technologies, and freedom of movement with relatively few political restrictions, the phenomenon of mobility, and especially the phenomenon of emigration, took on a new and previously unknown dimension in the nineteenth century. Millions of Europeans left their homelands and moved - for political, economic or personal reasons - to foreign countries and continents. The theatre - one of the mass media of the day - was greatly affected by this phenomenon. Focusing on selected actors from the theatre business - such as Modjeska, Börnestein or Dawson - this paper seeks to analyze the opportunities and the challenges of these migrants border crossings in a time of strong national building processes, and to position these migrants within the migration processes of the nineteenth century.

Key Words
nineteenth century, border crossing, nation building, migration

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THE THEATRE OF GHOSTS AND THE OTHER UNDER THE THREAT OF MASS DEATHS: ETHICS AND AESTHETICS IN PLAYS OF GENOCIDE

As Hannah Arendt, in Eichmann in Jerusalem, contends that Eichmann, the persecutor lacked imagination to think of the persecuted and was only thinking of following orders and rules, for any soldier fighting in a war, to defy given orders risks his life and therefore he has to oppress conscience in killing his enemy. Likewise, Kitty Felde’s A Patch of Earth, a play set in Serbia, delves into the wound of a soldier who, with his fellow soldiers, took part in a genocide of hundreds of Islamic people. The soldier is the only man who admits the crime at the International Criminal Court. Other soldiers suppress the existence of the genocide itself. Such disavowal of persecutors’ side always makes it difficult to disclose what happened. Debbie Tucker Green’s Truth and Reconciliation, a play set in the aftermath of genocidal incidents in five different countries – South Africa, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Bosnia and Northern Ireland –, shows how it is difficult for persecutors to break their silence before their victims and the families of victims. In both plays by Felde and Tucker green, ghosts appear to approach persecutors, trying to get the truth out of them. However, in either case, those who ordered the mass murders are speechless or invisible so that a Kafkaesque nightmare emerges. Moreover, treatment of refugees who escape genocidal violence and migrate to safer places also complicates the issue in a global scale. Key Adshead’s The Bogus Woman denounces inhuman receptions of British authorities for asylum seekers who have escaped from brutality of their homelands. Such asylum seekers have no place to be sheltered in safe. This paper will focus on how such plays dealing with recent crimes of mass murders can bring ethics and aesthetics to the audience.

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The Emigrant Marie Antoinette: The Recontextualization by
Japanese Bodies in Musicals
In 2006, the musical “Marie Antoinette” was first staged in the Imperial Theatre in Tokyo. This musical about the Queen of France who was executed in the French Revolution was written by the Austrian author Michael Kunze and the Hungarian composer Sylvester Levay, originally based on the Japanese novel by Endo Shusaku, directed by the Japanese director Kuriyama Tamiya, and performed
by Japanese actors/actresses. The capital was held by Japanese Toho Company. “Marie Antoinette”
has been migrated so far in three cities in Japan Tokyo, Osaka and Hakata and in four regions Bremen
2009 Tecklenburg 2012 Seoul 2014 Budapest 2016. However, she has not reached her motherlands,
Austria and French, despite of the press attention possibly because of the criticism against a daughter of Maria Theresia as well as the French Revolution itself in the performance. The delocation of
the performances lets, however, this work gain different images of Marie Antoinette. In Japan, for
example, her image as an innocent, tragic princess has been developed in the girl-oriented manga
Berusaiyu no Bara [The Rose of Versailles] 1972-73 and its musical versions by Takarazuka Revue
Company since 1974. These preceding images were reflected to “Marie Antoinette” through the
actress bodies who took part of the past musicals by Takarazuka, and carried by the Korean actors/
actresses, though the Korean version was basically adapted from the Bremen version. This Korean
version was recently taken over by the first producer Toho and is performed by Japanese bodies in
2018. What is embodied by Japanese actors/actresses in the performance of “Marie Antoinette”?
How are their bodies not related to the Japanese context on- and off-site? Can this re-/decontextualization be considered as more relativistic dimension of musicals or a new export strategy? These
questions are considered in the presentation.

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Blood and Soil and Sweat: Lynn Nottage’s Depiction of Migrancy
and Stagnation
Lynn Nottage’s timely play Sweat 2015-17 vividly depicts the sagging fortunes of the demographic
frequently cited as handing Trump the Presidency: blue-collar workers in the Rust Belt of the American Midwest. Most reviews highlighted the play’s racial tensions: White, Black and Latino characters
fighting for the crumbs left as the industrial plants that were for generations the lifeblood of Reading,
PA recede into collective memory. But while the markers of race and language provide visible cues
for the tensions between characters, Nottage marks within her text a written cue—largely obscured
in performance and ignored by critics—that ultimately forms one of the plays most salient ideas.
Nottage’s description of character is quite specific. Just as the ‘scab’, Oscar, is not merely Latino but
specifically Colombian, the play’s white characters are defined by their national heritage, as German-Americans as Italian-American. Despite their own migrant histories, these characters emphasize their ties to the land and to the city’s industry and history, engendering a sense of nostalgia and
entitlement. The assumption that these jobs will always be there for them, and will guarantee them
security and prosperity, renders them largely incapable of action. On the other hand, the characters
of color in the play seek to change their situation, but these ambitions are dismissed—Cynthia’s
promotion to management is viewed as a case of affirmative action, and Oscar’s desire to ascend
from the menial labor of bar-backing to a more respected role in the steel plant becomes the play’s
central conflict. The great irony of Sweat, and its commentary on the current situation in the US, is
that the success of the European immigrants of the 19th and early 20th century has convinced their
descendants that prosperity is deserved rather than earned, resulting in a stagnation that is both
mental and physical.
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AROUND THE EMPIRE IN 80 MINUTES. IMAGINATIONS OF THE FOREIGN IN 19TH CENTURY SET DESIGN

Whereas travelling is still expensive and socially exclusive in the 19th century, European popular cultures indulge imaginations of the foreign, the ‘exotic’. Through travelogues, novels, images, and colonial politics, far off regions became talk of the town and subject of art and entertainment and of course hegemonic politics. The paper therefore focusses on “Oberon” by Carl Maria von Weber as an example to analyse how music theatre supplies serves a curiosity as well as it is part of a process, in which it became politically important to inform the population about foreign politics. In this opera, the main protagonist Huon sets out for a journey from Aachen to Bagdad to Tunis, and the spectator with him – symbolically visiting the outline of the British Empire. This appropriation of the “exotic” is fuelled and engendered by the common techniques of the spectacular: exotic gardens, volcanos, shipwreck, and picturesque panoramas are the theatrical means by which the western gaze constructs the foreign world. Therefore, I am looking to imaginations and discourses as well as on the parameters of its technical production in theatre. My research is based on stage design sketches, technical drawings, and costume designs coming from individual performances. In a second step, I am also analysing how the imaginations of ‘the exotic’ became a nearly standardized scenario, especially through the distribution of theatre ateliers and paper theatre/toy theatre.

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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES: TOURING NETWORKS AND COMPETITIONS OF ICELANDIC-CANADIAN AMATEUR THEATRES

In the last quarter of the nineteenth century more than a fifth of the Icelandic population emigrated to North America, particularly to the province of Manitoba in Canada. A few years after the first Icelandic settlement was established in Manitoba the Icelandic immigrants started performing plays and until 1950 communities of Icelandic Canadians boasted a thriving network of amateur theatre groups performing mostly in Icelandic but occasionally also in English. The sheer number of performances produced and original plays performed among these groups reveal the importance of theatre for the Icelandic-Canadian immigrants to come to terms with issues of migration, ambivalent identities and the complex status of the Other. By the mid-1920s the Icelandic-Canadian amateur theatres had established a touring network stretching across Manitoba to Saskatchewan and North Dakota as well as launching a competition of amateur drama societies from various settlements of Icelandic Canadians. In attempting to connect dispersed communities, these networking strategies clearly aimed to build a sense of an interconnected community of Icelandic immigrants, creating a space where a presence of community may be felt. This emphasis of connecting communities seems to have gained importance over the earlier stress of theatre activities on creating and maintaining a bond with the homeland, indicating a period of transition of the community of Icelandic-Canadians. My paper looks at these networks and competitions and their function in imagining a community in transition reaching across province and state borders.

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HISTORIOGRAPHY – IDEOLOGY – COLLECTIONS. PROVENANCE ISSUES OF HISTORICAL THEATER MATERIAL FROM THE ZENTRALINSTITUT FÜR THEATERWISSENSCHAFT IN VIENNA 1943-1945

An essential aspect of working on theater and migration is to document conflicts of flight and expulsion and to elaborate the vacancies of that very documentation in archives and collections. This research is fundamental, if archives hold sensitive materials surrounding the “National Socialist” era. The project “Historiography – Ideology – Collections”, which is funded by the Austrian Science Fund, aims not only to investigate such vacancies, but to illustrate them as provenance issues. The primary focus of interest is the collection of the Archive of the Zentralinstitut für Theaterwissenschaft. Central Institute for Theater Studies, founded 1943 as ideologically motivated scholarly studies. The in-depth investigation of a collection formed during the “National Socialist” era will contribute to the clarification of complex provenance concerns regarding questionable inventories, and will thus form the basis for restitution proceedings and the research of the historical origin of materials. An important objective of the project is to develop a standardized mechanism for provenance issues. This process is combined with the exploration of a collections history and the collection structure of uncatalogued archives. The goal is to conduct an historical analysis of the generated sources, based on targeted digitizing, methods of the digital humanities and traditional archiving. The material to be digitized implicates graphic and textual records. The contents include Jewish actresses as well as actors and theater documentation on exemplary NS-stage productions or “Grenzlandtheater”. The questions regarding the material focus on investigating canonization processes in an historical context. The history and logic of exemplified inventories are researched by means of linking them via digital processes. Examining the ideology of the collection and the collecting process will form the basis for the long overdue research of the historical provenance of materials that were most likely stolen, such as some of those integrated in the Archive in this case.

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MIGRATION, QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS, AND THE RESHAPING OF NATIONAL IDENTITIES IN AUSTRALIAN PERFORMANCE

This presentation addresses migration not of people although the movement of performance from one city or country to another comes in to it but of technologies: from close reading of performance to an understanding of the ways in which the reading quantitative evidence can assist in our understanding of changing patterns of performance. Approximately fifteen years after we published Women’s Intercultural Performance, Julie Holledge and I returned to interculturalism, taking into account other research methodologies that we have worked with in the meantime. We assumed that the strong desires among artists to collaborate across cultures, particularly in Australia, would still be evident, albeit recognizing that there had been some shift away from this performance trend. We had no idea how much the trend had been reversed until we began using digital methods to analyse the parameters for performance. Focusing on the material available in AusStage, the Australian performing arts database, I explain how the market for intercultural work has almost disappeared in Australian performance, remaining mostly quarantined in certain festivals. This study has examined festivals in the most part, because festivals were, in the 1980s and 1990s, the predominant location for large-scale intercultural performances. It argues the case for qualitative research methods to provide an augmented dimension to analyzing in this case intercultural performance. The investigation has revealed that the major shift in politics and political interests has extended equally markedly to performance. The presentation offers a different way to think about how a nation presents itself on stage, particularly in the context of migration, belonging, and shifting national identities.

Key Words
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PERFORMING HOME: À LA TURCA FOODSCAPES IN LONDON

This paper investigates how home is performed through foodscapes by focusing on the Turkish Speaking Communities in London. It is based on the premises that food has a strong connection to not just where home is, but how it manifests itself at different scales and registers, in the ‘here and now’ of so-called migrant communities. Home is therefore taken as an act of dwelling that is both constitutive of and constituted by the specificities of the site of habitation. Based on Ingold’s conceptualisation of dwelling perspective and a performative ethnography among the Turkish Speaking Communities in London, the paper argues that the migrant skills deployed around food are trained and practiced in response to the environment of habitation 1993, 2000 as opposed to being imported as innate skills from the country of origin. Explored through the acts of eating, cooking, serving, sharing, celebrating and talking about food puissantely problematises the frameworks of host & guest communities and nation, in their heterogeneity, show that home, looked especially through the lens of food, appears to be re-creative, generative, tactical, site-specific, and multifold series of dwelling acts, rather than being the geographical elsewhere of a migrant.

Key Words
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“LORD CHAMBERLAIN’S BLUE PENCIL”: POST-WAR BRITISH DRAMA BEFORE AND AFTER CENSORSHIP

By the mid-1960s, many of the social uncertainties that had animated the work of the 1950s generation of playwrights no longer existed. After Harold Pinter’s heightened and menacing naturalism, Joe Orton’s gleeful destruction of English social and sexual mores, and the multiple controversies and accompanied successive premieres of Edward Bond’s work, there was undoubtedly a need for a rapid change not only in society, but also in the theatre and dramaturgy. The theatre profession redoubled its campaigning to rescue drama from censorship, and in early 1968, the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Censorship advocated the abolition of the 1843 Theatre Act, finally bringing an end to an archaic and unique system of theatre censorship and control which had lasted for over 230 years. The censor was rather strict towards the drama, a fact which confirms the subversive potential of the drama. A new era thereafter had truly begun. The long-awaited disappearance of Lord Chamberlain’s blue ink made some themes acceptable in the British drama. The extreme violence of word and action for instance, in plays such as Edward Bond’s Early Morning and Saved is undoubtedly an expression of the changing times and this has to a great extent to do with the abolishment of the stage censor. Playwrights could push the limits of what before was not permissible. This applies to the radical mythologizing reinterpretation of history in Early Morning and the more straightforward approaches of a number of Second Wave playwrights to homosexuality, masturbation, violence, and sex, which were previously preserved by censorship.

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THREE KABUKI PLAYS WHICH DEAL WITH MIGRATION: “THE BATTLES OF KOKUSENYA” (KOKUSENYAKASSEN, 1716), “REAL LIFE IMAGE OF KOKUSENYA” (KOKUSENYA SUGATANOUTSUSHI 1872) AND “WANDERERS’ STRANGE STORY” WESTERN KABUKI (HYORYU KITAN SEIYO KABUKI 1879)

My paper compares the three Kabuki plays in which the central characters are immigrants. I would argue that these plays illustrate the transition of Kabuki’s reaction to the issue of Othersness in the 18th and 19th centuries Japan. Battle of Kokusenya by Chikamatsu Monzaemon is a play written in 1715 for a puppettheater and was adapted for Kabuki in 1716. The play depicts an adventure of Watonai, half-Japanese whose father is an exile from Ming, Chana. When the Ming Emperor is killed by a Qing General, Watonai travels to China and restores the Ming dynasty. Under the isolationist Tokugawa government, the play satisfied Japanese people’s interest in China and also fulfilled their sense of superiority. In 1872, Real Life Image of Kokusenya, a Kabuki play written by Kawatate Mokusai was staged. The heroine is a former geisha Kokin who was shipwrecked and brought aboard, got married to an Englishman and is living in London. Using the famous reunion scene between Watonai and his half sister, the play depicts the reunion and separation between Kokin and her Japanese former husband. The play was produced 4 years after the establishment of Meiji government which opened the country to the world. By producing this piece, the playwright bade farewell to old Kabuki of Tokugawa period to embrace the new idea of Westernization. In 1879, Mokuami wrote Wanderers’ Strange Story: Western Kabuki. The central characters are two Japanese fishermen, father and son who are shipwrecked and travel around the United States and Europe. In the last scene, father and son are finally reunited and express their gratitude to the foreigners for their kindness. Following the policy of the government, this play tried to establish in the audience’s mind an image of foreigners as friendly and helpful.

Key Words: Kabuki

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TRANSMISSION OF THE RUSSIAN ACTING SYSTEM INTO THE GROUND OF AMERICAN MOVIE INDUSTRY

The most breeding ground for Konstantin Stanislavsky’s teaching legacy and his System was The United States of America. Stanislavsky became part of the US history in 1923 and 1924, when the Moscow Art Theatre toured the country. His former student Richard Boleslavsky decided to stay in New York and established The American Laboratory Theatre 1923, which represented the first programmatic attempt to introduce Stanislavsky’s ideals and ideas to the American practitioners and put them into practice in a serious methodical way. Among his numerous students were future founders of The Group Theatre 1931-1941 and afterwards The Actors Studio 1947-till today who were consistently passing on their knowledge about the system to the next generations of actors. Stanislavsky’s ideas took rapid, tenacious hold into the American soil, but – being a product of a foreign culture – needed translation into the idioms of American culture. That in turn caused the Stanislavsky’s System to turn into Lee Strasberg’s Method, the acting style that, paradoxically, has come to be identified as “quintessentially and uniquely American” Hirsch, 1984 and – yet – the most influential and powerful in shaping the mainstream of the popular culture. The primary aim of my paper is to examine the course and character of transmission of the Russian acting system Stanislavsky’s System into the American ground and to comparatively analyze the consecutive stages of this transmission from the perspective of cultural transmission theory. That examination shall facilitate the final goal of the paper, i.e. the study of the process of crystallization of one of the most influential of all American acting styles Strasberg’s Method that to high extent has been responsible for shaping the American movie culture. As a result, the paper will analyze the nature of the American fascination with Russian acting culture and its system of acting as well as the inevitable adaptation of the latter to the cultural conditions of the United States.

Key Words

cultural transmission, Konstantin Stanislavsky, System, Method, acting, Russians in the United States

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THEATRICALITY AS A MEMORY PLACE IN PERUVIAN CIVIL WAR

During the Peruvian Civil War 1980-2000, Indigenous and Peasant populations were openly targeted. Currently, most of these populations maintain a live memory of the facts mass murdering, armed invasions, Paramilitar executions using several traditional artifacts, such as music, dance, handcraft, and others. This presentation will be mainly focused on how a Peasant community in Ayacucho, Peru, Accamarca have created a Theatre-Dance performance in which they depict how Military forces attacked the community in 1988, killing 2/3 of the habitants. The performance has been created as a part of a Musical Festival in 2008 and was presented in several traditional Folklore festivals in the Andes. In my reading, Accamarca displays a unique use of the theatricality as a memory artifact able to preserve another Memory of the violence different than the one the State officially presents. Thus, these performance can be seen also as a tool for cultural resistance, political divergence and cultural difference in nowadays Peru.

Key Words
Peru - violence - memory - performance

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MIGRATORY CHOREOGRAPHY AND POSSIBILITY OF DISSENT

Stories of migration, exile and travel are part of the tradition of Western theatre since Ancient Greece. At a time when Europe is struggling to come to terms with the migratory condition, a new body of works for the stage is emerging distinguished by being either with or by refugees and asylum seekers. In these works, members of these oftentimes anonymous and invisible demographic segments are granted both visibility and a voice on stage. My interest is on the potential of such works to not only provide glimpses into the underlying diversity of personal experiences but also to confront and problematize otherwise naturalized social, cultural and political hierarchies in a manner that in more profound terms may redefine what is sayable and visible in a given community. In honing in on choreographic works, I will, in more specific terms, be focusing on the potential for the articulation of dissensus Rancière 2010 as it may be corporeally established on stage as well as in the relation between performers and members of the audience. My analysis is in empirical terms based on the juxtaposition of the choreographic approaches in two works, premiered in Copenhagen within a few weeks of the revision of Danish immigration laws in January 2016. One is a group piece produced by Corpus, The Royal Danish Ballets experimental dance company, the other a solo by the independent choreographer Edhem Jesenkovic. Drawing on Christiana Giordanos 2014 reading of Rancière, the argument I wish to explore, has to do with the contribution of these works to actualizing a space for politics based on acknowledgement rather merely policing based on established categories.

Key Words
migratory choreography, dissensus, corporeal acknowledgement
A NEW FLAME: SUICIDE-AS-PROTEST AND THE MIGRATION OF SELF-IMMOLATION IN DAVID GRIEG’S “FRAGILE”

Self-immolation is invested with a historical, cultural and metonymic implication of the elimination of the self in favour of instigating political change. Yet, western suicidology has demonstrated a wariness to the emphasis of political protest behind any suicidal act to frame the suicide as a protest is seen to romanticize and legitimize the act, potentially leading to its spread and proliferation. As a result, post-war suicidology has often framed and contained self-immolation through Orientalist tropes to distinguish it from western examples, highlighting the weakness of the suicide, the over-dependence on social cohesion, or fatalistic victimhood. Fragile, a short-play by David Greig for the anti-austerity event Theatre Uncut, invokes the legacy of self-immolation as a mode of protest, re-framing it within a western context. John, a mental health user, covers himself in gasoline, threatening to immolate himself unless appropriate shifts to austerity and mental health care in Britain. John compares his actions to Mohamed Bouazizi, the Tunisian whose immolation initiated the Arab Spring. Self-immolation as a form of protest in Fragile becomes a mode to explore continuances and disruptions between protests of the Arab Spring and British Anti-Austerity movements. This paper will note how Greig’s play draws upon the more febrile understanding of self-immolation, and the implications of understanding suicide-as-protest. However, it will also observe how this simultaneously echoes a variety of Orientalist logics displayed in post-war suicidology involving romanticism, agency and victimhood. It will question how self-immolation has migrated as a concept and a practice including its recent migration from a Buddhist and Hindu practice to a mode of protest within Muslim communities in Tunisia, Algeria and Egypt. In this regard, the paper will chart how the cultural migration of self-immolation has complicated our relationship to suicide as a form of political protest.

Key Words: suicide, self-immolation, protest, David Greig

STANDING AFTER GEZI: THEATRE AS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND PASSAGEWAY FOR “ARTISTS IN EXILE” FROM TURKEY IN GERMANY

Today, the dynamism of international migration has become a political terrain of struggle involving many ‘actors’ and institutionalism. It is shaping our theatres and, by implication, it begs for new concepts and theories in Theatre Studies too. The instruments developed by states and institutions often aim to ‘naturalize’ a set of phenomena regarding the migrant experience that cannot easily be assumed. Many theatres in the ‘free sector’ in Germany have already developed over the years a set of practices of civic engagement that question these naturalized – and often instrumentalized – classifications of the state. Leading groups in the debate are the Ballhaus Naunynstrasse and the Maxim Gorki Theater with their debates on the ‘post-migrant’ experience, the Theater an der Ruhr with their refugee restagings of the classics, the work of Mark Terkessides at Hebbel am Ufer, and the Münchner Kammerspiele with their Open Border Congress, to name a few. With the latest political crises in Turkey, we see an increase of intellectual migration of artists, journalists, and academics flocking into Berlin, while solidary networks of academics in exile and artists at risk are forming hurriedly. In my paper, I would like to revisit the ‘standing man’ performative protest during the Gezi uprising and its consequences today for those who feel forced to move and escape the ‘stasis’ of a country that has been plagued by the post-coup emergency situation and legislation. The themes of movement and stasis, as they were part of the Gezi activism, form the backbone of my evaluations for the present theories and aesthetic approaches towards the migrant artist in the German theatre system today. I would also like to share the larger proposal of this research project and would be delighted if I can discuss the outline with members from the Working Group.

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**THEATRE IN ROMANIAN-INDIAN RELATIONS DURING THE COLD WAR: POST-COLONIAL CIRCULATIONS AS SECOND NETWORK**

History of Cold War culture has moved in the last couple of years from an East versus West bipolar narrative to investigating the phenomenon from a global perspective. There is a resurgent focus on encounters between the Second and the “Third” Worlds, between socialist states and those from the Global South. My paper is a contribution to the discussion about the role played by theatre exchanges in the cultural dialogue between East and South. Its focus is on Romanian and Indian attempts, starting with the mid-1950s, to bridge the distance between the two cultures.

I underline the connection between broader programs of developmental assistance and the entrenchment of cultural relations between Romania and India, particularly in the realm of theatre. I argue that economic rapprochement constituted the igniting premise for mutual discovery. This context is literally embodied by Amita Ray’s biography. She arrived in Bucharest 1957 accompanying her husband who was an oil engineer. In the following years, she learned Romanian, translating in Bengali Romanian playwrights and being involved in the production of their plays in India. By 1972 she was teaching a course of Bengali language and literature at Bucharest University. Ray was not only a connector, but also an adapter between the two cultures. This example ties in with a broader phenomenon: theatre diplomacy between state socialist regimes and extra-European countries was founded upon what I call a “second network.” Drawing from the representation of the socialist camp as the “Second World,” my paper will underline the role of Indian progressive intellectuals in the consolidation of theatre exchanges with Romania – a development that can easily be extended to relations across Eastern Europe.

Based on the Romanian-Indian encounter, the paper will flesh out two interrelated evolutions in theatre diplomacy between Eastern Europe and the Global South: the importance of individual elective affinities built by way of bilateral relations in facilitating reciprocal adaptation; and, the conversion of personal experience into more systematic programs of theatre assistance, which mirrored the developmental assistance of state socialist regimes to post-colonial societies.

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**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PERFORMED: THE DRAMATURGY OF THE RESET BUTTON**

At Paragon Sci-Fi + Fantasy Festival in 2017 two plays explicitly explored the possibilities and consequences of resetting an AI android. In one of them Sweet XP Townshend 2017 is reset after being asked to perform as a lover to its human partner. Finding it difficult to accept that the android has been a lover to other humans before, the most recent partner decides to erase all XP’s memories in order to give herself a possibility to start a relationship as if it were a blank slate. In another play, The People v. Mod Davies 2017, Mod is charged with murder after attacking its owner for threatening to reset the AI. Staged as a trial process, the defense argues that Mod acted in self-defense and that its actions could be considered a morally justifiable response since resetting the AI effectively means killing it. The People v. Mod and Sweet XP thus present and perform a series of perspectives on how humans see their “life” of with AI and what that might imply for the future ethical and legal treatment of artificial intelligence. In my paper, I will look into the reset button and examine the dynamics between the human, the AI and the potential to delete memories, attempting to address the questions of what it means to embody a machine on stage and how the possibility of a reset is conceptualized, and how does the reset button divide the mind from the body? What does that imply for the AI learning about how to build relationships with humans and human response-ability cf. Haraway towards AI?

Key Words  
sci-fi theatre, AI, being human
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PREFABRICATED BIOGRAPHIES? YOUNG ACTORS OF COLOR IN INSTITUTIONALIZED GERMAN THEATER

The subject of the lecture is the institutionalized German theatre in the sense of relatively stable and standardized behavioural patterns which has begun to form up in the last third of the 18th century. Today this institution is daily reproduced by a multitude of organizations and individuals – primarily by the public playhouses, but also to a considerable extent by drama schools, artists’ agencies and audiences. The analytical focus is put on the paradoxical tension of theatre between reproduction and the transgression of physical individual differentiation. At present this can be noticed especially in the case of ethnicity or rather ‘race’: The practice of ‘Blackfacing’ has become increasingly illegitimate and this circumstance has promoted a smouldering discourse about discriminating practices of employment, ensembles and performance. However, in institutionalized German theatre physical individual features and especially ethnic features of actors are in principle not professionally disregarded, but instead they are the main characteristics of functional requirements. For regardless of their acting ability actors are perceived according to such categorizations which – following the sociologist Bettina Heintz – can be described as institutionalization of ethnicity in institutionalized German theatre. Owing to the dynamics in the case of ethnicity there is however a slowly starting de-institutionalization. But what does this mean for young professional actors? How do they see themselves? How do they present themselves on the ‘market’? And how do the public playhouses and their staff policy reflect these developments? The lecture is supposed both to provide a theoretical approach to theatre as an institution and to explain how organizational structures, perception of oneself and of the ‘other’ and aesthetic traditions interact with each other in the biographies of young colored actors.

Key Words
German theater, institution, ethnicity, race, biographies

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PERFORMING CITIZENSHIP. LIEBHABERTHEATER AROUND 1800

In the decades around 1800, German theatre was increasingly involved in the establishment of bourgeois cultural practices and a bourgeois public sphere Habermas 1962. From being representational forms, which were shaped after the needs of the absolutist ruler and the court’s desire for entertainment, theatres were transformed into public bourgeois institutions that offered cultural practices by mirroring an emerging bourgeois society and practicing the basic elements of citizenship: open access to all societal strata, participation, and the sharing and communicating of bourgeois identities based on the ideal of the ‘citizen’. In my contribution, I will argue that the popular amateur theatre associations played an important role in mainstreaming ideas of community and citizenship giving their members an opportunity to practice public speech and performance, to try out forms of democratic decision-making and to shape and perform an identity as a full citizen of their theatre community without regard to rank and title. The social change in a late and post-Enlightenment political landscape opened possibilities for these theatre associations to re-model their own citizen identities on and off stage. Starting from the case of the Berlin based amateur theatre Urania established in 1792 I will trace the establishment of a theatrical and citizen community within and around the theatre association that allowed these amateurs to migrate vertically the otherwise still rigid strata of late absolutist society.

Key Words
Amateur Theater and Community Building, Performing Citizenship, Theater around 1800
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THE NOTION OF HOME BETWEEN MIGRATION AND IDENTITY IN IYORWUESE HAGHER’S GLOBAL HOME

In an age of endless migrations of people seeking refuge in different nations, at different border places, or adrift on various oceans as ‘boat people’ detained on island-prison camps, homeless on streets and stuck in tunnels or parks, home has begun to develop several significations for identity. It is related as a place of departure. The very many exploitative disruptions of people’s lives as end results of wars, famines, ecological disasters leading to homelessness, thus resulting to both young and old seeking refuge in shelters, displaced from their homes because of poverty, abuse, disposal and personal disaster. The figure of the displaced, homeless person is the most tragic representation of the transnational postmodern condition, as both physical and psychic homelessness exists on a continuum with disruptions and out sidedness and a variety displacement through exile, migration movement. The question of identity takes into account the multifaceted nature of human existence therefore, the meaning of home becomes paramount. This paper critiques Iyorwuese Ha-gher’s Global Home, it discusses the challenges of migration and identity in today’s modern world. The paper relates social issues on, ‘where is home? What is home? ’the immigrant’ ‘identity’ ‘stranger’ ‘going back home’. All of these are steeped in the culture of migration and identity of people trying to take root in a new environment. Global Home relates the gory of migration, frustration of various peoples migrating to other parts of the globe. The conclusion is how could theatre through communication be explored to combat this challenge?

Key Words
Migration, Identity, Border Places, Citizenship

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AFFECTIVE DIMENSIONS OF CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF POST-MIGRANT THEATRE

The talk will discuss the affective dimension of current forms of Post-Migrant Theatre, focussing on examples from Berlin and other German cities, but also touching upon the situation in other European countries. Theatre productions dealing with shifting identities in the context of diverse migration processes and against the backdrop of different colonial histories tend to assemble rather complex audiences. The audience members may bring in different experiences of and attitudes towards migration, mobility, identity politics and discrimination. The resulting affective relations of belonging and distance have to be described and analysed. In a rather short period of time, the figure of „the migrant” has undergone a number of significant changes. While biographies of a second- and third-generation migration background have been highlighted in earlier productions of a specialized "Post-Migrant Theatre", contemporary projects done by a much broader range of theatres tend to focus on the situation of refugees – a shifting constellation, that has lead to an all-in-all rather hybrid and vague image of migration. Referring to interim results from the FU Berlin Collaborative Research Centre „Affective Societies”, the talk will argue that a deeper understanding of the affective dimension of relevant productions has to start from analysing how the theatrical space is organised, how the audience is addressed, and how thereby a specific theatrical public is shaped. Practices of distancing seem to be as important as forms of identification, in order to challenge obtrusive and simplistic conceptions of „belonging” or „integration”.

Key Words
affect theory, belonging, integration, distancing, identification,
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FOUND IN TRANSFORMATION: PERFORMING DISPLACEMENT AND MIGRATORY GEOGRAPHIES IN A VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS COLLABORATION

Drawing on the conference topics around performing displacement and migratory geographies, this paper explores sites of possibility for addressing the current refugee crisis through artistic collaborations. How do we as artists negotiate artistic mediums to foster a collective dialogue about ethics of representation concerning migrant bodies and mediatized images of violence and destruction? Since his election and inauguration, United States President Donald Trump has continued to rally his base around his campaign promises, which include building a U.S.-Mexico wall, enforcing a travel ban, and deporting millions of undocumented immigrants. To many, his populist rhetoric is a troubling reminder of the racism and anti-intellectualism that permeate contemporary American society, to others, it is a direct threat to their lives and communities. In winter 2018, University of Central Florida’s Schools of Visual and Performing Arts leveraged the support of the National Endowment for the Arts to respond to issues of exile, displacement and Otherness, and demonstrate how notions of migration might be employed to grapple with issues of cultural cross-fertilization, transfer, appropriation, and mutation, de/construct normalized racist representations and spaces, challenge neoliberal hegemony, and offer techniques for resilience and resistance. The gallery exhibition Finding Home: The Global Refugee Crisis brought together fourteen artists from around the world whose work addresses themes including borders as geographical and symbolic dividing lines, displacement and asylum seeking, refugee camps and detention centers, and immigration and resettlement. The production of David Edgar’s Pentecost interweaves the past with the present to challenge how society responds to a refugee crisis and treats “precarious bodies” of the displaced and wounded. This paper considers the ways in which this collaboration united the visual and performing arts, decolonized the institution, adapted, transformed, and negotiated media, performed difference and diversity, and demonstrated the ability of the arts to act for social justice.

Key Words
performing displacement cultural cross-fertilization mediatized image of violence

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DRESS-CROSSING THE LINES: TILDA DEATH AND THE QUESTION OF CONFUSION AS STRATEGY IN POLITICAL PERFORMANCE

“For who would dare to stop my flow of words? / To quantify a horror? To hold me back from strolling down / the bloody lanes of sorrow, perplexed, from taking down the walls / Of disinformation ing down / the bloody lanes of sorrow, perplexed, from taking down the walls / Of disinformation

“Create in 1933, Life and Times of Tilda Death is my drag mockumentary. Appropriating aesthetics typical of testimonial events of Holocaust survivors in Israel as its generic framework this monodrama relates a fable of a Jewish girl from a small Hasidic community in Poland who became a partisan fighter and an underground rap artist. Tilda’s biography not only exceeds her activities in WW2, but also migrates to the Civil Rights Movement of 1960s New York, the Mizrahi Black-Panthers struggle for equality and recognition in 1970s Jerusalem and contemporary artistic collaborations with Palestinian musicians in the West Bank. The paper analyses Tilda auto-ethnographically, both as a fictional persona and as a performative event, demonstrating how she utilises the aesthetics and politics of drag to destabilise conventions of national, political and ethnic identities. Following the work of Katrin Sieg (2009), I will consider Tilda as an act of ‘ethnic drag’, questioning the reconfiguration of racial constructs offered by Tilda’s articulation of Jewness and blackness. Along theoretical models set by Sara Ahmed (2006), José Esteban Muñoz (2009) and other queer theorists I will argue for the significance of Tilda’s body and corporeal presence in establishing a productive state of confusion.

Key Words
Drag, queering, Israeli/Palestine, memory, mockumentary, rap
THE ARGOS CATALOGUE: MOTION CAPTURE AND PERFORMANCE

This paper considers the development of a production of Aeschylus’ Agamemnon, devised as part of the Mask and Avatar project, realised first in Paris December 2017 and, in revised form, in Warwick March 2018. Myself and Andy Lavender Warwick along with Georges Gagnère and Cédric Plessiet both Paris 8 grappled with a number of issues, both artistic and technological, in bringing the work to the stage and the intention here is to reflect on the tools, workflow, and production methods both assumed and adopted. With reference to current exemplars of the integration of live performer and pre-assembled digital assets such as Ninja Theorys Hellblade: Senuas Sacrifice and the emergence of real-time interaction with film The Mills The Human Race, both facilitated by the freely available Unreal Engine 4, the paper will evaluate the competencies and costs required to exploit the game engine on the experimental stage. Alongside this, the status, disposition and persistence of the live performer as a most distinctive controller driving the co-present avatar in the theatre space is considered, in part as a reflection on the ensuing stage picture but also as a prelude to contemplating the performer as means for show control, beyond the one-to-one correspondence of actor/avatar, articulating notions of manipulator and mocaptor that might differently populate, indeed define, the performance space.

Key Words
Motion capture, Agamemnon, Unreal Engine, Film, show control

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THEATRICAL REFLECTIONS ON EUROPE’S COLONIALIST, IMPERIALIST PAST: ON FRANK CASTORF’S ADAPTATION OF GOETHE’S “FAUST” VOLKSBÜHNE BERLIN 2017, STAGE DESIGN: ALEKSANDAR DENIĆ

Frank Castorf had been artistic director of the Berlin Volksbühne for 25 years his final production was an adaptation or to be more precise: a deconstruction of Goethe’s »Faust«, one of the most iconic work of German literature and drama. Staged in 2017, Castorf’s version offered a critical and non-traditional reading of the drama part one and two and used it as a pretext to explore Europe’s colonialist, imperialist past and its consequences, i.e. misogynie, racism, exploitation, and terror. According to this reading, Faust can be interpreted as a »global player« avant la lettre, and by doing so, the production took up not only a German, but a European perspective: relocated to Paris during the Algerien war, the play was loaded with quotes from Rimbaud, Zola’s Nana, Franz Fanon’s liberation theory The Damned of the Earth, 1961 and also Paul Celan’s »Dead Fugue« presented by Abdoul Kader Traoré, an actor from Burkina Faso. – Like Heiner Müller, we think that one can be operative with art – intervene, change, disturb and unsettle the landscape of the German soul through the pleasure of contradictions, Frank Castorf once explained his approach of theatre-making. His »Faust, based on Johann Wolfgang von Goethe« was performed in a complex, collage-like installation by Serbian set designer Aleksandar Denić, built on a revolving stage that was almost constantly moving 25 times during the performance. This rotating stage which also included film projection figured as a metaphor for Faust’s dynamics and expansion at the same time, it adressed the viewer in specific ways, by offering kaleidoscopic views onto an ever-changing landscape. – This contribution offers an analysis of the dramaturgic, scenic and scenographic conception of Castorf/Denic’s »Faust« production, with special focus on moments of stasis vs. performative dynamics and velocity suggesting fragmentation, dislocaton and identity loss.

Key Words: cultural identity/migration/stasis/velocity/constant movement
PIONEERS, VAGABONDS, AND ‘GENUINE VISITORS’: INTERSECTING NARRATIVES OF THEATRE TOURING AND MIGRATION

This paper explores practices of theatre touring. In particular, I focus on the narratives of touring theatre artists that are produced through a range of materials – newspaper reports, theatre programmes, appointment books, customs procedures, schedules, blogs, and diaries – to consider the politics of theatre’s circulation. Here, touring performers are characterised as, variously, pioneers and vagabonds, exiles and nomads, as world-weary manual labourers and as global business travellers. These narratives of theatre touring intersect in various ways with languages and experiences of migration. Our attention is drawn to this intersection explicitly at moments when movement is denied and the rigidity of borders is performed. When the UK Visas and Immigration office responded in 2015 to a visa application by the Georgian theatre company The New Collective – invited to perform at a UK-based festival – with the indictment that ‘I am not satisfied that you are a genuine visitor to the UK and will leave the UK at the end of your visit’, it reminded us that theatre does not always tour unproblematically. This marked merely one among numerous instances of theatre’s mobilities being inseparable from other ways in which movement is contained and regulated. In this example, The New Collective responded by presenting an installation in absentia: titled The Artists Are Not Present: A Performance by UK Visas and Immigration, the improvised response highlighted the frictions that attend mobility, and the privileges of artistic movement that are often assumed. The example of the New Collective at – or rather, not at – the Flare Festival also raises questions of how the ‘international’ at international theatre festivals is constructed. This paper investigates theatre touring as a practice that both moves alongside migration and, in some instances, is migration, asking what this might tell us about theatre’s place within broader patterns of mobility.

Key Words
theatre touring mobility migration narrative labour international

EMPOWERMENT OF REFUGEES THROUGH THEATRE

I propose to compare two dramaturgical approaches one professional and one amateur that relate to the lives of refugees and the stateless. The first is the collaborative approach of Yael Ronen with professional actors in such pieces as Third Generation with German actors from the Schaubühne, Israeli actors from the Habima theatre, and Palestinian actors, Common Ground with Balkan and German actors in the Gorki Theater, and The Situation with German, Palestinian, Syrian and Israeli actors in the Gorki Theater. In these productions, Ronen devised plays based on the experiences, memories and prejudices of her actors, some of whom were German and many of whom were refugees or immigrants. I might also touch on the work of the “Exile Ensemble” with Syrian and Palestinian actors, whose work I haven’t yet seen. The second approach is that by Refugee Club Impulse, an amateur group of refugee actors formed in Berlin in 2014 that used their own stories as the core of Letters Home. Within the framing device of a classroom in Berlin where they are learning about German culture, the refugees are asked to write letters home about their experiences in Germany. This production was developed with the aid of German advisors but it mainly relied on the individual monologues by the non-German amateur actors who came from a variety of countries and cultures Pakistan, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Gambia and used movement, music and filmic devices to embellish their stories. I will discuss the rehearsal processes and devising methods, the interweaving of cultures in performance, and the effect of these on the actors involved. I will examine some of the similarities and differences between these two dramaturgical approaches and draw some conclusions.

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Yael Ronen Refugee Club Impulse Berlin Maxim Gorki Theater
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IN/VISIBLE FACES – DRAMATHERAPY AS A TOOL FOR CREATING A SPACE OF POSSIBILITIES WITH REFUGEES

The traumas refugees have suffered often leave them isolated and alienated. In Serbia, many of these people find themselves in limbo, either unable to travel further or uncertain how to establish a life here. Many refugees arriving in Europe face distrust from the local communities. In such a context, the establishment of communication with refugees becomes an important, even radical act. Dramatherapy facilitates the processes of healing, integration, and growth, and can help restore communication through creative and often non-verbal means. Between June 2017 and October 2017, Serbian NGO Talas Creative Therapies conducted dramatherapy workshops with 8 male refugees in Belgrade, between the ages of 14 and 30. We used fictional characters, dramatic enactment, poetry, art, and music. Working with a fictional realm helps traumatized people rewrite their stories as people who can overcome and cope with real life struggles, while focusing on the healthy components of the personality. Using our experience in the field as a guiding thread, this paper reveals the strong potential of the dramatherapy method when working with refugees. We examine three key aspects of our process: the development of a model of dramatherapy for refugees in Serbia; lessons learned; the positive outcomes of the work. Our project resulted in the substantial improvement of the wellbeing of our group, over the course of 20 workshops and 1 performance at Bitef Festival in September 2017. With this paper, we aim to contribute to the sharing of knowledge about dramatherapeutic work with refugees.

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THE POLITICS OF SPACE: A STUDY OF SAMUEL BECKETT “ROUGH FOR RADIO II” AND “CATASTROPHE”

In view of recent turmoil, we witness an exacerbation of natural calamity caused mainly by human activities on the one hand, and the rise of political tensions and the War on Terror on the other. As the construction of national borders progressively replaces cross-border cooperation, the tendency of global democracy is seemingly in decline. In this paper, I seek to make these aforementioned challenges an equilibrium of Samuel Beckett’s work. In a sense, we may refer to Catastrophe 1982, theater play as an implication of the manifold humanitarian crises we now face globally, and we can draw on Fox’s walls in Rough for Radio II 1960s, radio play as an analogy to address the idea of borders. Taking Catastrophe as a sequel to Rough for Radio II, I shall first examine the confining state of the characters in both plays to demonstrate how the protagonists can be identified as bare life, and to propose that their liminal position can be read as a potential site that informs the state of exception. Second, I investigate the space as the site of aporia where the ambiguous boundary between biological and political bodies is created. In the attempt to politicize the space, I argue that the performance from the walls as imprisonment to the “bag” that contains the catastrophe in Beckett’s plays is, in effect, deterritorializing. Invoking theoretical works of Michel Foucault, Gilles Deleuze and Giorgio Agamben, I argue the way that natural body merges with political body without distinction further unsettles the space in question. It is hoped that through my small scale study of the politics of space, it may yield a valuable insight into the flaws of modern democracy in a globalized world.

Key Words
Samuel Beckett, Catastrophe, Rough for Radio II, politics, space

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KHASHABI THEATRE: PERFORMING THE RIGHT TO A PALESTINIAN CITY IN DOWNTOWN HAIFA

Curated Panel: Performing Migration, Dis-Mobility and Displacement in Israel-Palestine Khashabi Theatre: Performing the Right to a Palestinian City in Downtown Haifa In recent years, collectives of Palestinian artists have established and operated independent i.e., not funded by Jewish-Israeli sources platforms for promoting their projects in downtown Haifa. These relatively autonomous enclaves, which are located within Jewish-Israeli geography, enact transformative participation by producing a space from below, motivated by an active attitude toward the city’s political life. In this paper, I will present one such platform, the Khashabi Theatre, which was founded in 2011 and has been located since 2015 in an old building in Wadi Salib that has been converted into a theatre house. My main concern is to examine this theatre as an urban cultural institution from the perspective of “the right to the city” Lefebvre, 1996, emphasizing the attendant questions: Whose right, what right and to what city? Marcuse, 2009. To portray the theatre’s local environment, I will present the processes occurring in Haifas downtown: urban renewal, gentrification, and Judaization. I will argue that the Khashabi’s location is a clear statement of historical and spatial rights and cultural resistance to the processes that are erasing the Palestinian city from memory and physical space. The Khashabi building, as a site-specific performance, exposes the geopathology of Wadi Salib, a neighborhood that suffered the deportation and abandonment of its Palestinian residents in 1948, and as a cultural institution, performs a new system of self-location. With Arabic being the dominant language in the theatre, and the post-dramatic aesthetic that characterizes its shows, the Khashabi produces a space that does not fall into a “tragic impasse” rather, it is a multi-layered, palimpsestic space of place and history that embodies the right to urban life and the seeds of a city-to-be.

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Palestinian theatre, Haifa, “the right to the city”, urban renewal, gentrification

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SHAKESPEARE AND DIGITAL ART: RSC MEETS INTEL IN “THE TEMPEST” (2017)

At the Court of James I the staging of elaborate court entertainment, known as the Stuart Masques, became custom. The illusionistic and new settings were characterized by their spectacular stage effects, elaborate costumes and at the center of the event dancing by the royal family and aristocracy, accompanied by music. These then innovative performances would soon dominate the English theatre. This new stage language dominated for more than 300 years. Today, Shakespeare remains relevant to the theatrical landscape, and is continuously reimagined, retold, and reinvented. In a further attempt to engage audiences, the 2017 RSC production of Shakespeare’s The Tempest is in collaboration with Intel and in association with The Imaginarium Studios, putting an emphasis on the use of digital media in order to create the world of the play. In a new attempt to captivate audiences the production uses real-time, interactive effects to immerse its audiences. This paper will explore how the spectator takes part in these innovative performances and how the relationship between audiences and spaces are reimagined through those innovations. The critical examination of the changing role of the spectator and the use of new media in the artistic exploration of Shakespeare’s magical play will be focus of this paper.

Key Words
The Tempest, Shakespeare, Immersive Theater, Digital Performances, Audience, Space
HABIMA NATIONAL THEATRE - THE UNIQUE CASE OF EXILE-MIGRATION-HOMECOMING

Habima Theatre was founded in Moscow 1918 and becomes the National Theatre of Israel 1958. Unlike most migrations that eventually assimilate in the countries of their destination, culture and language included, the Jews saw these countries as temporary stations and with the constant hope of returning home they preserved both culture and language. For almost two thousand years a vast literature of religious subjects, philosophy and poetry was written in Hebrew, and for the first time Hebrew was spoken as a regular stage language in Habima Theatre in Moscow 1918. To understand that unique case where the would-be national theater preceded nationhood and migration as homecoming I will examine the second production of Habima in Moscow, the Dybbuk 1922. Ansky’s play was performed in Russian, translated by him into Yiddish and then by the poet H.N. Bielik into Hebrew - translation as migration of language or homecoming? redemption through language? The two protagonists of the Dybbuk are the Tzadik, an elderly rabbi, and Hannan, an ardent young messianic Kabbalist. The latter views exile and homecoming not in territorial but spiritual terms of redemption that should be actualised here and now by mystical means. The Tzadik claims that exile has its mysterious course and nothing to be done but perpetual longing for its end. Hurrying the course of exile and messianic aspiration, claims the Tzadik, would result in a disaster. And while Hannan performs his mystical-Kabbalist means to enhance redemption he drops dead. A messianic tragedy. And back to the Habima Theater. In 1925 it immigrates from Russia and for ten years wanders from country to country, performing the Dybbuk in front of migrate Jewish communities. In 1931 it settles in Tel Aviv, a territorial homecoming, where the Dybbuk is performed for another twenty years. In 1958 Habima is declared as the National Theater of Israel. 2018 is Habimas centennial anniversary. From 1975 to 1977 I served as the artistic director of Habima.

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“WHY DOES THEATRE ABOUT MIGRATION MAKE ME FEEL SO BAD?”: UGLY FEELINGS AND PARANOID NATIONALISMS IN CONTEMPORARY BRITISH THEATRE

‘Why is so much art produced about refugees so bad?’: this question-provocation posed in an article[1] in openDemocracy provides the starting point for this paper, which will discuss certain works engaging with migration that were staged in Britain before and after the June 2016 EU referendum. Drawing on select moments from Anders Lustgarten’s Lampedusa (spring 2015), the Royal Court theatre/LIFT season ‘On the Move’ (June 2016), the Actors Touring Company’s The Suppliant Women and the Creative Europe-funded project Phone Home (both, October 2016), I will consider the complexities and ambiguities of theatre that engages with ‘the pain of others’ particularly, when placed against a milieu shaped by the escalation of British ‘paranoid nationalism’ (Hage 2000) in the lead-up to the Brexit vote.

My aim is not to classify these examples as (aesthetically, politically, ethically) ‘good’ or ‘bad’ theatrical responses to migration; rather, I wish to think through the limitations and potentialities opened up by the performance of empathy vis-à-vis the migrant Other on London theatre stages. If the theatre stage is a space where the border disorder of paranoid nationalism appears, what kind of political and ethical work do these performances do? What is the role that theatre plays in a wider affective economy shaped by the circulation of images of pity, suspicion or hate towards the (racially) marked migrant Other? I will argue that an excess of emotions often underpins theatre about migration; in turn, this theatre often generates difficult responses or ‘ugly feelings’ (Ngai 2005).

Building on a recent article published in RIDE[2], this paper will attempt to make sense of some of these feelings and how they might inform our judgments of what might be ‘good’ or ‘bad’ theatre about migration.

Key Words
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SHORT HISTORICAL REVIEW - INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS AND MIGRATION. EXAMPLES OF THE DANCE SCENE IN MACEDONIA

Migration is a term that, in todays context is associated with the large waves of refugees that are landed in Italy, Greece and pass through Macedonia as a transit line to their desired destination. But do current events limit migration only to what is happening now and here, usually giving a negative connotation? Approaching historically, whether migration had any influence on todays culture? Richard Schechner emphasizes that there is no single pure culture, a culture free of influences. The influences in this example will be analyzed through the migration. In this text I would refer to a two-way osmotic process, that has been going on for more than a decade. Since my subspeciality is dance, the performing forms will be analyzed. The establishment and development of ballet art in the Macedoni- ni, but also in the ex-Yugoslav countries is associated with a major migration process. It was the Russian white emigration that took place after the October Revolution. Many artists who could not stay in their homeland, sought for a new one in Europe. Macedonian dance art has binded its foundation and decades of development with the names of several Russian choreographers - Jelena Polakova, Nina Kirsanova, Alexander Dobrohotov. Today there is an opposite process, we are witnessing examples of migration of Macedonian artists. The need for affirmation, a better professional ambienece, prompted many Macedonian dancers and choreographers to build their professional life in Europe and America. Through their activities in the new environment, they carry features and influences from the Macedonian cultural context. Intercultural ties that are happening are perhaps most visible at choreography level, the most important examples which will be elaborated and analyzed. These are examples where migration shows a positive tendency to establish intercultural ties which are an incentive in the cultural and artistic development.

Key Words
Migration, dance, intercultural relations, Macedonia
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HOW JESUS MIGRATED TO OBERAMMERGAU. PROCESSES OF SPATIAL CONSTRUCTION IN ITS POLITICAL CONTEXT

Based on processes of spatial construction, the paper discusses the aesthetics of the Oberammergau Passion play in contrast to the imagination of the ancient Jerusalem. It argues that there is no intention in relocating the spectator into another time and space. Instead, we can observe certain strategies to translocate the story into the little Village at the foot of the Bavarian Alps. This way the Play is always connected to its spatial presence and mirrors contemporary societies.

Being deeply rooted in the topology of the Alps Oberammergau regenerates a new space that gives new meaning to the story of the last days in the life of Jesus Christ. But how is this meaning constructed and how does it appear during the different seasons of the play? In taking a look back to recent German History the paper illustrates how it was possible that the ‘integrated Jesus’ has been instrumentalized by the Nazis. During the tercentenary of the Oberammergau Passion play, International Press headlined the event as “Oberammergau is Hitler’s Germany.” In their perception Jesus instrumentalized by the Nazis. During the tercentenary of the Oberammergau Passion play, international press headlined the event as “Oberammergau is Hitler’s Germany.” In their perception Jesus becomes a personification of Germany by using the stage of the play for anti-Semitic propaganda. The paper then draws the journey of Jesus’ migration to its integration and questions its position today facing the recent refugee crisis that also concerns the village of Oberammergau. Director Christian Stückl, who is also the director of the Münchner Volkstheater, has recently broke with the tradition of the play by renovating and renegotiating creative and systematical structures. What may we expect the Passion play to look like in a period where symbols of Christianity are about to be politically instrumentalized again.

Key Words
Oberammergau Passion play, Spatial turn, Historiography, Nazi Regime, Refugee Crisis

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MEMORY OF THE RECENT “AVANGARDA”, DOES IT SPELL MIGRATIONS OR “RESISTENCE”? 

As I’m walking among the sleepy bodies of the Syrian refugees at Belgrade’s bus station park, trying to address all my human and performative efforts towards the Other, my whole life appears suddenly in front of me as “on a stretcher”: have I ever left this place where my grandmother founded the Serbian branch of the Red Cross, and where my grandfather was hiding the Bakuninists under his roof, on their way from Russia to the United States? Here, the questions such as “Is art still possible?” and “what is its current, dying form?” have never occurred to me, nor the questions about the true meaning of resistance, the migrating power of people and its dying absence or presence in everyone’s life. Here I remember a specific procedure of combining the “already-made” elements which a sculptor, Zoran Joksimović, gathered in his work which uses abjectness as a self-reflective act of a traumatic memory exploring its effects in a material and metaphorical image of a fragmented body. Hal Foster with his notion of “abject art” was also discussing the “vulnerability of our borders, the fragility of the spatial distinction between our exterior and the interior,” bringing the concept of self into a crisis through the cut of the dismantled body whose chopped off members now independently follow their own “game of chess”, towards the path of disappearance instead of the subject. However, may we assume that a traumatic cut is also productive, because it evacuates and raises the subject, showing us that the totality be it a body, a country, a nation is often a temporary illusion which cannot hold in practice and that it confirms its existence only in multiplicity, in a dynamic interaction of the whole and its segments be it migrating people, habits, performing acts.

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**REPRESENTATION, IDENTITY AND ALIENATION: THE DANCER’S BODY AS MULTI-CULTURAL SITE**

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Key Words
Ghana Dance Ensemble, The Dancers body, Identity, Cross Cultural, Ethnicity, Professionalism

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**WHO SAID TWEAAH!: SOCIAL MEDIA MEMES AND CO-PERFORMATIVE CRITIQUE IN GHANAIAN DIGITAL CULTURE**

In Ghanaian colloquial speech the word Tweakah is an interjection to rubbish someone’s assumption, claim, or authority with disdain, derision, disregard, incredulity, indignation, insubordination, or swag-ger. In 2013, a government appointed District Chief Executive DCE in the Ashanti Region of Ghana exploded with rage at an unidentified member of the audience who had reacted to the DCE’s speech at an end-of-year event with a chuckle and the retort Tweakah. The DCE’s angry rants, caught on tape, soon became a trending, humorous, social/digital media meme with national and some international consequences. The DCE’s job appeared to be on the line, Ghana’s Parliament debated on whether to ban the word a development that was broadcast on BBC and other international newsites until the President of Ghana himself joined the public mirth and diffused the political partisan tensions around the incident by using the word in his State of the Nation speech at Parliament. In this paper I engage social media memes as public political practice by exploring the ways in which it provided an intertextual process by which Ghanaians hid under the cover of parody and pastiche to critique the hubris of power.

Key Words
social media, memes, performance, political practice, co-performative, critique, power, digital culture
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VODOU, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND THE GLOBAL PERFORMANCE OF COMMUNITY

Vodou as an important religion practised in Haiti both circulates via relationships between persons in the community and also, more importantly, creates those social ties itself. As a performative act that draws together the material and the immaterial, the seen and the unseen, vodou can be thought of as an exemplary diasporic religion, through its potential to overcome physical distances and the barriers of the passage of time imposed by migration. For example, the exchange of cassette recordings with ceremonial prayers and sacred texts traverse the vast geographical distances between Haiti and its diasporic practitioners—creating a community that is both intimate and global. In this paper, I will examine vodou as a kind of social media without the cybernetic apparatus vodou is a network for sharing an expressive culture that is a crossroads intersecting the spiritual practices, social beliefs, and shared geopolitical histories of Haiti, Florida, West Africa, and France.

Key Words
syncretic religion, vodou, transnational ties, media, social media

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MIGRATORY DRUMS OF AFRICA, AMBITALENT RHYTHMS OF THE WEST: BOLA NLE AUSTEN- PETERS’ SARO AND WAKAA, THE MUSICAL AND NIGERIA’S THEATRE RENAISSANCE

Globally, theatre practice and studies have innumerable challenges which have also defined their manifestations in several societies. In Africa, owing largely to economic problems, film and literature have become mainstream thereby making theatre seemingly inexistent in everyday living. In recent times however, with successes in other more popular genres like stand-up comedy and video films, theatre appears to be making a comeback, especially in Nigeria. Lagos-based Terra Kulture Theatre has gained international reckoning for its Saro, the Musical and Wakaa, the Musical, which have also played at London’s West-End. These experiments by this theatre company is here considered one of the few foundational efforts towards the reassertion of African forms in global theatre practice. Within these stage performances, there is a juxtaposition of cultures and the manner in which these contacts are smoothened over within the texts hold great potentials for the rise of a new global theatre in Africa. Hence, applying Homi Bhabha’s postulations on Ambivalence and Mimicry, this paper interrogates the Lagos and London enactments, with a view to interrogating how both texts address the dated issues of colonialism and slavery as well as more contemporary dilemmas of identity, sexuality and nationality. The paper is concerned chiefly with the following questions: How are the frictions of cultural contacts addressed? And what deductible aspects of these plays hold the potential to awaken theatre in Africa and encourage the migration of African theatre practice to the West?

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African Drama, Musical Theatre, Ambivalence, Mimicry, Bhabha
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Working Groups

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AGAINST THE EXAMPLE OF MIDDLE EASTERN HERITAGE

In the Us vs Them debate, the geographical region of the Middle East has been used as an example to suggest relevance and to further lofty theoretical frameworks in fancy scholarship. Refugees, Muslims, Arabs, and various categories provoke urgency and the necessity to act. Those in power, senior scholars, intellectuals, liberal-leaning thinkers, and advocates rely on overused formulas that render the Middle East into just another example. The region becomes a mode of proving the argument of the enlightened scholar, working within the citational mazes of Western knowledge to produce theory. In the field of theatre, significant efforts have not been undertaken to promote honest study in the form of engagement with Arabic speakers, primary sources, study abroad, hiring practices, translations, and capacity building. Rather, the region is a well-ornamented bucket of source material to discuss diluted postcolonial ideas, clever theoretical puzzles, performances of activism, and second-stage productions to bribe the guilt of a sensitive liberal conscience. After all, the Middle East is hot right now and the scholar knows it: Aleppo, Gaza, and Fallujah! After a century of direct conflict or occupation in Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Libya, Iran, Somalia, and various banned countries, one hopes that the Middle Eastern might move from target to target of study in the left-leaning fields such as theatre, from a subject of pontification to subject of exploration, and certainly, from a perception of conviction to an object of learning. I discuss in this paper examples of how the Middle East remains Just An Example.

Key Words
Arab. Arabic. Middle East. Muslim. Islam

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NEGOITIATING THE POLITICS OF REPRESENTATION IN ARAB AMERICAN THEATRE

The rich and unique Arab American experience of immigration, settlement and be-longing is dramatised vividly and provocatively in a number of thought-provoking Arab American plays. The reception of Arabs in America has been routinely shaped by intersect cultural, racial and political history which renders Arab American identity a fascinating site of negotiation. While Arab Americans negotiate the politics of race, religion and gender on a daily basis their fluid mediations with each of these identity markers is most pronounced when they engage with the politics of representation. The engagement of Arab American playwrights with this is often a negotiation of: how Arab Americans are represented as the Other, how they would like to represent themselves as the Self, and how they sometimes unwillingly/unwittingly reproduce a representation of the Other as their own. Investigating the representations of Arabs in America unavoidably evokes the systemic Orientalist and Othering discourse, which has marred Arabs with many negative stereotypes. Many theorists Said 1978 and Jamal and Naber, 2008 have probed the Western creation of the Arab by virtue of his/her stereotypes, and attempted to subvert these narrative yet such correlations persist and have increased since 9/11. This article draws on two Arab American plays that engage with complex negotiations of identity, representation and economic survival. Sam Youniss Browntown is a dark comedy that satirically presents an Arab American actor who is only cast for terrorist roles. Similarly, Yussef El Guindi’s Jihad Jones and the Kalashnikov Babes dramatises the plight of a talented actor whose economical and professional viability depends on creating narratives that enforce the same stereotypes he vehemently contests and fights against. The two plays unpack, challenge, ridicule and subvert the framing of the immigrant, particularly the Arab in America, as the enduring Other.

Key Words
Arab American, Politics of representation, the Other
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THEATRE, MIGRATION, AND IDENTITY ON THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

This paper explores the history and development of theatre practice on the Arabian Peninsula throughout the 20th century, and its connections to images and constructions of national identity. Theatre has repeatedly offered residents of the Peninsula a forum for reflection and comment upon the nature, causes, and repercussions of sweeping social changes brought about by among other things exploitation of oil resources in the Gulf and by other complex factors in Yemen. Central to the history, form, and content of this theatre is the issue of migration. In Yemeni literature, migration is a centuries’-old preoccupation: the 16th-century performative dialogue Mother Hadramaut and her Son debates the merits of immigration to wealthier climes. During the British colonial administration, impetus for the first theatrical productions by Yemenis came both from models found in local British educational institutions and from examples of Parsi theatre performed by Indian touring troupes. 20th century Yemeni plays also provide numerous examples of Yemeni characters migrating to or returning from distant lands, and of Yemeni characters who interact often to satiric effect with migrants to their own shores from Africa, India, and beyond. Though theatre in the Gulf appears somewhat later in the century, it too draws inspiration from migrant individuals and communities, be they Egyptian producer-directors like Mustafa Hashish and Mustafa al-Bandari, or expatriate community theatre groups like the Doha Players and the Kuwait Little Theatre. Moreover, migration is a similarly significant theme within Gulf theatre—whether migrants are Gulf citizens living abroad, as in the classic Kuwaiti play Bye Bye London, or the “guest workers” whose numbers dwarf citizen populations in countries like the UAE and Qatar. Through a combination of textual and archival research, this paper aims to shed light on the history of migration as both theme and shaping force for theatre on the Arabian Peninsula.

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Yemen, Kuwait, Arabian Peninsula, 20th century drama, 20th century theatre
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THE CONFLICT BETWEEN WEST AND EAST REPRESENTED THROUGH WORKS OF ART AND THE MEDIA IN TWO EGYPTIAN PLAYS

The representations of works of art and other media in theatre serve a broad range of functions. Landscape paintings, songs and dances make performances spectacular for the audience as well as providing them with additional information about the action, place, time and characters of plays. Choruses, TV reports, documentary shots, radio broadcasts, story-telling and other forms of media and narrative transfer information that is otherwise not represented on stage, thereby filling gaps in the plots. In this paper I will observe the technique of dramatising conflict in certain plays through works of art and other media. These media transmit the points of view of the characters and, like the characters themselves, they participate in the development of the plots of the plays. This technique is conspicuous in the plays of the contemporary Egyptian playwright Abū al-ʿIlā al-Salāmūnī b. 1940, and is also present in the plays of other contemporary Egyptian playwrights, such as Lenin al-Ramlī b. 1945 and Fatḥiya al-ʿAssāl 1933-2014. Here, I will analyse the plays Bi-al-ʿarabī al-faṣīḥ 1991, ‘In Plain Arabic’ by Al-Ramlī and Zūba al-Miṣriyya 2002, ‘Zuba the Egyptian Woman’ by al-Salāmūnī. In Bi-al-ʿarabī al-faṣīḥ and Zūba al-Miṣriyya the playwrights dramatise the clash between West and East, representing the conflict not only through human characters but also through various forms of media — television, the play-within-a-play technique and dance. Given the above, I suggest that in certain cases representations of works of art and other media in plays gain functions pertaining to characters and can be interpreted as alternative characters. This attempt to exploit a new approach in analysing the role of works of art and other media in theatre can help us gain a more nuanced understanding of the interrelation between form and content in theatre.

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Egyptian theatre, Lenin al-Ramlī, Abū al-ʿIlā al-Salāmūnī, alternative characters

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“IMMIGRATION OF LAND SEAGULLS”: A PERFORMANCE IN IRAQ

This paper tends to investigate the role of theatre in raising the question of immigration. Through the theatrical exchange among neighbouring countries in the Middle East, Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Qaraqosh theatre group in Bahdhida chooses Immigration of Land Seagulls 2009 for the first day performance in the Third Syriac cultural week in Ankawa 2010. Immigration of Land Seagulls is written in Arabic by Abbas Al-Hayik 1973, a Saudi playwright. It was translated by Qaraqosh, the Iraqi theatre group which was established in 1990 to commence Festival of Syriac Creativity 1992. The play in this study exposes the experience of young immigrants who spring from diverse religious, social and cultural backgrounds launching their voyage onboard a small boat. I aim, here, to seek answers to such questions as Why would the play text immigrate from Saudi Arabia to Ankawa, Iraq? How different is the migration of seagulls on land? Why would youth be forced into immigration from their homeland leaving behind their land, family and personal belongings? Does their motif for immigration hold any relevance to the British or French theory of population?

Key Words
Saudi theatre - Iraqi performance - Syriac Language - Immigration
Working Groups

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CLASSICS IN POST COLONIAL INDIAN THEATRE

Post colonial Indian theatre has seen a series of productions of classical plays from the east and the west as a trend and as a site for theatrical experimentations. It includes the old Indian classical plays especially of Bhasa and many other playwrights like Sudraka and Bodhayana, but not Kalidas as frequent like others. Interestingly most of the Sanskrit plays were translated into Indian languages only from the second half of 20th century though many of them got translated into other foreign languages from 18th century onwards. Emergences of such productions are to be seen along with the post colonial nationalist tendencies in the field of culture as an effort to establish an Indian identity. In this process the directors mainly focused on the form of the plays on stage as they could find appropriate tangible devises and visual elements from the traditional performances. It has created an assemblage of diverse elements of traditional forms in a classical play in modern context. Through this exercise the modern theatrical versions of Sanskrit plays turned to be a site of Indian nationalism representing and imagining a classical past devoid of the contemporary sensibility and postcolonial motif. The proposed paper will be discussing how such displays of classical productions turned as forms with revivalist agendas.

Key Words
Classics, Post Colonial, Nationalism, India

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THE ENCOUNTER OF JAPANESE EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE WITH KOREAN CONTEMPORARY THEATRE AS IN KIM SUJIN, OH TAESOK, AND GOH SUNWUNG

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Key Words
Kim Sujin, Kara Juro, Oh Taesok, theatricality, acculturative mobility
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“NOTHING” RESHAPED: EUGÈNE IONESCO’S “THE CHAIRS” IN CLASSICAL CHINESE THEATRE

This paper studies the presentation of ‘nothing’ in three xiqu adaptations of Eugène Ionesco’s The Chairs respectively by Dapeng Theatre Troupe 1982, Shanghai Kunju Opera Company 2006, Mars Theatre 2010. Situated against the background of xiqu development facilitated by intercultural encounters, this paper intends to focus on the circumstances and adaptation strategies of each production, to investigate how the culturally-loaded xiqu and insightful Ionesco could enrich each other in terms of acting, scenography, and metaphysics. Central to this paper is the diverse strategies and effects of reshaping Ionesco’s idea of ‘nothing’ with xiqu’s classical devices and ideas. During inevitable frictions and productive reception, there emerged promising theatricalities and thoughts, for Ionesco who was seeking for a classical form, and xiqu that has been striving for modernization.

Key Words
xiqu, Ionesco, The Chairs

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POTENTIALS OF AMATEUR THEATER PRODUCTION IN SUPER AGING SOCIETY: A CASE STUDY ON THEATER ACTIVITIES BY THE ELDERLY

This paper examines diversity and development of theater productions among Japanese senior citizens and proposes three hypnoses to consider in understanding amateur theater productions in super aging society. Japan is one of the most rapidly advancing aging societies. The Japanese aging population ratio the proportion of people over 65 or above to the total population in 2016 is 27.3 % and it is the highest in the world. The ratio is projected to be over 30% by the year 2030. With such a growing senior population, enhancing their quality of life is one of the most challenging tasks in the society of Japan. In this context, the senior citizen’s participation in theatrical activities has been increasing rapidly. For example, over 40 theater groups by seniors are listed by a website specializing in senior theaters. In 2011, the National Senior Theater Network was established and twelve senior theater groups participated in its 2017 annual festival. One remarkable characteristic of these senior-citizen theater productions is their diversity. Some, such as Saitama Gold Theater Group by Yukio Ninagawa, an internationally well-known director, are more professionally oriented, aiming at creating finest theatrical works. Others, however, have different goals and agendas. For example, in “Aging and Theater Project,” Naoki Sugawara, a licensed care worker and actor, works with amateur actors, including one who is 91 years old, and presents productions featuring aging, senile dementia, and death. By taking several examples of theater productions by seniors, this paper illustrates their wide range of agendas and objectives as well as artistic expressions. The paper, then, posits three key points to consider in examining senior theatrical productions. Those points are 1 degrees of openness of the productions to senior participants and audience, 2 relationships between theater groups and their local communities, and 3 theoretical dimensions that productions aim to attain.

Key Words
Amateur Theater, Super Aging Society, the Elderly, Community
THEATRE THAT HOLDS THE SELF-REFLECTIVE MIRROR UP TO NATURE: JAPANESE LOCAL AMATEUR THEATRE RECONSIDERED

The significance of local amateur theatre has mainly defined in terms of its capacity to strengthen community bonds. The aesthetic values it can create has earned perfunctory mention at best, although recent discussions tend to shift their focus on what different kinds of aesthetic experiences local amateur theatre provides for audiences from what urban commercial theatre offer. By comparing it with traditional folk arts like kagura, theatrical dance local residents are even nowadays devoted to performing in Shinto shrines and other specially sanctified sites in putative dedication to gods, I propose yet another approach to evaluating local amateur theatre: as a kind of conservatory of “primitive” human desires of mimicry and transformation, it takes the middle ground between urban commercial theatre and traditional folk arts in applying the idea of representation to performance. On the one hand, professional theatre eschews crude reproductions of reality action, language, and display of emotions are rendered more stylized and less “real,” even in many types of realist theatre. Especially in theatrical performances interspersed with dance and songs, which has historically been the most prevalent form of theatre, representation means presenting an idealized replica of how people act, talk and express themselves in reality. On the other hand, in kagura, few folk arts performers admit they are acting. Their movement and speech may represent something that is absent on stage, but they do not imitate. Folk arts performers tend to believe they reiterate ritual formula, rather than expressing themselves. In both forms of performances, single-minded representation is forbidden. I suggest that local amateur theatre has thrived because it does allow participants to imitate and pretend in a least self-conscious manner: it gives them the pretext of indulging in “childish” pleasure of mimicry and transformation in the name of theatre.

Key Words
Japanese Local Amateur Theatre, Representation, Traditional Folk Arts, Kagura

“OFF, OFF, YOU LENDING! COME. UNBUTTON HERE”: THE DIVESTMENT OF AUTHORITY AND THE CULTIVATION OF HOPE IN MAKOTO SATO’S REINCARNATION OF LEAR WITH MÜGEN NÖH ELEMENTS

Helen Mirren once lamented the fact that there is no equivalent Lear or Hamlet role for Western actresses. When the 82 year-old Misako Watanabe played Lear in a production for experimental Japanese director Makoto Sato in his fundamental 2013 makeover of an earlier production - migrating Lear from its tragic European context to a more redemptive East Asian theatrical ethos - she divested the King not only of his regal trappings and divine authority but also of the role’s intrinsic maleness. In Sato’s staging everything is stripped back, affording insights into the common humanity of his depictions of us “poor bare forked animals” in his signature blending of experimental and traditional theatre forms. Our paper will argue that through the deft deployment of certain Mügen Nōh conventions, skilfully integrated into the translated Shakespeare text, that a radically different perspective on the assumed bleakness and bitterness of his 1606 tragedy emerges. As Stephen Greenblatt comments in his essay ‘Shakespeare and the Ethics of Authority’, those in power may be “cloaked in the mantle of moral authority”, but their stage actions, shown as unethical and/or depraved, speak for themselves. He points out that at the close of the play none of the surviving characters wish for “the weight” of authority to fall on them the only response being to “speak what we feel, not what we ought to say.”. From this a faint sense of hope can be glimpsed, which Sato’s production highlights in its ritualistic enactment of disrobing, of disencumbering the self from this mantle of a moral authority that is tarnished by unethical application. The theory of cultural mobility advanced by Greenblatt et al will also be invoked as a response to arguments against transcultural, mixed-mode theatre, and to propose Sato as one of its foremost practitioners.

Key Words
Divestment and disrobing Mügen Nōh conventions Experimental theatre Moral authority Cultural mobility
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NORTH KOREAN DEFECTORS AND A THEATRE OF HOSPITALITY

North Korean Defectors and a Theatre of hospitality. This paper examines the tension and complexities of contemporary Korean theatres on North Korean defectors. As a result, this paper’s aim is to analyze the ethics and politics of hospitality in the theatres. Recently, in South Korea, the theatres on North Korean defectors have been charting foregrounding differences for example, Sister Mokran stages the story surrounding a female North Korean defector, Mokran, a female manager of South Korean Hostess bar, and the manager's families. Moran means a magnolia in Korean, the national flower of North Korea. This theatre provides a substantial platform from which audiences can deconstruct and reconstruct the national and cultural identity of the traditional Korean. Exodus-the Time of Exhaling by famous Korean director Sun-woong Ko similarly invokes North Korean defectors’ voices. This theatre was based on the nearly-monthlong interview with real North Korean defectors. Toilet People translates the story of adolescent North Korean defectors into a stage, thereby employing a viewing lens as their anguishes in South Korea, then reflecting on the problems of South Korea itself. Hence, these contemporary Korean theatre on North Korean defectors remind us of the philosophy of 'hospitality', said by Jacques Derrida. In Sum, I attempt to question and rediscover the ethics and politics of hospitality in the theatre.

Key Words
North Korean defectors, Border, Hospitality

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THE REPRESENTATIVE KOREAN - AMERICAN DIASPORA PLAYRIGHTS

Korean Diaspora in America have their theatrical culture. The first director is Peter Hyun who appeared as early as in the 1930s. The rise of Korean American playwrights is closely related with the rise of Asian American theatres. Soon-Taek Oh, the first Korean American actor and playwright, joined the West East Players as one of founders in the 1960s. He won the East West Players contest together with Tondemonai Never Happen in 1970 and organized the first Korean American theatre group called Korean American Theater Ensemble. The representative 2nd generation playwrights are Sung Rno, Diana Son, Philip Chung, and Julia Cho. Sung Rno is probably the first playwright to be widely known to Asian and American main stream theatre. Debuted with Cleveland Raining in 1994, he continues to write many plays such as wAve, and Yi Sang Counts to Thirteen. Diana Son’s plays speak for the women of color. Her representative plays are R.A.W.Cause Im a Woman, Boy, Stop Kiss, and Satellites. All her plays convey minority women’s social protest and reveal their perspectives. Philip Chung tends to be more Korean ethnic playwright than any other playwrights. He also represents the west coast and produces most of his play though Lodestone Theatre Ensemble, the only Korean American theatre group today. The plays such as Yellow Face, Home is where the Han is, Asiatik Nation heavily reflect the ethnic history and its problems. Julia Cho writes plays about Korean Americans mingled into the American society. Her representative plays are 99 Histories, B.F.E., and Durango. Iloyd Suh, Edward Bok Lee and Jean Yoon, are also fairly well known. Young Jean Lee gained fame for her theatrical experiments with exaggerations and satires. All these Korean American playwrights are the diaspora of Korean, and their plays show the marginal culture between Korea and America.

Key Words
Korean American Diaspora Playwrights, Peter Hyun, Soon-Taek Oh, Sung Rno, Diana Son, Philip Chung, Iloyd Suh, Young Jean Lee
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REPRESENTATION OF MANCHURIA IN JAPANESE POST WAR THREE PLAYS

After the World War II lots of plays were produced reflecting Japan’s postwar issues in Japanese modern theatre Shingeki. Many of them depicted Labor issues, political independency or people’s identity just after the wartime. Among them it seems characteristic that some plays depicted de-mobilized soldiers. These plays explains tragic and comical conditions of ex-soldiers who had much difficulty in adjusting themselves to huge social turbulences and rapidly changing values amid the devastation after they had come back from Siberia and other Asian countries. Especially, plays describing Manchuria, in which Japan installed a puppet regime and proclaimed the independence of it in 1933 and which came to an end in 1945, suggested some typical points on interaction between Japanese modern drama and its colonialism. Here the paper will pick up three Japanese plays, A Red Lamp 1954 by Yutaka Mafune, Iku Shun Betsu 1960 by Shoichi Oshikawa and Shojo Kamen 1969 by Juro Kara, and analyze their different approaches to the Japanese colonialism and its historical past. There are completely deferent from a recent piece Li Xianglan 1991 by Keita Asari, which approached the Japanese past through a goodwill and friendship gesture between Japan and China. Regrettting the past, the three plays explored the meaning of the Manchuria and tried to respond to the question what the Japanese are like.

Key Words
Post War Japanese Drama, Identity, Manchuria

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“OFF, OFF, YOU LENDINGS! COME. UNBUTTON HERE”: THE DIVESTMENT OF AUTHORITY AND THE CULTIVATION OF HOPE IN MAKOTO SATO’S REINCARNATION OF LEAR WITH MÜGEN NŌH ELEMENTS

Helen Mirren once lamented the fact that there is no equivalent Lear or Hamlet role for Western actresses. When the 82 year-old Misako Watanabe played Lear in a production for experimental Japanese director Makoto Sato in his fundamental 2013 makeover of an earlier production - migrating Lear from its tragic European context to a more redemptive East Asian theatrical ethos - she divested the King not only of his regal trappings and divine authority but also of the role’s intrinsic maleness. In Sato’s staging everything is stripped back, affording insights into the common humanity of his depictions of us “poor bare forked animals” in his signature blending of experimental and traditional theatre forms. Our paper will argue that through the deft deployment of certain Mügen Nōh conventions, skilfully integrated into the translated Shakespeare text, that a radically different perspective on the assumed bleakness and bitterness of his 1606 tragedy emerges. As Stephen Greenblatt comments in his essay ‘Shakespeare and the Ethics of Authority’, those in power may be “cloaked in the mantle of moral authority”, but their stage actions, shown as unethical and/or depraved, speak for themselves. He points out that at the close of the play none of the surviving characters wish for “the weight” of authority to fall on them the only response being to “speak what we feel, not what we ought to say.”. From this a faint sense of hope can be glimpsed, which Sato’s production highlights in its ritualistic enactment of disrobing, of disencumbering the self from this mantle of a moral authority that is tarnished by unethical application. The theory of cultural mobility advanced by Greenblatt et al will also be invoked as a response to arguments against transcultural, mixed-mode theatre, and to propose Sato as one of its foremost practitioners.

Key Words
Divestment and disrobing Mügen Nōh conventions Experimental theatre  Mental authority  Cultural mobility
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THE AESTHETICS OF MEŞK: AN ANALYSIS OF THE MODE OF TRANSMISSION IN TRADITIONAL PERFORMING ARTS OF TURKEY

This research looks at traditional performing arts of Turkey, which include practices of singing, music, storytelling, dance, drama, puppetry and ritual, mostly co-existing in various combinations in different genres. Although these arts are many in number and diversity, they display common characteristics of a distinctive aesthetics. One of the main factors that form this aesthetics is the mode of transmission intrinsic to these arts and this is the main focus of this study. In order to put forward an emic approach, the research employs a local concept, which is particularly used in traditional music, but is active also in other arts in question - meşk. The primary meaning of meşk is traditional face-to-face training method, which is based on the pupil’s instantaneous imitation of the master’s performance. This basic definition, which stresses repetition, seems as justifying the ill-reputation of tradition as characterized by stasis. However, this polysemic concept also denotes the actual performance, which is combined by training and interestingly also the improvisatory creation. What the artists do during a meşk performance is improvising according to certain structural conventions, as well as the reactions of the audience, by choosing from a range of already-known repertoire of traditional patterns. In this sense, meşk is participatory and situational; its very being and quality depend on the actual presence of the actors, namely the artists and the audience who are there at that specific moment. Although it might sound contradictory, this renders change as one of the basic conventions of the tradition itself. The research argues that this idiosyncratic correlation between repetition and change in traditional performing arts of Turkey produces a unique aesthetics - the aesthetics of meşk.

Key Words
tradition, transmission, repetitiveness, change, structure, improvisation, presence of actors, Turkey

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QIBLA—A NEVERENDING STORY OF MIGRATION

Written by Wan-Ting Shen, a promising young playwright, Qibla is the title of the 2015 Taiwan Literature Award Golden Drama Prize-winning play. This play was mounted on the stage by Dong-Ning Hsieh, director and artistic director of Voleur du Feu Theatre, at The Experimental Theater located inside The National Theater in Taipei from December 14 to 17, 2017. In her play, Shen portrays the interaction between a live-in foreign caregiver called Nadi and a Grandma who suffers from Alzheimer’s disease and lives in the countryside. Planning to run away from the current job and home, Nadi, nevertheless, is unable to leave Grandma behind. She takes Grandma with her and together they embark on their “magic-realistic” journey on the road. The play intertwines several seemingly unrelated story lines in a tactful and fantastical way which amuses and alarms the reader and the spectator at the same time. Addressing the pressing issues of migrant workers and senior long-term care services in Taiwan, playwright Shen uses black humor and comedy to poke fun at phallocentric consumerism symbolized by Taipei 101 building and profit-driven neoliberal labor market in which everything is commodified at a critical time when Taiwan is fast becoming an aging or aged society.

All these issues and problematics are tightly woven with the motif of migration, be it the mythic journey of Nyai Roro Kidul, the religious pilgrimage of Muslim believers to Mecca, the runaway of migrant workers, the roaming of the homeless, and the wandering of the senile dementia patient. The purpose of this paper attempts to examine the motif of migration embedded in the play’s textuality and theatricality. Meanwhile this paper intends to employ an anti-essentialist viewpoint drawn from the Subaltern Studies to explore the social issues exposed in the play.

Key Words
Qibla, migration, migrant worker, senior long-term care, Nyai Roro Kidul, pilgrimage, Subaltern Studies, Alzheimer’s disease
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THE WORLD AND THE WORD IN TWO HANDS

Decoding hand-gesture and mudras Hand-gesture, together with facial expression and body expression form together the gesture code of human communication. To communicate through hand-gesture is in Europe since Cicero and Quintilian ambiguous and has artistically survived only in the French Pantomime of the 19th century. Mudras or hastas, as hand-gesture is called in Hindu-Buddhist cultures, found their way into the classical theatre of India. With the help of neurobiology and neuro-aesthetic knowledge, as well as the Indian and European treatises and practice of classical Indian theatre and dance, mudras and their use are analysed. The hand as a tool for action/ Mudras as abbreviations of physical actions/ From daily gesture to artistic gesture/ The six basic elements that constitute hand gesture- mudras explained as clusters of partial units of spatial and temporal character.

Key Words
handgesture, mudras, pantomime

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BETWEEN EAST AND WEST? CHANGING RECEPTION OF ASIAN PERFORMANCES IN FINLAND

Culturally, Finland can be defined as border area between East and West and, in spite of its remote location on the map, it has a long history of migration and multiculturalism. Yet, especially after the independence 1917, there was a strong tendency to define the country as a Western nation, leading into an emphasis on genuine national culture and fierce denial of any possible Eastern, read “Russian”, influences. How did this pro-Western cultural agenda, that stayed strong and fairly unchallenged for half a century, reflect in the reception of occasional visiting performers from various Asian countries? Did the average critical response follow the same pattern as in Western European countries, i.e. were the performances looked solely through lenses of the general Western publicity imagery? Did those rare Finnish individuals who had first-hand knowledge or experience of Asian culture manage to convey their opinions to wider discussion that would have eroded the notion of the “Asian” as the “Other”? From the 1970s on, pockets of Asian immigrants started to emerge in Finland. However, their impact on performance culture was limited. In some occasions, bi-lateral friendship societies collaborating with respective embassies managed to bring professional performers from Asian countries to the country. The late 1980s and 1990s marked a turning point. Two, partially intertwined, phenomena are of special importance. The first one is a strong interest in butoh among Finnish performers, which also caused small-scale migration of butoh artists of Japanese origin to Finland. The second one is the annual Asia in Helsinki Festival, established by Veli Rosenberg and Jukka O. Miettinen in 1986. During twenty years, the festival brought in visiting performers from Asian countries and spread the knowledge of performance traditions to local audiences. To what extent was it able to increase cultural understanding and did it possibly reach members of the local population of Asian origin? The paper builds on a book project on Asian theatre and dance visits to Finland during the past one hundred years, funded by the Finnish Cultural Foundation. Members of the project team are Jukka O. Miettinen, Veli Rosenberg, and Anna Thuring.

Key Words
National Identity, Multiculturalism, Asian Performance Visits, Asian Communities
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REVOLUTION, DOCUMENTATION, CONDEMNATION: TOWARD A GENEALOGY OF POLITICAL THEATRE ON THE MANILA STAGE

This presentation interrogates the development of Manila political theatre in the Philippines by reflecting how it transformed itself into a concatenation of revolution, documentation, and condemnation against human rights abuses, colonial and neo-colonial oppression and authoritarian repression. Generally, it asserts that political theatre in the Philippines or at least in its capital – Metro Manila created an experience of solidarity by renewing a sense of community through dissent against forces of oppression since the 1896 revolution. In the formation of community, the stage transforms itself into a public sphere where audience members are invited to transcend the violence and oppression of the everyday as they rehearse for a social responsibility that recognizes others not as objects of one’s enjoyment, work and possession, but as valuable members of community whose stories, lives and experiences need to be afforded the complexity they deserve.

Key Words
Political Theatre, Protest Theatre, Anti-Colonial Performance, Performing Human Rights, Revolution in the Theatre

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A PAN-ASIAN PEOPLES THEATRE ABOUT THE PAN-ASIAN HISTORIES: THE WORKS OF AUGUSTINE CHIU-YU MOK, HONG KONG’S MOST FAMOUS ANARCHIST DRAMATIST

Hong Kong is the oldest modern city in Asia. Its unfortunate stereotypical image is being “the Pearl of the Orient situated between East and West”. This is not only a gross simplification of the power relations of the world’s mega powers played out in the city, it also decontextualizes Hong Kong from its immediate circumstances of Asia. Hong Kong has shared the same histories of recent centuries colonisation and post-WWII economic boom with its Asian neighbours. It is now sharing the status of being situated within the immediate influence zone of the rising world power of China. Such shared destinies between Hong Kong as its Asian neighbours are highlighted in the pan-Asian People’s Theatre projects by Augustine Chiu-yuMok, Hong Kong’s most famous anarchist dramatist. He was trained as an economist in the capitalist model in Adelaide, and has actively involved in social movements through the means of the People’s Theatre since the 1970s, drawing influences from Japan’s Black Tent Theatre, the Philippines’ PETA and other Asian counterparts. In the 1980s and the 1990s he has produced a number of multi-cultural and multi-lingual People’s Theatre productions intended as an alternative model to Peter Brooks’ high-profiled luxury intercultural productions. Instead of drawing from myths and legends, the contemporary realities of colonisation and capitalist exploitation constitute the main contents of Mok’s productions, written, devised and performed by a cast and crew from across Asia. The proposed paper will analyse these productions, and reflect on the possibilities and values of a pan-Asian People’s Theatre that articulates the pan-Asian histories.

Key Words
Pan-Asian Peoples Theatre Augustine Chiu-yuMok Hong Kong Theatre, Intercultural Theatre
Working Groups

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INHUMAN ATTUNEMENTS: EIKO OTAKE’S “A BODY IN PLACES” AT THE MET

The Met edition of Eiko Otake’s A Body in Places presents the artist’s ongoing engagement with the Fukushima triple disaster of 11 March 2011. This durational performance, which took place during the opening hours of the Met’s three locations over three Sundays, develops its own politics of representation in the face of the most alarming nuclear catastrophe since Chernobyl. Eiko’s choreography pulls the audience into a profoundly visceral meditation over the destruction of the earth in Fukushima and beyond.

Key Words
necropolitics, corporeality, memory, authoritarianism

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BODY OF HISTORIES – MOVEMENT REPERTOIRES IN POST-SOCIALIST EUROPE’S CONTEMPORARY DANCE AND PERFORMANCE SCENES

Repertoire as a place of discovery and register, as non-hierarchical system of transfer and enactment of embodied memory Diana Taylor refers to the non-discursive knowledge of the body. In interviews with dancer-choreographers of post-socialist Europes contemporary dance and performance scenes I have traced and re-actualized this knowledge and movement repertoires, both on a physical and an oral level. Thereby the frictions of transhistorical and -cultural formed dance styles, techniques and practices become apparent. Whereas the movement repertoires of those dancers bodies are predominantly shaped by their training in ballet, folk dance and military service of Cold War period, it is shifted towards contemporary dance practices in the 1990s – which were often taught and mediated in formats which were limited in their temporal duration, such as workshops, residencies and festivals. Beyond institutions, ideological and cultural borders my paper examines the material potential of movement and its emancipation from those categories and pursues the thesis of hyper-corporeality and the refusal of the body. Using the example of two Romanian dancer-choreographers – Mihai Mihalcea and Manuel Pelmus – for this thesis I want to underline two artistic strategies of them: firstly the play with movement repertoires on the blurring boundaries of the arts and secondly their production of hybrid identities for exploring the possibilities of conditions in the Bucharest as well as European dance and performance scenes.

Key Words
repertoire, contemporary dance, identity, Cold War, technique
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Contemporary dance in the UK has historically relied upon Government subsidies, giving rise to a context in which many artists appear to see the value of their work as to do with artistry, originality, concepts, and form, rather than being primarily driven by economic reward through tickets sales and large-scale commissions. The global financial crisis and subsequent period of austerity in the UK had a significant impact on the arts and contemporary dance has been directly affected by the reduction to arts funding. Initiatives and terminology such as ‘creative industries’ arising over the past decade have sent the message to artists that they should ‘commercialise to survive’ (Waelde, Whately and Pavis 2014:1). However, for many dance artists, monetization and commercialization rub up against their individual and professional ethics (Laermans 2016: 290-322), meaning that artists are having to find new ways to develop and sustain their work. This tension raises critical questions about the value art which date back to early Greek philosophy and are still widely debated today. The value of dance has also been theorised from multiple perspectives. Some see the form’s value as primarily social (Hanna 1987), whereas others focus on its aesthetic (McFee 2011) or political (Lepecki 2016) dimensions. In response to these discourses, this paper reflects on interviews conducted with independent contemporary dance artists at various stages of their careers, working in the UK and USA to discuss how they think about the value of their work and how this informs the way they make and fund their work. In particular, I focus on how these discourses reveal the complex web of cultural, artistic, aesthetic, political and economic values, problematizing traditional thinking in analytic philosophical aesthetics about the categorisation of value.

Key Words  
Contemporary dance, Value, Philosophy

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The dancing body in performance navigates overlapping choreographic codes: she responds simultaneously to any number of intuitions, frameworks, and terrains. The dancing body allows invisible systems to become seen, which means there is a space between how movement is “written” and how it actually stumbles, melts, synapses into the live performance experience. How might the dancing body, in this interstitial choreo-performative space, afford us a heightened attunement to more quotidian systems which we—as global citizens in flux and in-between—navigate every day? By discussing contemporary dance works by choreographers Cynthia Oliver, Jumatatu M. Poe, and Larissa Velez-Jackson, I hope to apply the practice of revealing invisible infrastructures of dance works to a potential reworking of those principles which govern a more universal (lack of) freedom to take up space and move.

Key Words  
choreography, dance, performance, liminal space, governing systems, stillness, migration, deconstruction, translation, futurity
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SERVETHETHEPEOPLE:SOCIALMOVEMENTS,CULTURALPRODUCTIONANDTHECASEOFASIANAMERICANDANCETHEATERANDTHEASIANNEWDANCECOALITION

In the United States, the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act removed racial and national preferences for immigration to the US, and eventually led to a significant shift in American racial demographics. This reform of immigration policy occurred in the midst of a vibrant civil rights movement that before the end of the 1960s expanded beyond Black Americans to include Asian, Latin, and Native Americans. In New York City in the 1970s, the Asian American movement thrived in Chinatown in organizations like Basement Workshop and publications like Yellow Pearl. At the same time, the American concert dance field was experiencing a boom, centered in nearby downtown venues. Although recent publications and exhibitions have explored the vibrant cultural production that was part and parcel of the Asian American movement, the role of dance has been largely ignored. Asian American Dance Theater and the Asian New Dance Coalition provide the opportunity to examine for the first time Asian American dance and activism in the 1970s in both the Asian American movement and American concert dance. This article extends the project to recover the important in

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Performers, dancers, theater researchers. Since 2009 member of the Theater Association Chorea, during this time worked within the projects workshops, performances developing the experiences of Jerzy Grotowski and especially ancient music and dance: Antic/Dance in Re-Construction 2010, Koguty, BorsukiinneKozy 2011, Oratorium Dance Project 2011 and other performances together with the Body, voice, rhythm workshops. In 2011 started cooperation with GranholDans Aarhus, Denmark finalized with the international productions Men&Mahler and Rite of Spring Extended, both awarded ReumertVinder for the best performance of the season. Following the individual doctoral studies program at the University of Łódź concentrated on the anthropology of theater, possibilities of applying neurosciences into dance and theatre studies.

MODELLING THE DANCE SITUATIONS

Phenomenology, inspired by the works of Husserl or Merleau-Ponty, had a significant impact on the formation of the contemporary dance studies. In recent years for example, the areas of gender studies were more intensively explored. Still, the models developed in the first half of the twentieth century and earlier clearly influence the ways of theoretical organization of the objects, subjects and the relations between them on stage. The most popular are those partially shaped by Maxine Sheets-Johnstone - phenomenology of dance, Susan Leigh Foster - kinesthetic empathy or Sondra Horton-Fraleigh - lived body. This list can also be extended by the proposals derived from theatre studies such as Bert OStatess - phenomenology of the stage presence, Tomasz Kubikowski’s - seven theatre beings. All these take into account the relational characteristics of dance, but differ in spreading the weight between the aspects of presence of the subjects that participate in it - both actively and passively. In my paper I would like to look at these proposals to compare the models of performative systems forming out of them and recognise their limitations. As a part of my current research, I will confront these models/systems with selected contemporary dance and dance improvisation practices that, with the democratization of knowledge, drew a lot of their exercises and language from phenomenology or contemporary cognitive studies. Thus I will try to sketch a map of different, practically and theoretically informed approaches to the experience of performative dance.

Key Words
Practice as research, phenomenology, dance technique
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A WORLD WHERE OTHER WORLDS FIT: THE THEATER MADE IN COMMUNITY

The company of which I am co-founder, and director, works between Mexico, and Barcelona. The people that integrate it are originally from Mexico, and Spain. In our shows, we use humor, as a vehicle to reach the public. We are a company that makes theater for migrants, and theater for migrants, we are eternal foreigners, and this is part of our wealth. One of the guidelines through which we work is that of recognition in the other. In the summer of 2017 we were able to tour Latin America, taking two shows to El Salvador, C.A. and Mexico. From the places we visited, we were able to collaborate with the Mexican indigenous organization Tosepan Kali, which in Nahuatl language means Together we are stronger. Thanks to the first meeting we had during the summer of 2017 in Cuetzalan, México, we intend to carry out a project together with the Tosepan Kali indigenous organization, to assemble a work by the author Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, one of the most representative women of the Mexican, and international dramaturgy. The proposed project aims to be the first show made in the Nahuatl language, and performed with indigenous people from the community. It has been possible to carry out a first workshop, with students from the Tosepan Kaltemachtlioyan School translation: The organizations school, and it has been through the exploratory-essay methodology that the Organizations way of working has been identified and the process adapted of the Company, through interviews, analysis, and the important empirical basis of the project.

Key Words
inclusion, indigenous theater, performance in the original language, humor, new dramaturgies

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“DWELLING” ON THE DOCUMENTARY BODY IN TAKUYA MURAKAWA’S “INDEPENDENT LIVING”

The premise behind Takuya Murakawa’s “Independent Living” 2017, is deceptively simple. An audience member is invited to play the role of a patient. S/he is instructed to lie in silence on an adjustable bed at the centre of a brightly lit stage. Three performers from Japan, China and South Korea take turns interacting with the patient. They carry out physical and verbal routines taken verbatim from their everyday lives as carers. Audio recordings of television news reports are intercut in the scenes and are the only link with the world beyond the patient’s imagined room/house. Murakawa spent time in all three countries during the play’s research phase. He looked for “landscapes” that might speak to the “contested history, politics and territorial disputes,” that mark the countries’ current connections. While the play’s caregiver-receiver relationship seems far removed from the geo-political power games of nation states, the process of constructing a body with disability on stage using a borderless gestural vocabulary, confronts the audience with the problem of “dwelling.” Whose home does the patient inhabit? Whose body does s/he represent? Critical border studies scholars, Ruben Giels and Henk Van Houtum, characterize Peter Sloterdijk’s notion of “dwelling” in his three-volume work titled “Spheres,” as both “an immune system and a vehicle,” which is to say, “an inner world that enables people to live with the total immensity of the globe” and “a place where people are involved in complex multidimensional relationships with others.” In this paper, I read the patient’s body as an example of a transcultural “dwelling” a body on which migratory exchange is inscribed a documentary body capable of resisting the reductive inside-outside dichotomies forged at the macro level of power.

Key Words
documentary body, dwelling, disability, migration, Japan
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RED SLASHES AND AN EVENING CAPE: FABRICATING COSTUMES AS POST-MIGRATION CHOREOGRAPHY

For Hannah Arendt, the ‘permanence’ of the work of art lies in the ‘materializing reification’ whereby thought enters into fabrication: producing the tangible thing of thought, and in which a limited freedom might exist 170. In this paper, I will further my investigation of fabrication in the material history of the Viennese modern dancer, Gertrud Bodenwieser by examining what remains ‘in the trunk’ that artists carry under conditions of war, or when named enemy or refugee aliens. I will focus on Bodenwieser costumes that survived the journey, or were remade in Australia, and their role in choreographies that expose the struggle, conflict and repression in Cain and Abel 1936, The Slavonic Dances 1939, and The Masks of Lucifer 1944. These costumes held in the national collections were dispersed by the acolytes who helped re-make the Bodenwieser repertoire with scraps of fabric, copied designs, and limited exposure to European aesthetics. These clothes will be compared with Madame Bodenwieser’s own remnant costumes, jewellery and evening dresses. This paper will focus on the materialist aspects of costume history, such as suggested by Jane Bennett in Vibrant Matter 2010 as well as concepts of ‘transmigration’ that I’ve previously elaborated 2012. By investigating the physical costs of choreographic migration and the everyday labour of making or caring for dance costumes, I will consider how everyday things of dance offer a minimalist form of resistance to totalitarianism.

Key Words
materiality, costumes, transmigration, Bodenwieser, modern dance

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MEDIA MIGRATIONS IN DANCE

In this paper, I want to propose the idea of migration as an artistic and documentary process in dance. Since experiments and debates have started around the issues of remaining and preserving in dance – such as the challenges of re-enactment and archiving – questions arise about the inter-relations of corporeal characteristics of dance and its medial ‘other’. Contrary to regarding documents such as photographs or films as mere extensions or addendums of the ‘original’ event – and by this clearly distinctive of the former dancing bodies – I am asking about the particular processes of media change especially from the perspective of reactivating bygone performances by addressing photographic remainders: Boris Charmatz’ performance “50 Years of Dance” (2010) will be critically revisited. By investigating the dancers’ restaging of the images in the book of the same name – dealing with five decades of Merce Cunningham’s choreographies – I am arguing that boundaries of images and bodies are blurring. Or more precisely: In the interspace of image and motion on stage, it becomes increasingly uncertain where to attach the notion of the document as such. Is it denoting the book’s visual heritage, or rather the former dancers of Cunningham’s company re-performing it? In the ongoing transfer between photos and re-performances I will focus on the procedures of re-enactment, putting them as processes of migration between media of different natures, namely: the dancing body and the visual ‘proof’ of a bygone choreographic moment. Oscillating between image and movement, the methods of transfer, and thus migration of arts ‘content’ from one mode of presentation to another comes to the fore. This provokes further questions regarding the ‘sustainability’ of dance on stage and in archives: Often bemoaned as fleeting art form, what exactly is the nature of dance’s documents entering the archives? And who decides which ones will ‘ survive’?

Key Words
dance, media change, transfer methods
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CATEGORIZING DANCING: LANGUAGE IN MOTION

In The Feeling Balletbody: Building the Dancer’s Instrument According to BalletBodyLogic 2013, Annamari Autere outlines her strategies for “mastering the dancer’s instrument – the body.” This includes techniques that borrow from the language of nature and animality “The spine, our snake!”, mechanics and industrial productivism “[t]o gain optimal movement potential”, geometry “a horizontal line,” “a curve”, spiritualism “elemental lines of energy growing and growing and growing”, everyday objects “an elastic band”, thinly veiled race “[t]echnique is black, dancing is white”, visual arts “the multiple colors of artistic expression”, mathematics and philosophy “logic” geography, cosmology, geology “the body is our globe”, the language of neuroanatomy “tendons, fibrous cords” and emotional anatomy “[l]ayers of muscle contraction war with each other”. Although the density of discourses is breathtaking in Autere’s prose, she is not alone in deploying an array of scientific, spiritual and metaphorical terms to describe the complex workings of a pirouette or a plié nor is she alone in fitting the “unforced, graceful, unproblematic joy of dancing, running, jumping, climbing... of living.” Dance in this view is complex, full of scientific procedures and simple it is explainable, and infinitely mysterious. This paper seeks to draw some very tentative lines of thought towards a project which I hope will offer a history of recent ways of thinking the scientific and cultural models – the figures of thought – that shape the way dancers talk about the “dancing body.” How have changing scientific paradigms in particular contributed to transforming the way we imagine body articulations – the extensions, pliabilities, transformabilities and plasticities of motion? How has the language of fascia contributed to shaping the way dancers and choreographers envision structural relations between architectural systems, ecological environments, everyday locomotion, and dance? How has the movement of language contributed to laying the grounds for what we may term a form of plastic critique, attentive not only to the transformation of body models historiographically but to the migration of conceptual paradigms and their language forms?

Key Words
dance, plasticity, scientific modeling, anatomy, movement, ecology

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CURATING DANCE IN THE MUSEUM IN SOUTH KOREA

This paper aims to address issues on the recent appropriation of dance for museum institutions by investigating a 2016 exhibition Multi-Arts Project Performance: Unforeseen at National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, South Korea, collaborated with Korea National Contemporary Dance Company. This exhibition, which brings a series of dance and performance into the museum space, attempts to go beyond the boundary between visual arts and dance and make audiences encounter with expected events. This study addresses the context, value, and challenge of dance’s present in the museum. It also raises concern about the philosophic or artistic reasoning of dance’s presence in the museum and the curatorial way of programming dance. In the paper, I intend to not merely celebrate new opportunities and a wider audience brought through dance’s inroad into museum institutions, but rather problematize museum’s renewed interest in dance form in terms of its political and economic gain. I then lay emphasis on curatorial responsibilities to build up knowledge of historical and theoretical lineages of dance and to afford dance the visual, spatial, or contextual completeness on a par with visual arts.

Key Words
Dance, Visual Arts, Museum, Curation, Choreography
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REFUGEES IN MOTION: THE NON-HERO’S JOURNEY

“The Hero’s Journey” refers to a narrative template in which a hero undertakes a journey, confronts inner and outer conflict, and returns home transformed and triumphant. However, what happens when a protagonist undertakes a passage, faces internal and external struggle, yet does not attain the status of a champion? In fact, what happens when a people lose a sense of “home” and become vilified as scapegoats by virtue of their motion? In other words, what happens when refugees undertake the “non-Hero’s journey?” These questions are important because the signification of refugee motion impinges on our understanding of the political implications of forced migration. This paper sets out a brief explication of the classical hero’s journey archetype and surrounding debates, contrasts the hero’s journey with refugee narratives, and then explores the ontology of refugee flights from a body-level perspective. In particular, the paper focuses on agency in motion, and the ways in which displaced dancers who maintain corporeal agency can become proto-celebrities from Soviet-era ballet defectors to Syrian dance star Ahmad Joudeh, whereas corporeally unempowered refugees can experience dehumanizing categorizations. This paper is potentially part of a larger project titled Involuntary Motion, which explores refugee narratives and performances from a movement perspective.

Key Words
Refugees Non-Hero’s Journey Corporeality

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MULTICULTURALISM IN CONTEMPORARY BRITISH CHOREOGRAPHY: AKRAM KHAN AND LLOYD NEWSON

In a climate riven by national insecurities, anti-immigration movements and in the UK competing visions of a post-Brexit future, this paper examines the contentious space that multiculturalism has inhabited in 21st-Century choreography. It will examine two acclaimed contemporary dance works by Akram Khan and Lloyd Newson to examine the starkly differing perspectives which characterise current discourses on multiculturalism in the UK. As Falcous and Silk remark 2010, 168, multiculturalism has been seen variously as a solution to the problem of national unity and inclusivity, and as an impediment to an integrated and harmonious society. Khan’s and Newson’s works provide aesthetic reflections of this conflicted discourse. Abide with Me, Akram Khan’s contribution to the Opening Ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games, was part of a global media spectacle which asserted the UK’s post-imperialist and multicultural profile. By contrast, Lloyd Newson’s contemporaneous theatre work Can We talk about this? 2011/12 was highly critical of current British approaches to multiculturalism, particularly prevailing attitudes to Islam and Islamism. The two choreographies will be illuminated and assessed using a theoretical framework that draws on political thought Delanty, Malik, Heywood as well as dance studies Mitra, Prickett, Balme. Both works share commonalities in manifesting the entanglement of dance with British politics, and offer contributions to national and, by extension, broader international debates around tolerance, culture and diasporic identities. Taken together, they reveal ambiguous attitudes to multiculturalism and, indeed, to nationalism.

Key Words
multiculturalism, nationalism, British dance
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CHILEAN SCENIC DANCE: A PRACTICE MADE OF MIGRATIONS

This article examines the concepts of “cultural transfers” and “national language” in the context of Chilean scenic dance. This artistic movement is studied here with an ideological reading linked to the concept of Resistance in the specific exchanges between the so-called “independent Chilean dance”, and the forms of scenic dance of European tradition. The role played by European influences in the development of professionalization of dance, and in the search of an “own language” in Chile is interrogated here, specifically from the work of the well-known Chilean choreographer Patricio Bunster as a case of study.

Key Words Travels, Dance, “cultural transfers”, “national language”, legacy, war

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DANCE AND THE MATERNAL

Dance practice provides a particularly rich site for exploring questions of maternal corporeality. This paper discusses a dance work developed as part of a research project on Dance and the Maternal that investigates the communication of experiences of maternal corporeality through dance practice and performance. The project’s underpinning theoretical framework aims to create a dialogue between dance studies, maternal studies and affect studies, engaging with a strand of maternal studies that looks for ways to acknowledge maternal agency, and to escape the frequent positioning of maternal subjectivity in the ‘melancholia-murder binary’ of psychoanalytical and philosophical thought Baraitser, 2009. This paper will focus on an analysis of, With|in: Body + Time 2018, a piece I co-choreographed with a pregnant dancer about the experience of time in pregnancy. Considering how the choreography of maternal corporeality engages with important current debates surrounding parenthood and feminism, and wider societal debates about issues concerning women’s corporeal autonomy, biopolitics, and ethics, I am interested in investigating how maternal agency can be represented in dance practice and performance, and how this agency might creatively challenge the often oppressive affective environments and circumstances from which it emerges.

Key Words Dance and the Maternal, Maternal Corporeality, Choreography
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A number of iconic performances by female performers stand out in the repertory of the American choreographer and director Bob Fosse, including performances by Gwen Verdon in ‘Whatever Lola Wants’, Damn Yankees 1958, Ann Reinking in ‘There’ll be Some Changes Made’ All That Jazz 1979, and Liza Minnelli in the 1972 film Cabaret. Looking at Fosse’s work from a post-structuralist perspective, shifts focus from the idea of Fosse as the creative originator and rather focuses on the dance, choreography, and performance as a collaborative practice. Drawing on Ronald Barthes’s idea of the death of the author I seek to re-invigorate the creative labour of dancers as a fundamental component of dance making and refute the idea of the choreographer as a sole originator of choreographies. Urged by Susan Leigh Foster 1998 separation of choreography and performance as separate entities, this essay focuses on the work performed by the female dancers. This analysis concentrates on Liza Minnelli’s performance in ‘Mein Herr’ to examine ideas of corporeal presence and individual style as a powerful strategy to contest the stereotypical ideas of female images as passive objects within the cinematic apparatus. Fosse imagines gender through choreography of gestures however it is the female performers who imbue these performances with their personal style challenging ideas of authorship. Turning attention to actions of female dancers in choreography designed by a man disturbs the traditional patriarchal dominance in dance and provides a feminist lens to the study. The performers undertake creative labour which becomes a conscious transgression of economics and politics. Female dancers assert subjectivity through their corporeality, material shifting of the dancing body which refuses passivity and objectification. Their bodily writing and corporeal inscription on screen is assertive, grounded, and feminist. For the purposes of this analysis, the dancing body corporalises subjectivity of the women on screen.

Key Words
Fosse, Corporeality, Subjectivity

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FIGURES OF THE IN-VENTION. KURT JOOSS IN SANTIAGO DE CHILE

The issue of the foreign can invoke at least two movements: going abroad to the foreign as well as the arrival or coming of the foreigner. In either of the two senses or movements, the subject of the other appears. On this occasion I would like to concentrate on the issue of the arrival - of the coming - of the foreigner as a dynamic and multiple movements related to the other regarding certain history, in particular of the coming of Kurt Jooss and his company to Chile in 1940. The arrival of the company and the presentation of The Green Table produced a turn in the conception of dance in Chile, as well as played a decisive role in the formation process of the School of Dance of the Universidad de Chile and of the Chilean National Ballet, as the Chilean historian María José Cifuentes states. I have used the notion of invention in the title not only because it is closely related to history, institution and technique, but also because, following Jacques Derrida 2003, it allows one to examine that network of relationships regarding the coming that is within the word in-vention. Coming from the Latin venire, inventus, inventio, the notion of invention is composed of the prefix in, which means in, into or inwards, and from the verb venire, which means "to come". In this sense, invention also means something that comes from within, that can not be understood without its foundational relationship with the outside. The figure of the foreigner, in this sense, can be understood as a figure of the in-vention, of the coming, insofar as it has to do with a coming that can transform and reinvent in multiple directions. In this sense, the members of the company of Jooss can be comprehended as the foreigner who comes and brings with him a question, a call, a knowledge, or certain body as well, certain corporeality or choreography, that it could be inscribed within a re-invention that occurs in multiple voices and reach different dimensions, that I would like to approach and discuss on this occasion.

Key Words
Kurt Jooss, otherness, invention, foreigner, to come, reinvention
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MOVING THE MONUMENTS OF MOTHERHOOD: A SOMATIC APPROACH TO THE POLITICS OF THE MATERNAL

This paper will explore further threads and tentacles that found initial ground as part of a workshop held at Queens University Belfast 2017 focussing on Dance and the Maternal. The workshop was based on a somatic exploration of the placenta as a site of “tentcular” exchange and possibility following from Donna Haraway’s recent work, Staying with the Trouble. This contribution to the working group aims to further develop the video essay begun for that event “Moving the maternal: Explorations of placental breathing and tentacular kinships” and to reflect on the somatic possibilities and also consider the limits of such an approach. Furthermore, this essay aims to link and listen for on rations of placental breathing and tentacular kinships” and to reflect on the somatic possibilities and also consider the limits of such an approach. Furthermore, this essay aims to link and listen for on
tological encounters through metaphorical placenta that will absorb and filter the particular politics of representations around motherhood within the context of the proposed constitutional referendum to Repeal the 8th Amendment in the Republic of Ireland due to take place in 2018. The politics of representations of motherhood continue to haunt the current debates around maternal bodies in Ireland and elsewhere and to severely inhibit any multiplicity of understanding around maternity. This work explores how understandings of movement and corporeality afford other political possibilities for bodily agency and political action and decisive living within and beyond the terrain of the maternal.

Key Words
Maternity somatics Repeal the 8th Amendment

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INSTALLING AN AESTHETIC MOMENT SOUND AS A BOUNDARY - CROSSING ITERATION FOR ITINERANCY

Through my research I aim to understand the heautonomousHuvenne, 50 relationship between sound and image within contemporary performing arts. In such a relation, both counterparts have an equal importance and retain their autonomous grammatical functioning, which generates a deepened experience of meaning and poetics. Persyn, s.n Due to an ever-expanding range of new digital technologies, where an overload of pictures is imposed to one’s retina looking becomes emp ty. Katz, vii Spectators are part of an everyday mass-audience Mitrou, 2, used to shortened distances and the failure of proximity Kagge, 82. The hollow action of swiping through each other’s lives via Facebook and snapchat embodies this tendency. Persyn, s.n. The intimate context of a live performance provides a valuable alternative of deeper listening and seeing. A live performance is, as Bachelard would say, an intimate constellation with direct relations, as all “intimacy hides from view Bacherlard, 109.” A heautonomous relation of sound and image then opens up an in-between-ness where auditory imagination can arise. It is the only place where a geography of intimacy Labelle, xvi can be deployed. It helps the spectator to explore its own acoustic territories and inhabit a relational space, a meeting point, diffuse and yet pointed” Labelle, xvi. This means that sound provides the spectator not only with new possibilities to re-connect with the image, but also with other human beings. In the article ‘Installing an aesthetic moment. Sound as a boundary-crossing iteration for itinerancy’, I extensively explored the consequences and possibilities of such a heautonomous relation, for the phenomenological experience and choreography of the audience. Due the corporeal collisions and energetic transmissions inherent to the characterisation of sound as a movement, the working group Choreography and Corporeality would be an excellent and challenging environment to elaborate this article into a first chapter of my Phd-dissertation ‘The sound of a shared Intimacy.’

Key Words
Sound and image - phenomenological experience and choreography of the audience - acoustical territories - auditory imagination
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**POST - WAR IDENTITIES: BRITAIN, MIGRATION AND BALLET**

Post-war migration trends transformed Britain’s population, marked by the arrival of the Empire Windrush ship from Jamaica in 1948 which brought vital labourers and service workers from the colonies to help rebuild a devastated nation. Recent scholarship has examined how popular cultural forms such as jazz dance on television were influenced by the black diaspora see Burt & Adair 2016 in the 1960s and 1970s while cultural studies theorists Stuart Hall and Paul Gilroy analyse wider trends that reshaped British culture. This paper will examine how different journeys of migration impacted the Royal Ballet with the arrival of dancers from Commonwealth countries and the Soviet defector Rudolph Nureyev in the 1960s. Contrasting narratives of migration emerge. One is of Nureyev, the ballet star whose leap to freedom helped transform the technical proficiency of the company, also becoming a muse to choreographer Frederick Ashton and starting an iconic partnership with Margot Fonteyn. South African, Australian and New Zealand ballet dancers made up a significant proportion of the company, achieving a cultural capital denied to black dancers. The Commonwealth dancers and the Soviet star danced in ballets that circulated internationally as instruments of cultural diplomacy during the Cold War. Archival research includes interviews with ballet dancers and analysis of how Royal Ballet performances and its dancers were represented in the British popular press and specialist journals.

Key Words
British ballet, post-war migration

**RACE ON DISPLAY: DANCE IN HUMAN EXHIBITS**

In November 1885, a group of ‘natives’ were shipped to London from the Indian sub-continent by the luxury departmental store Liberty’s to be installed as human exhibits in a ‘living Indian village’ in Battersea Park. It was the coldest winter in Britain in thirty years. The Indians were given European winter-wear to fight the cold, much to the disappointment of English spectators who considered them inauthentic. Among the ‘natives’ were two women, a mother-daughter duo, a pair of nautch dancers, who were described as “bewitching” objects of sexual curiosity Mathur, 2000: 503, and subjected to unsolicited physical touching by visitors to the living display. This paper uses 19th century international journeys of subaltern dancers from the Indian subcontinent to consider the contra-movements of British colonialism and Indian nationalism. The 1885 human exhibit acts as a moment through which this ambitious yet disastrous financial venture of Liberty’s, a jewel in British entrepreneurship and culture, is pitted in conflict with the growing strength of Indian anti-colonial nationalism, which severely critiqued the treatment of its citizens abroad. Using Priya Srinivasan’s seminal Sweating Saris 2011 as a take-off point, this paper asks how subaltern dancers and their dance can become both the embodiment of, and the space for a theorising of, many types of conflicts: empire vs colony, primitivism vs civilization, mobility vs passivity, bodily objectification vs subjectivity, and racism vs human rights.

Key Words
Dance, Race, Colonialism
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**TRANSMIGRATIONAL DANCE: THE SELF-LOGIC OF CITIES AND SITES**

Three members of the Ballets Joooss, Ernst Uthoff, Lola Botka and Rudolf Pescht, were invited to establish a school of dance at the University of Santiago de Chile in 1941 from which the Ballet Nacional Chileno emerged in 1945. Another example: The former student of Mary Wigman and Marianne Vogelsang Rolf Gelewski, dancer in Berlin until 1960, migrated to Brasil. There he taught at the Universidad Federal da Bahia, formed a company and toured intensively. Invited by the Goethe-Institut, Gelewski traveled to India where he started to combine his dance principles with integral yoga at Sri Aurobindo Ashram from 1968 on. These transmigrants Glick Schiller/Basch/Szanton Blanc, 1995 rooted artistically in the so-called German Dance. Both cases can be considered as examples of micropolitics of exchange Elswit 2017. My paper will examine the conditions under which such interactions develop. What is the state of organisations, aesthetic systems, and institutional frames willing to transform? How come that different aesthetics like German Dance and ballet or DançaEspontânea? How one can identify agencies of otherness/alterity, change, and synthesis? Methodologically, I will refer to Jurij Lotmans concept of gradual development and explosion 2010 as well as to Martina Lóws conception of Eigensinn der Städte the self-logic of cities, 2008.

**Key Words**
Transmigrational Dance; Joooss, R. Gelewski, agencies of Otherness, institutional frame

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**KINAESTHETIC COGNITION IN WAYNE MCGREGOR’S WOOLF WORKS**

This paper explores “I Now, I Then”, Act I of Wayne McGregor’s ballet Woolf Works (2015–17). The paper is part of a longer essay on Woolf Works that is itself the first in a book-length series of essays, each one of which focuses on a different twenty-first century contemporary dance work through phenomenology. In this essay I triangulate (1) McGregor’s finished ballet and his working practices with (2) Virginia Woolf’s literary experiments in Mrs Dalloway (1925), upon which “I Now, I Then” is based, and (3) Edmund Husserl’s work on consciousness and cognition in Logical Investigations (1900, 1913) and Ideas (1913, 1921). For instance, I indicate that Woolf’s novel emerged not through narcissistic introspection but her hard-won perceptions, freed from traditional assumptions, of the social and natural world of which she was a part; that McGregor generated and refined movement material based on his dancers’ kinaesthetic cognition of the auditory and visual mental imagery that he encouraged them to have; and that both are thus true to the epoché, the first step in phenomenological reflection after which any habitualised response or empirical understanding of the world is suspended, and to intentionality in which noematic sensations of immanent objects conjoin with noetic attitudes towards those objects. I also argue that the experience of watching a performance of this ballet is equivalent to, but not a duplication of, the experience of reading the novel, structured as it is by the flashbacks and fragments of impressions that constitute the characters’ states of consciousness. In particular, I demonstrate that Woolf’s handling of Clarissa Dalloway’s memories of Sally and Peter, and Septimus’ of Evans, demonstrates a Husserlian grasp of internal time-consciousness in which past, present and future interpenetrate each other, and identity is not stable and linear but dynamic and quasi-musical. This, I argue, is distilled with aching poignancy by the trios and duets of McGregor’s work in which characters dance with past loves or versions of themselves with whom they are never identical. The fact that McGregor can ultimately distil these fragile relations down to delicate shifts of weight in the duet between the increasingly frangible Clarissa from the present and the younger Peter from the past suggests that he has reduced the novel further to its eidetic kinaesthetic essence.

**Key words**
Wayne McGregor, ballet, contemporary dance, choreography; Virginia Woolf, Mrs Dalloway; Edmund Husserl, phenomenology, perception, epoché, reduction, intentionality, memory, internal time-consciousness, kinaesthetic cognition, eidetic essence.
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SUSTAINABILITY, EFFICIENCY, AND THE CHALLENGE OF CROWN SOURCING WITH CITIZEN SCHOLARS FOR DH PROJECTS IN THEATRE RESEARCH

Issues of sustainability and duplication of effort face many digital projects in the humanities. In any given year numerous significant DH projects are taken down and their data lost to researchers. This presentation will examine those problems and explore the pros and cons of attempting to solving them using Citizen Scholars and existing infrastructures on the internet.

Key Words
sustainability, digital humanities, DH, Citizen Scholars, internet

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THEADOK – COLLECTING METADATA OF PERFORMANCES

Theadok is a digital project situated at the Department of Theatre, Film, and Media studies TFM at Vienna University [1]. The aim of Theadok is to build up a database of metadata on performances. This includes information on places, dates, persons staff as well as cast and additional materials like reviews. Input into the database started in the 1980s and is based on a collection of reviews at the TFM department. The documentation of performances span the time period from the late 1940s to the 2000s and is focused on Austrian theatre. Since two years we are working on a redesign and a new data model of the database [2]. This restructuring involves enriching the metadata by connecting it with authority files like VIAF [3] and building up theatre and performance documentation specific vocabularies. The new developed data model links entities, therefore fostering theatre studies research by stimulating extended insights into performance practices. In addition, input of data is facilitated and semiautomatic harvesting of new datasets is provided. The fresh website is based upon open source technology and complies with open data principles [4]. In my presentation I will showcase some research approaches to be done with Theadok. Not only does this involve statistics on entities like theatre ensembles, but also more sophisticated analysis like research questions that fit the general topic of the IFTR conference e.g. cultural mobility in theatre [5]. I also want to highlight how Theadok can be integrated in other digital tools by advancing the data model into an ontology [6]. Finally, I want to discuss best practices derived from digital humanities like standards and how to build up a digital infrastructure for theatre and performance research where Theadok is one piece of a puzzle.

Key Words
Digital Humanities, Performance database, Ontology, Best practices, Use cases
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PERFORMING ARTS AND NATIONAL NET ARCHIVES - A CASE STUDY ON HOW SIGNA.DK IS STORED IN TWO NET ARCHIVES

Many artists are using the internet as a part of their artistic activity, the traditional theatre program is often replaced by a web-site, and the reviews of plays are published on blogs. Therefore it becomes important to examine how performing arts are stored in web-archives. In this paper, I am exploring two different web-harvesting strategies through a study of what is harvested and archived of the Danish based performance group SIGNA (2001-) in the American Internet Archive, archive.org, and the Danish internet archive, netarkivet.dk. The two archives are fundamentally different in their harvesting strategies and the policy of access. The American Internet Archive is a private project. The archive dates all the way back to 1996. Everybody has access to the ‘way back machine’ where it is possible to search for old versions of web sites through a search engine. The Internetarchive is not restricted to American web-sites, but contains web-sites from a large part of the world. The Danish internet archive, netarkivet.dk., is a part of The Royal Danish Library. It became a part of the national legal deposit act in 2005. The access to this archive is restricted, because it might contain sensitive personal information. Mainly Danish (dk) domains are stored as well as web pages in Danish. The harvesting takes place 4 times a year.

The Performance group SIGNA is operating outside Denmark e.g. in Germany. How does the transnational aspect affect the archived material? How does the transnational aspect affect the archived material? And how do the archival strategies affect what is stored?

Key Words
internet archives, performing arts, archival strategies

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THE ILICIT HISTORY OF THE BROADWAY BOOTLEG

The canon of Broadway musical theatre has been largely shaped by the technologies that allowed the form to be disseminated beyond New York City. As technological capacity often develops faster than commercial and legal infrastructure, this dissemination has frequently happened illicitly. Gilbert and Sullivan operettas became popular in the United States, in part, because of the rampant bootleg productions of H.M.S. Pinafore. Bootlegs of the musical Carrie established the score of the notorious flop as a familiar title among audiences who never saw the original production. Wicked, a musical that was originally received with mixed reviews by New York audiences became a mega-hit selling at over 100% after the production was bootlegged on the early days YouTube. This paper will examine the way in which bootlegs have shaped the canon of commercial musical theatre by establishing an awareness of and fan base for the texts of musicals independent of the original production.

Key Words
Bootlegs, Broadway, Musicals, Digital
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WHAT WOULD A LAB THAT INTEGRATED THEATRE AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES LOOK LIKE?

This paper proposes a mandate, theoretical framework, and foundational methodologies for a not-entirely-hypothetical “lab” (as we tend to call them in the digital humanities) that explores the potential for an integration of theatre and the digital humanities to open up new objects of study and means of inquiry. As the recently-announced schedule for the 2018 NEH Institute on Digital Technologies in Theatre and Performance demonstrates, our field still largely conceives of itself as: 1) historically and still centrally concerned with the use of digitally-enhanced research methods in traditionally humanistic studies of theatre (resulting primarily in analyses of primary data and editions of primary sources, complemented by the occasional simulation); 2) expanding into studies of the use of digital technologies in mediated performance; with 3) media theory as a theoretical umbrella that can accommodate 1) and 2) without necessarily integrating them. While the NEH institute is obviously forward-looking and much-needed, this paper looks to a question even farther into the future, namely: since we can now conceive of theatre and digital humanities as co-existing in a shared theoretical frame, what other shared concerns can we identify, and what might their consequences be for future work? Rather than conceptualizing theatre and digital humanities as separate fields linked by a third compatible to each, this paper hypothesizes the characteristics of (and precedents for) a distinct, integrated field by exploring the epistemological models, modes of knowledge production, methodologies, objects of study, desired participants, intended outcomes, and strategies for validation and impact assessment that may be common to both theatre and the digital humanities. The paper represents an attempt to translate a manifesto I have recently offered as an exclusively hypothetical provocation (Revue d’Historiographie du Théâtre 4, 2017) into plans for a workable TDH “lab”.

Key Words
digital humanities; theatre; performance; prototyping; inventive knowledge; research lab; practice-based research; research impacts
Working Groups

• EMBODIED RESEARCH
EMBODIED RESEARCH IN TURKEY TODAY: TWO EXAMPLES IN CONVERSATION

This paper looks at two practices of embodied research in Turkey. One of the research is Sevi Bayraktar, the other one is Özgül Akıncıs. The methods they used in their work and the research questions are different in two practices. However, this paper argues that as both works are informed and took shape by the political and social realities of contemporary Turkey, they can reflect different dimensions in the challenge of pursuing embodied research in Turkey today. Two authors of this paper will be in dialogue while writing and experiment non-conventional ways of writing in order to make each voice independent yet inter-relational. Özgül Akıncıs work is based on performance and embodied application of conceptual questions on sexuality, femininity, labour and body in the workshops she organized with women. She devised and organized performance-based work and workshops in İstanbul/Turkey to start and build a conversation around the contemporary reception of the figure of the prostitute and the topic of sex work. In the hope of tracing the marks of prostitution in a womans imaginary and embodied world, the most significant inquiry of these research-workshops has been how to attain an embodied criticality in relation to the notion of prostitution and its associations in ones own imaginaries. In this paper, she will situate her work in relation to other works based on embodied research that have been done in Turkey so far and examine the challenges she encountered throughout her practice process. Sevi Bayraktar applied “improvisation” as her embodied research methodology to investigate how popular traditional dances are used by activists in recent political protests in Turkey. Once coded and codified in the first half of the twentieth century through the 1970s, these traditional dance genres have been recontextualized by protesters first in cities and then rural towns since the 1990s. She conducted a field research in Turkey 2016-2017 where she had a chance to watch, move, and dance alongside the practitioners note how they have adapted the dances and what decisions they have made regarding movement sequencing and style of execution. Such choreographic analysis with an emphasis on improvisation both practitioners of the dance and the researcher in the field allows her to develop ideas on what kinds of statements protesters make with their movements.

Key Words
Embodied research, Turkey, sex work, dance, movement, politics

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DEVELOPING METHODOLOGIES FOR RECIPROCITY IN EMBODIED PRACTICE RESEARCH: FOREGROUNDING PEOPLE BEFORE PERFORMANCE

During this inaugural ERWG year members have worked internationally with diverse groups of embodied practitioners to consider, experiment and propose theories, principles and methodologies for developing best practice for collaborative embodied research. When people from diverse nations, cultures and practices collaborate through embodied practice what is sedimented within each person’s identity may become visible in the performativity of expression. The inclusive emergence of new knowledge and understanding requires an attentive care and sensitivity, one that fosters and foregrounds each person within the group ahead of performance. In critically evaluating the validity of any research it is important to consider the people involved and what they bring to it, in conjunction with the methodology being followed. The consideration of cultural and inter-personal sensitivities may be expanded from the intimate proximities of embodied practice and research to wider institutional framework issues of power, control and appropriation. A new independent organisation called Intercultural Roots for Embodied Practice Research has been born through the work of members of the ERWG Institutional Frameworks work-strand. It aims to improve the health, wellbeing and growth of people worldwide through, promoting, sustaining and developing, embodied practice. Reflection on the formation, development and potential application of this body, provides an opportunity for critical perspectives on embodiment, identity and methodology. The authors propose to encourage members to reflect on, through an open participatory laboratory session, practical methodologies for such foregrounding. Through this work they aim to consider how issues of power and control may be transformed to achieve the reciprocity required for collaboration at micro and macro levels of activity, locally between individuals and interculturally through the ethical application of institutional frameworks. In other words how can the migration of meaning intrinsic to intercultural collaboration enable the fabrication of horizontal themes for organisational growth?

Key Words collaboration, embodied, practice, research, sediment, identity, performativity, institutional, health, reciprocity, intercultural, migration

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THE BODY REMEMBERS: AN EXCAVATION OF EMBODIED MEMORIES

How do we, as a contemporary, social, post-colonial body, begin to excavate the act of recalling and recovering the buried spaces of silence within? What do these excavations reveal? Can the recovery of these buried spaces of silence go beyond the act of remembering and into the act of recalling? The act of remembering highlights the image of the mind as a keeper of memory and the act of recalling calls attention to the body more as the keeper of memory. This call to attention to the body as the keeper of memory acknowledges that the body is a vessel through which we experience our lives. With the body as the keeper of memory, I am investigating how our embodied cultural memories are expressed through the body as a site of action, re-action and sometimes even a site of non-action within my practice as a performance maker in contemporary experimental Singapore theatre. So, what is being expressed through the body and how do these embodied memory travel through the body? What are these embodied routes? These are questions that I will unpack as I acknowledge that the route of the embodied memory reveals a silence within and becomes a process of recalling and reclaiming. This process actually creates a space for the alternative narrative to be heard. A kind of revealing of the shadow of a tale that seemed to get buried within. This revealing highlight that boundaries are drawn and that, since boundaries are drawn, means that they can be erased and when we start erasing boundaries, we are beginning the process of remembering.

Key Words Embodied Research, Embodied Memory, Post-colonial, Cultural Identity
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THE BODY AS TRANSLATOR

Some of the key ideas of my embodied research work have been designing performances and workshops by looking at the different ways of how to embody the space. Therefore I have been dealing with the concept of Body Mapping in order to investigate how can the body and space inscribe themselves into each other by using the body especially as a translator. With this approach, I have been developing since 2016 a research project at the historical site Teufelsberg in Berlin. This project gathers artists and researchers mostly from the performing arts field to explore within a ten-day program, different body techniques and research methodologies based on the notions of embodiment, site specificity and performativity. Furthermore, this project aims to generate various out-puts, from daily field notes taking during the program, to the final presentation or collaborative performance on the last day of the lab and finally to the elaboration of academic papers or video-essays. For the next meeting of the ERWG, I would like to present a video-essay about 20 minutes that illustrates the idea of the body as translator. Therefore, I will use some images taken during the last program as a framework, to discuss about the key approaches of this form of seeing and training the body. Divided into five chapters: making the body available - navigating in the darkness - adapting to a space - finding a body language - translating gestures, this video-essay examines the body as metaphorically speaking, a „migratory vessel“ for all kinds of signs, movements and expressions. In doing so, the communication modes or interaction with not only the environment, but also with other bodies, seem to be crucial to enable a continuous and diverse negotiation and translation process of one’s body. What this means in the perspective of the topic of migration, is the possibility of finding other ways of either adapting to a space or of creating an own bodily language. It is about the idea, of using the body not only as an agent, but also as an agile material that invents and re-invents new strategies of how to appropriate and also engage with a space. In this regard, I see the possibility of presenting this video-essay not only as a chance, to deepen the issues around the body as translator. More than this, I see this approach as a form to contribute with the current migration discourse where the notion of a flexible, adaptable and fluid identity has become unquestioned.

Key Words
Embodiment, Site Specificity, Translation

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EMBODIED RESEARCH AND CHILDHOOD IN CONTEMPORARY THEATRE

The central proposal of my current research is to identify the specificities of artistic phenomena that involve the presence of children in creative processes, spectacles and formative practices. The objective is to understand how the childrens ways of being and acting and their specific qualities of scenic presence could provoke reformulations of the “classic” conceptions of actor and training in the contemporary theatre: the abilities to get into the game, to perceive the world with all senses and to move naturally between fiction and reality being themselves on the stage become a kind of guide to reach some dimensions of scenic creation such as dramaturgy, reception and mainly acting. My work will be presented in format of academic paper with some images and videos of artistic experiences. The paper approaches the notion of embodied research in the context of scenic ex-periments that engenders artistic partnerships between actors, performers and children in the con-temporary theatre. My research links with Interdisciplinary Connections, since it involves a critical thinking about pedagogy, anthropology and philosophy. I am also interested in Institutional Frame-works I already participate in the team lead by Alex Boyd and in Multimedia Publishing mainly in de-veloping alternative ways of publishing and sharing the results of my artistic and academic research.

Key Words
Contemporary theatre, Acting, Childhood, Embodied research
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THE RESISTANT SLOW DRAG: BLACK DEPRESSION, THE EROTIC AND THE THREAT OF HOPE

Employing an auto-ethnographic embodied approach alongside dance and performance discourse, this paper seeks to answer multiple questions incorporating a framework of blues social dance and its relationship to trauma and oppression. How does the corporeality of the dancer inform the performance gesture? What histories of trauma and terror are invoked in performances of the gesturing body? Blues dancing and the slow drag is characterized by its use of asymmetrical movement, a balanced or grounded athletic posture, lagging slightly behind the beat, the use of everyday movement vocabulary, pulsing, polyrhythms, and finally a couple that is comprised of a lead and a follow. Jacqui Malone aptly builds upon pre-existing scholarship arguing that an embodied knowledge embedded in dance gestures can be and has been historically transferred in social dance forums offering that in blues traditions, the dancer responds most visibly to the music but also the way in which they respond offers up information. Consequently, acts of continuous movement through times of ruptured rhythm can be read as a way of surviving in the United States. As diasporic activists and dancers look for ways to negotiate and respond to systemic oppression, institutional brutality and parts of cultural memory, this project seeks to illuminate the ways in which we perform as erotic dancing bodies a series of interconnected gestures that serve as survival strategies. For the purposes of this project, I examine the Slow Drag, an idiomatic blues dance, in its historical and contemporary contexts with the hope of forming a transhistorical analysis of a dance that has always already contained the erotic residue of black sexualities.

Key Words  
embodiment, praxis, blues dancing, performance

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MIGRATION IN BODIES, NEGOTIATIONS IN GENDER: USING PHOTOGRAPHY TO EXPLORE EMBODIMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH ACQUIRED DISABILITIES

Migration in bodies, negotiations in gender: Using Photography to explore embodiment for people with acquired disabilities after acquiring a physical disability, men and women must encounter and negotiate their altered embodiment. Sensation shifts, boundaries change, and — importantly — one’s conception of physical intimacy is altered. This plays out against the context of others’ altered ways of relating to one, and — often — in a disablist society. If migration is considered a way of being and a way of relating, “a process of moving from one point to the other that necessitates meandering, wandering, changing of pace, transformation, negotiation, and adaptation”, then the process of coming to know one’s body, sexuality and gendered self following physical disablement is itself migratory. Drawing on photographs taken during the course of a photovoice project, we explore how notions and sensations of intimacy and sexuality migrate, diffuse, and are experienced, within the bodies of 7 people with acquired physical disabilities in South Africa. Examining their narratives and photographs, we propose that conceptions of sexuality and intimacy can be usefully framed through the notion of migration, if the latter is employed as a theoretical frame through which to understand the negotiation of boundaries and the shifting of sexual selfhood. We explore how gender, altered sensation, and thinking about physical boundaries are understood by people with acquired physical disabilities how they represent these changes in photographs, and how they perform them in their daily lives.

Key Words  
sexuality, embodiment, physical disability, gender studies, photovoice
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DEVELOPING METHODOLOGIES FOR RECIPROCITY IN EMBODIED PRACTICE RESEARCH: FOREGROUNDING PEOPLE BEFORE PERFORMANCE

During this inaugural ERWG year members have worked internationally with diverse groups of embodied practitioners to consider, experiment and propose theories, principles and methodologies for developing best practice for collaborative embodied research. When people from diverse nations, cultures and practices collaborate through embodied practice what is sedimented within each person’s identity may become visible in the performativity of expression. The inclusive emergence of new knowledge and understanding requires an attentive care and sensitivity, one that fosters and foregrounds each person within the group ahead of performance. In critically evaluating the validity of any research it is important to consider the people involved and what they bring to it, in conjunction with the methodology being followed. The consideration of cultural and inter-personal sensitivities may be expanded from the intimate proximities of embodied practice and research to wider institutional framework issues of power, control and appropriation. A new independent organisation called Intercultural Roots for Embodied Practice Research has been born through the work of members of the ERWG Institutional Frameworks work-strand. It aims to improve the health, well-being and growth of people worldwide through, promoting, sustaining and developing, embodied practice. Reflection on the formation, development and potential application of this body, provides an opportunity for critical perspectives on embodiment, identity and methodology. The authors propose to encourage members to reflect on, through an open participatory laboratory session, practical methodologies for such foregrounding. Through this work they aim to consider how issues of power and control may be transformed to achieve the reciprocity required for collaboration at micro and macro levels of activity, locally between individuals and interculturally through the ethical application of institutional frameworks. In other words how can the migration of meaning intrinsic to intercultural collaboration enable the fabrication of horizontal themes for organisational growth?

Key Words
collaboration, embodied, practice, research, sediment, identity, performativity, institutional, health, reciprocity, intercultural, migration

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SIGNIFICANCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT: MIGRATING TOWARDS AN AGED FEMALE EMBODIMENT

Significance and Accomplishment: Migrating towards an Aged Female Embodiment Following Kathleen Woodward 1991, to reject our mirror image as we age produces a disconnection between the visible manifestation and the subjective experience of identity, producing a crisis of embodiment and legibility. Woodward proposes that at the end of life there is an equivalent stage to Lacan’s mirror stage of infancy, in which a reversal of the Lacanian infant – who understands and accepts the image in the mirror as a representation of his or her own body – the old person rejects their mirror image as not a true representation of their embodied self. This rejection brings on a psychic crisis: ‘[w]here then would we be located? Outside the mirror? Caught between the double and the absent?’ Woodward, 1991: 67. How is it possible for the ageing female body to be inhabited and to be read? Developed partly in conjunction with Terry O’Connor Forced Entertainment and meditating on the exquisite dilemma of ageing female embodiment, in which ones own ageing is both perceived and rejected, this autoethographical performance lecture will expose the reflexive dilemma and the phenomenological experience of a migration towards ageing femininity. Performance, as Hamlet claims, is the mirror ‘held up, as ‘twere, to nature’. As such it is also able to bring into appearance acts that counter normative assumptions about the ‘natural’ ways of reading the embodiment of age accordingly the piece proposes, discusses and demonstrates scenographic and physical strategies designed to encounter the phenomenon of ageing femininity as well as questioning the constitutive acts that perform age in its intersection with femininity. It finally proposes a radical embodiment of ‘significant shape’ and ‘accomplished form’ Cristofović, 1999 as a possible performative practice that might be undertaken by the ageing female body. Emerging out of Bridie Moore’s practice as research PhD project and drawing on an understanding of social gerontology and age critical analysis of photography, this Performance Lecture proposal addresses the conference strand of Interdisciplinary Connections, by drawing connections between embodied research methods and critical thinking around age studies.

Key Words
Performativity performance practice research ageing ageing femininity age studies

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SPONTANEOUS GENERATION: THE ALCHEMY OF EMERGENT INSIGHT IN ARTIST EXCHANGES

Daniel Mroz and MarijeNie propose an active reflection on embodied artistic exchange through practical work and structured conversations, based on their current research and practice. The temporary stasis created by exchange and research enables migrations of information and emotion between artists, techniques and contexts. We would like to take the opportunity that extended group work offers to follow several correlate threads of investigation: Unexpected insights and new perspectives arise spontaneously through the reciprocity of teaching and sharing. Exposure to what and how other practitioners do results in nourishment and growth within one’s own embodied practice. The complementary relationship between the ‘doing’ and its articulation in embodied practice seems mutually productive: articulation is illuminated by practical experience practical experience produces articulations that are poetic in and of themselves. For example: a. Practical instruction in Ming and Qing dynasty Chinese martial arts was complemented by the composition of imagistic poems and songs called quanpu which frequently adopted the metaphorical vocabulary of jindan, a Daoist process of transformative meditation often likened to alchemy. b. Renaissance Alchemy required both practical and theoretical activities of its exponents and shared its fruitions in documents that were visually eloquent, combining text and image in a meaningful and scenic relation and juxtaposition. We intuit an attitude or attitudes enabling the practice and sharing of embodied knowledge. Poetic articulations are able to convey these attitudes and require practical experience from the reader, completing a loop of doing and thinking. Is it possible to relate these attitudes to poetic forms such as rituals, games and songs which can be strong carriers of approaches underpinning the fruitful practice of a technique? The creation of poetic archives seems a strategy well worth considering when communicating the emergent insights offered by embodied exchange.

Key Words
alchemy, articulation of practice, artistic exchange, Chinese martial arts, embodied knowledge, poetic archives, stasis, tap dancing
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**Key Words**

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**THE NOTION OF RIGOR IN EMBODIED RESEARCH**

We, performative artists, have complete understanding about what rigor is: it accompanies us in every step and every moment of our work, since the beginning of our professional qualification. However, as we enter the academy, we are confronted with a notion of rigor in research that is mainly shaped by the criteria and objectives of the hard sciences. It does not serve us, and most of the time hinders us much. On the other hand, trying to apply the notion of rigor from performative creation into artistic academic research can put us in a trap: we may, inadvertently, create reports of self-referential character, given the enormous subjectivity of which it is composed. This then raises the following question: what is it, or what can be understood as rigor in an embodied research?

Clariﬁying what may be the notion of rigor in an embodied research is important for a number of reasons. Among them, we can highlight: have coherent criteria to evaluate if the results of an embodied research is relevant / contributes to our field create pedagogical relationships modeled on less intuitive relations or personal bias on the part of students as well as teachers because we, performers, love rigor, and that matters to us. That said, I believe that this communication connects mainly with the strand of Institutional Frameworks. Both because it could help us understand better the scope of Embodied Research, and because of the political relevance of it. About the format, I would like to propose a round table, where I could present my ﬁndings, as well as listen the ideas of my fellows on the subject.

**Key Words**

- Embodied Research
- rigor
- Institutional Frameworks
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SIT, STAY, MOVE: NEGOTIATING GENDER IN PUBLIC SPACES IN URBAN INDIA

Public places in the city are constantly in flux, people are in transit and the space often appears different at various time periods during the day and night. They also have specific contexts and functions. The demography of bodies in the space are driven by identities and cultural norms. The access to these spaces and the way bodies move through them are often gendered, for instance in most urban public places in India like parks there are hardly any women who would be seen just loitering around or sleeping on the benches specially late in the night whereas these are frequented by men very easily. In this research, I analyse two case studies aimed at stirring up public spaces in urban Indian metro cities and making them actively transformative through embodied intervention, performance and performative gestures that challenge gender-based territoriality. In November 2014, Blank Noise, a community arts collective started ‘Meet to Sleep’ campaign that invited women to come to parks, and sleep there to challenge the notion of fearing for safety. Here, the daily activity of sleeping becomes an embodied performative gesture that is political and potentially transformative for the space. The second case study is ‘Genderventions’, a performance project by movement artist Niranjan Iyer in 2015-16. Brief performances of everyday life scenes were enacted in bus depots and other spaces, emphasising how men and women behave differently in urban public places, inviting the passing public to engage and discuss what they noticed. Analysis of these participatory and embodied interventions addresses the research questions—how do public spaces in the city affect bodies? What is the cultural context that governs bodies within this space? How are embodied practices gendered and how can they be transformed through embodied research?

Key Words
Gender, movement, embodiment, public spaces, urban

Brian Schultis

Brian Schultis received his PhD in drama from the University of Kent in 2016. His research built theory around Jerzy Grotowski’s Paratheatre and Theatre of sources periods by applying the work of Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari among others. The practical arm of this research, The Sojourner Project investigated performative meetings in relation to landscapes based on travel transition. He is currently developing this work into an undergraduate course. He did undergraduate and MA level work at Bennington College and Kent State University respectively. Brian was an apprentice for three years with the Akron, Ohio, based New World Performance Laboratory. His publications include book reviews on Grotowski related books in Studies in Theatre and Performance and New Theatre Quarterly, and a contribution to a special section in the Anthropology journal The Unfamiliar. Brian is a collaborator in the interdisciplinary project Walking Threads, which uses embodied interactions with threads to investigate perception and thought. His research is turning increasingly towards threads and textiles. Most recently, he co-led a project on weaving and embodied environmental interaction for the Cabbage School – a new experimental education initiative in Asheville, North Carolina USA, with which he is involved.

SOJOURN: AN EXPERIMENT IN EMPLACEMENT WITHIN TRANSIENCE

A sojourn is a short stay in one place. It implies both stasis and movement. In this way, to sojourn is a strategy for addressing the human need for emplacement while acknowledging and accepting the many dis-placements which attend modern life, both voluntary and forced. To Sojourn it is not enough to inhabit where I am – I must also find the way to inhabit my own transience. It was with hope to develop such a practice that I began the Sojourner Project with a small group of Graduate Students at the University of Kent in 2013. Our objective was simple – to find a way to relate to the places around us through a process group movement and improvisation which occurred not in place but along trajectories of travel. Unlike the psychogeographic origins of much contemporary walking and promenade performances, the inspiration for the Sojourner Project was the Paratheatrical research of Jerzy Grotowski’s Polish Laboratory Theatre. The core focus of that research – the encounter, with others and with the place – remained intact. Changed was the attitude towards the matecznik, the refuge or lair which allowed the deep interpersonal opening of paratheater to take place. Rather than construct the matecznik as a place outside the everyday much as in theatre, the black box acts as an extra-quotidian “neutral” space we sought to find it in our wanderings, to allow it to surprise us. Never fully formalized, this practice nevertheless evolved and developed – culminating in the development of semester-long course for undergraduates in the Experimental College of Oberlin College for the spring of 2018. The purpose of this presentation is to share and reflect on these 5 years of embodied research – raising questions along the way of emplacement, memory and documentation, and the role of embodied research in higher education.

Key Words
Embodied research, site-based performance, walking, memory representation and documentation
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EMBODYING DRAMATURALCONSCIOUSNESS: CHOREOLOGY IN ACTION

In this workshop-presentation I aim to unpack how the embodiment of Choreology – Rudolf Laban’s movement principles of space Choreutics and dynamics Eukinetics can contribute to develop a process of dramaturgical thinking in the performers actions. Within the field of embodied practices/ research Spatz, 2015 and having the medium of the body as the place where research happens and is also the place where research can be processed understood, this paper consists of a workshop session, leading the participants to experience the research in a small experiential session. The session is directed at having the participants experience a mode of dramaturgical thinking through the exploration of an embodiment or understanding through the body of Choreology. This investigation is supported by the understanding that Choreology is an embodied knowledge Preston-Dunlop, 2010 and as such can be accessed in order to create a state of dramaturgical consciousness Midgelow, 2015 and influence dramaturgical choices of performers as in Stalpaert, 2009 when in a performative situation. This session is based on a number of workshops that I have been giving as part of a laboratory practice-as-research I have been carrying out, set over improvisation tasks alongside the study embodiment of the basic elements of Choreology. In these workshops I investigate possibilities of having a “dramaturgy from the inside” or from the performer’s perspective where dramaturgy emerges through action in a logic of “thinking while doing” and thus meeting ways of doing dramaturgy. This proposal is linked to the Institutional Frameworks strand of the Embodied Research Working Group, as it is related to methods of training and institutionalisation of practice.

Key Words
Dramaturgy, Laboratory, Choreology

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THE BODY AS PERMEABLE BORDER

In this paper I propose to discuss the dynamic processes of the dance training practice of Body Weather. Body Weather derived from the Japanese dance form Butoh is a training and movement practice that takes place mainly outdoors within extreme environments, weathers and geographies. Body Weather improvisation forefronts immersion and participation in the world the body moves through. The paper will outline examples of the training process through to live performance, which has been achieved through experience of the author as the performer/dancer. The epistemic outcome of a Body Weather movement practice that embodies nuances of place is potentially able to generate new knowledge. I will argue that the movement practice deepens a more complex understanding of place. A unique and embodied understanding of place provokes new ways of knowing and unknowing and creates a platform for empathy, towards both human and more-than-human life. Body Weather involves prolonged practices of movement and stillness in response to place. The dance therefore, becomes a physical conduit that suspends barriers and borders between inside and outside the body and its many places. Bodies are shaped by their experiences some bodies are able to move freely and some are not. Bodies are permeable and porous they weather the elements as well as life events. These themes are developed in the paper through Harraway’s expression of ‘becoming-with’ and looks to Rosi Braidotti’s further understand of the same term.

Key Words
movement, Body Weather, permeable, embodiment, boundary
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MAKING A LABORATORY: EMBODIED RESEARCH AND THE AUDI VISUAL BODY

This multimedia session will introduce a new research method for experimental practice that generates a new kind of audiovisual document. Situating the proposed method in the context of artistic research and practice studies, I offer a theoretical framework that combines insights from historians and philosophers of laboratory science to propose the first rigorous definition of labo ratoriality outside a technoscientific paradigm. This definition supports the implementation of the research method “Dynamic Configurations with Transversal Video” DCTV, which can be understood as an extension of Jerzy Grotowski’s work inflected and adapted through feminist and queer critiques to produce a new type of “poor” but critical laboratory. Depending on the interests of the participants, the session can address: 1 practical implementation of the new laboratory method in a variety of performative and pedagogical contexts 2 onto-epistemological questions arising from the method, including a new approach to the politics of embodiment and 3 theoretical and legal issues related to embodied audiovisual research, such as co-authorship and intellectual property. Across these diverse approaches, what remains constant is a commitment to rein vent the increasingly dominant global paradigm of audiovisuality from the perspective of embodiment.

Key Words
theatre laboratory, embodied research, audiovisual body, micropolitics, politics of embodiment

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MIGRATION OF MOVEMENTS AND THOUGHTS DURING THE CREATIVE PROCESS OF “KUHIM”

Could art play a role in encouraging resistance to fear the ‘so-called’ minorities? If so, how would art help us increase our understanding, respect and even affection across cultural differences? These questions led me to visit the Khraos (2017), a traditional Brazilian Indigenous community – no children and few adults speak Portuguese (our official language). There are no Christians among them. Krahos means ‘our flesh’. The impact of the Portuguese colonization was keenly felt by the Krahos, who had to migrate many times from their original land until they received from the Brazilian Government, in 1990, their own reservation, Kraolandia. The aim of my presentation is to discuss the creative process of the performance created from this lived experience with the Krahos, “Kuhim - Being Bricolage (Kupem and Mehim)”. The Krahos call themselves Mehim; Kupem means white person. This performance bodily formulates a critical dimension of the interactions and engagement between the so-called white Brazilians and the Brazilian indigenous communities. The creative process was nourished by connections created between my ‘traditional’ culture (I was born and raised in a big city, I am a dancer, professor and researcher) and this culture ‘new’ to me. I felt a ‘migration’ of movements and thoughts during my participation in many of their spiritual rituals, and other routine practices such as parties/Amikin, swimming on the river together, hunting. I perceived spiritual connections and a strong sense of community are embodied as the Khraos live day-by-day. I hope by sharing, with non indigenous people, the creative process of the performance “Kuhim”, and by reflecting on their particular way of living might increase the possibility of one deepen comprehension and appreciation of the Krahos’ culture, and to think about intercultural exchange as an affective-existential dimension that might increase the landscape for performance as research. (Research funded by FAPEMIG)

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EMBODYING PLACE AND FOOD MEMORIES IN “BREAKFAST ELSEWHERE”

My paper looks at participation within my PaR performance “Breakfast Elsewhere”, as an invitation to embody a migration story through cooking choreographies that result in an Arabic breakfast dish of ‘tese’yeh’. The story and recipe by Rola Nejmah, a Coventry cook who has hailed from many homes, is embodied and voiced by the project’s ‘surrogate speaker’ an audience volunteer who provides oral instructions to a small group of fellow participants who co-prepare the dish. I propose that this participatory co-cooking requires an empathetic embodied listening by and among participants to produce ‘affective attunements as method of conversation’ Heddon, 2017:20. These sensory, gestural and nonverbal ways of knowing and doing-cooking afford a mode of participation that opens the potentialities of transcribing or translating Rola’s accounts of place and food-making to one’s own memory of food and belongings. As I reconstruct how the performance enables a small relational community to form, I question to what extent participating in such an event that attends to sensory, everyday gestures with food opens up one’s ability to listen and dialogue about food in diaspora, personal memory and identity construction, and the malleability of belonging in an age of migration and fast-changing ethnoscapes.

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- FEMINIST RESEARCH
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THE KILLJOY COMEDIAN: HANNAH GADSBY’S “NANETTE”

In her 2017 show Nanette, Australian comedian Hannah Gadsby announced she was quitting comedy. Gadsby argued that as a marginalized person—a gender-nonconforming lesbian from rural Tasmania—she was doing herself a disservice when she invited audiences to laugh at her trademark self-effacing humor. In line with Sara Ahmed’s concept of the “feminist killjoy” who “ruin[s] the atmosphere” with her humorlessness, Gadsby intentionally stopped being funny, creating tension without dispelling it. The resulting show has won prestigious comedy awards and is still touring internationally. In their 2017 special issue of Critical Inquiry on comedy, Lauren Berlant and Sianne Ngai note competing trajectories of modern social life: on the one hand, “people are increasingly supposed to be funny all the time,” and on the other, “humorlessness is on the rise.” This scholarship departs from existing comedy theory by philosophers such as Simon Critchley and Alenka Zupančič in which “true” comedy is understood to be politically progressive. Berlant and Ngai suggest most comedy theory is structuralist and limited by the assumption that comedy’s significance lies in power relations. But “humorless comedy,” Berlant argues, is a “comedy of confusion about what and where sovereignty is.” Gadsby’s show was not humorless comedy in Berlant’s sense in deed, in Nanette and during recent marriage equality debates in Australia, Gadsby adopted an activist position. In Nanette Gadsby performs humorlessness for political ends. The effectiveness of this performance relies on Gadsby’s known funniness, which she demonstrates early in the show. This paper will focus on moments in Nanette when Gadsby manipulated conventions of spectatorship, cutting off applause or silencing laughter, to consider the implications of a killjoy comedian.

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comedy, feminist killjoy, humorlessness, applause, audience behavior

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PIG, PUSSY, AND PUBLIC SPHERE: ANN LIV YOUNG’S “ELEKTRA”

Interpreting Sophockles’ Elektra as “the tragedy of a young woman punished for being outspoken and ‘clear about her path,’” Ann Liv Young’s production 2014-16 brought a piglet onstage along with three female performers whose violent movement often exposed their genitalia even as their rapid-fire speech obliterated the text. The juxtaposition made some sense as well as intensifying affect. Like Klytemnestra’s vengeance for the sacrifice of Iphigenia, Demeter’s intense grief at the loss of her daughter Persephone created danger. Young’s staging brings to Klytemnestra’s death some of the restorative laughter that vulvic display brought to Demeter, to whom piglets were sacrificed. The Greeks associated both pigs and daughters with bitter loss and renewal furthermore, their word χοῖρος choiros designated both female genitals and pigs. I analyze Young’s Elektra as a both hilarious and terrifying refusal to make life easier by letting go of rage. This paper is part of a larger work in progress that also considers Jean-François Peyret’s Tournant autour de Galilée 2007, another work brings a live pig onstage with female dancers in an effort to revise the historical silencing of women in dramatic art as well as public life.

Key Words  
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PARTITION, MIGRATION, INDEPENDENCE: REFUGEE DANCERS OF BENGAL

1947 comes as the breaking point in Indian history. At the stroke of the midnight hour when India woke into life and freedom, the celebratory moment of independence also sparkled off the largest transfer of human population across borders of the triple-sliced nation. Set against the defining moment of partition, my paper explores the disparate journeys of uprooted refugee women of Bengal who crossed the boundary in search of freedom and livelihood before carving out new identities as dancers, artists and entertainers. At a time when women’s bodies were routinely marked and conquered as rival territories of communal violence, this paper maps the individual artistic forays of migrant women who lived through dislocation and trauma and yet transcended the homochromous narrative of loss and betrayal by crossing into new realms to take over the domain of public performance. Breaking the newly invented hierarchic structure of the national classical, they moved in varied and contradictory rhythms across wide-ranging performative spaces—from classical to creative, from contemporary to cabaret, barging into the performing tradition of the new nation. While some dancers celebrated resistance in radical cultural refrains, few others emerged as symbolic imageries of transgressions. By dancing ‘dirty’ in Calcutta’s nightclubs did they violate the honour of the community, by extension, the nation? Tracing dancer’s agency and voice, my essay maps the public ‘staging’ of women’s subjectivity in myriad dimensions, as they inscribed different meanings, both ‘high’ and ‘low’, in dynamic inter-relationship with politics and culture of the city.

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FORNES AND SPLIT BRITCHES: TWO INTERVENTIONS BY THE COMMON WORLD

My contention here is that interventions in theatrical power structures and perhaps theatrical interventions in state power are linked to a reimagined theater phenomenology. Chomping on the Brechtian cigar has lost the allure of subversion because subversion is no longer a straightforward get in art practice. Might we lean on new materialists and, before them, ecoliber onists, to imagine nondualist interactions of body and environment wherein the materials and energies of stage and off-stage worlds are seen to belong to a radical entity we might tentatively call “the common world”? In Irene Fornes’s Mud, the set sits in earth, “wood has the...texture of bone,” bodies are porous sensoria, and agency circulates through nonhuman commodities props! that bear the second-nature fingerprint of their purchase. In Unexploded Ordnances UOX, Lois Weaver and Peggy Shaw interrupt their show about any-minute nuclear disaster with a mini long-table of random “elders” props of another order who explode, or fail to, theater’s order of business. To gesture toward, to invoke a common world, is, in these bad new days, as difficult as the V-effekt was in the bad old ones.

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ON MIGRATION AND CONSCIOUSNESS IN NAOKO TANAKA’S “UNINTERNALIZED LIGHT”

The act of resettling overseas unsettles the idea of home itself. It ruptures the narrative of belonging that we construct through attachments to people and places. For the migrant, home is no longer an immutable fact, but a space between memory and desire — always elsewhere. This sense of estrangement is most strongly felt when “looking back.” As Trinh Minh-ha, points out in her book “Elsewhere, Within Here” 2011, shifting between places, new and old, brings the complexity of “engendering meaning” and “installing a subjectivity” in those locations into focus, but the sense of estrangement is most strongly felt when “looking back.” As Trinh Minh-ha, points out in her book “Elsewhere, Within Here” 2011, shifting between places, new and old, brings the complexity of “engendering meaning” and “installing a subjectivity” in those locations into focus, but the sense of estrangement is most strongly felt when “looking back.” As Trinh Minh-ha, points out in her book “Elsewhere, Within Here” 2011, shifting between places, new and old, brings the complexity of “engendering meaning” and “installing a subjectivity” in those locations into focus, but

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FREEDOM FROM OR FREEDOM TO: CONFLICTING FEMINISMS

The phenomena #MeToo and #Time’sUp has been criticized by a number of celebrity women, but perhaps most notably by Germaine Greer. Greer often courts controversy, particularly in relation to sexual violence and to the laws on sexual offences. In this instance she argues that women should ‘react immediately’ to ‘slap down’ foolish male advances, saying that ‘in the old days … we weren’t afraid of [a leering man] and we weren’t afraid to slap him down’. She says that her concern is for women, that the resulting legal battles will ‘pit woman against woman’ and that those who have given testimony will be ‘taken to pieces’. Although Greer’s reaction to the most recent wave of feminism by women in their twenties is often critical, her contribution to the Women’s Movement has been extraordinarily important. This paper therefore explores some of the tensions between Greer’s proposed method of dealing with sexual harassment and her concerns about #MeToo. Some of this appears to emerge from the fear that identity-based feminism will position women as victims, or as conventionally vulnerable. But I suggest that there may also be a fear that the fight for ‘freedom from’ sexual harassment could see limitations placed on women’s ‘freedom to’, which was so central to second-wave feminism. This paper draws on theories of freedom from sexual harassment to explore the issue of freedom in relation to a new wave of feminism that challenges violent or oppressive sexual practices that marginalize and disempower women.

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**THE RSC, TARA ARTS, AND REPRESENTATIONS OF THE VICTORIAN EMPIRE: INSTITUTIONAL POWER ON AND OFF STAGE**  

This paper is an intersectional interrogation of the representation of Victorian Empire in Tanika Gupta’s The Empress which premiered at the Royal Shakespeare Company’s Swan Theatre in 2013. The Empress stands as a rare example of new writing in the mainstream British theatre industry that directly engages with themes relating to Victorian migration and imperial rule. Notions of nostalgia underpin the The Empress and are present throughout the RSC as an institution. I address how this rhetoric reinforces gender inequality, by foregrounding the male experience, both in a performance context and in reference to the institution as a whole. Dramaturgical analysis of the play highlights recurring theatrical devices used to represent women within this historical setting and indicates the recurrence of the heteronormative romantic plot. This paper employs theories of neo-Victorianism, in conjunction with feminist discourse, to facilitate further exploration of the gender politics operating within this recurring dramatic plot structure. Through this case study I explore the RSC in relationship to Tara Arts and consider the contrasting historical narratives of the Victorian Empire offered by these institutions. From this, I address how the politics of programming maps onto contemporary feminist debate. The critical framework is shaped by literature from Daboo 2017, 2018 and Dadswell and Ley 2012 regarding British South Asian theatre and Poore’s 2011 writing on staging the Victorians. Reviews of The Empress indicate the politics of the social structures in which the RSC operates, as critics reduce the narrative of the play’s central character, a working class Indian woman, to a subplot in favour of the storyline concerning Queen Victoria. Through intersectional feminist analysis of The Empress, and exploration of themes of Victorian Empire staged by Tara Arts, this paper highlights how, when left untroubled, recurring dramatic and institutional conventions perpetuate gender inequality within contemporary British theatre.  

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**DISPLACED AND EXPLOITED: PERFORMING BODIES OF INDIAN CIRCUS UNDER THE CHANGING LAWS**  

Critical to this paper would be the two laws animal ban in and the child labour laws being applied to the circus. Child and the woman performer, who migrate from marginalized sections, find themselves largely displaced vis-a-vis the changing laws and perception of state and the public. I would be making the connection between child labour and the change in public perception which has more recently seen the circus as an exploitative entity and how it has impacted the performative body in circus. The paper would focus on: - Shift in Gendered codes in Performance Briefly examining different discourses on body as created and in practice for a women performers in circus, who migrate from economically vulnerable sections, I would look at the performances and performative bodies with a gendered critical perspective within the cultural specificity of the suburban and semi-urban Indian milieu. - Gendered middle-class audience I would look at how the performer’s body is received by the middle-class audience in cities and small towns constantly contesting/negotiating between the notions of the circus body as the eroticized body, further objectified by the performative codes, costumes and the gendered young male audience. I would then look at the position of the performers’ bodies as a double discourse between the ‘eroticized bodies’ and what would in the public perception come to be termed as the ‘exploited body’ of a non middle class performer. - Laboured body vs. Performing body I would engage with the constant negotiation between the “labored” body and the “performing” body in light of the recent debates regarding the women performers as a ‘child’. With the precarious characteristics to distinguish between the performer as an adult or a child, this has attained more complexities in relation to the recent controversies of the performers being mostly underaged.  

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“KANYADAAN”: A STUDY ON THE CONTROVERSIAL PRODUCTION OF AN INDIAN – MARATHI MODERN POLITICAL PLAY BY VIJAY TENDULKAR

Language without an innate experience and expression is a massive abyss of thoughts. The core motive of any text is to converge the writers expression into performer’s experience and in this context it is the script of a Marathi play titled, ‘Kanyadaan’, i.e. A ritual of giving away the daughter to son in law according to Hindu customs of marriage written by an Indian playwright, Vijay Tendulkar 1928 – 2008. ‘Meaning’ in theatre originates from either ends or it persists in the text with a dense insight the responsibility is neither of a performer to make its audience recognise the ‘textual’ meaning nor of a viewer or a reader to recognise it by themselves. How do we hence validate the need of meaning in theatre, the need of gendered perspectives about meaning, or an outcome of ‘meaninglessness’ that a female performer is bound to encounter in her performance? As the multiplicity of meaning co-exists with a performer’s exposition on the text, it is very important to be familiar with the formation of literary perspectives as well. This paper hence aims at researching the gaps of meaning co-exists with a performer’s exposition on the text, it is very important to be familiar with the formation of literary perspectives as well. This paper hence aims at researching the gaps between the struggle to find a meaning to a performance and a sense of ‘meaninglessness’ that a female performer is bound to encounter in her performance? As the multiplicity of meaning co-exists with a performer’s exposition on the text, it is very important to be familiar with the formation of literary perspectives as well. This paper hence aims at researching the gaps of meaning co-exists with a performer’s exposition on the text, it is very important to be familiar with the formation of literary perspectives as well. This paper hence aims at researching the gaps

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QUESTIONS OF DIVERSITY IN THE WORK OF SELINA THOMPSON, JAMILA JOHNSON-SMALL AND SEASON BUTLER

This paper will consider the potential limitations of the Arts Council of England’s ACE ‘Creative Case for Diversity’ ACE website 2018. I will analyse the writing and performance work of contemporary UK/US artists Season Butler, Jamila Johnson-Small and Selina Thompson in order to question whether ACE’s imperative to demonstrate ‘diversity’ might actually work to further marginalise and entrench the work of black female artists as ‘separate’ and ‘other’. In Fair Play: Art Performance and Neoliberalism 2013 Jen Harvie draws attention to the way that UK arts policy has encouraged artists to be ‘entrepreneurial’ and to, ‘realise or at least stimulate financial profit.’ Harvie 2013: 62 She writes, ‘such insalubrious capitalist characteristics might often … struggle to thrive within art’s domain but dressed up as art, exploiting the artist’s attractive characteristics as whitewashing disguise, they pass, bringing their invidious effects along with them.’ Harvie 2013: 63 Harvie’s emphasis describes this as a form of ‘instrumentalisation’, which reinvents the role of the artist so that it can be aligned with neoliberal capitalist ideology. Thinking along similar lines in relation to ACE’s policy, Season Butler, recipient of the 2017 Live Art Development Agency’s ‘Diverse Actions Leadership Bursary’ states that diversity is a ‘vexed term’. She questions how, as a mixed-race artist, she can avoid being ‘instrumentalized’ and co-opted into a similarly ‘whitewashing’ scheme that will draw attention away from the exclusionary practices informing the UK Heritage and Culture industry. She states, ‘there is a euphemistic vagueness around diversity – it keeps white supremacist logic intact’ Butler 2017. Whilst being mindful of Lynette Goddard’s warning that the work of these black female artists should not necessarily be cited as ‘feminist’ solely because it is ‘created in institutionally racist and sexist conditions’ I want to use the work of these artists to interrogate the ways that a patriarchal white supremacist ideology has affected the conditions of labour for black female theatre workers and consider how UK public policies run the risk of ‘whitewashing’ over the prevailing culture of meritocracy that fundamentally informs UK government policy of the late 20th and early 21st Century.

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Diversity, Black artists, UK Arts Funding, Selina Thompson, Season Butler, Jamila Johnson-Small
ON PRODUCING: THEATRE, INDUSTRY AND CHANGE

This paper will report from interviews conducted with a selection of theatre producers based in Ireland regarding the histories and practices of producing theatre. The analysis will foreground the pace and complexities of changing relationships, particularly regarding the role of gender, funding, globalization, and cultural politics in local and international contexts. This is the first phase in a longer project, and so the outcome of these interviews is intended to identify scope, themes, and questions to shape potential future research. The context for this paper is informed by the current feminist momentum in the cultural, social and political arenas. The synergies harnessed by the #WakingTheFeminists campaign, as well as the global feminist activist and consciousness-raising campaigns, such as #MeToo, have created an appetite and space for conversations regarding change. Gender politics is embedded in these revelations regarding discrimination and harassment, and this gender politics operates as a result of structurally embedded work practices and cultural conditions. It is this structural discrimination, practice and wider culture that the research seeks to identify in micro and macro levels. This series of interviews also asks these producers, how can the industry, locally and globally, enact change in the short, medium, and long-term. Twentieth-century history has shown that waves of feminist energies tend to be followed by periods of political and social backlash, with certain gains being challenged to suppress feminist activities, identities and networks. In thinking about change informed by this history, one must also ask how does change become permanent and embedded? For the purposes of this study, the remit of ‘change’ will include: training, networking and mentoring contracts and hiring practices collaborative artistic opportunities in production decision-making regarding theatre content and form publicity and advertising and, legacy and the production of theatre archives and knowledge.

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WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST: DO DRAMA PROJECTS WITH REFUGEE WOMEN REINFORCE TRADITIONAL NOTIONS OF PATERNALISM OR ENABLE A FEMINIST AESTHETIC OF BODY AND VOICE WHICH EFFECTIVELY CAMPAIGNS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE?

When refugee and migrant women cross geographical borders and enter the UK they are also negotiating political, legal and cultural boundaries. The women’s lived experience, embodied knowledge and activist narratives are like de Certeau’s “story” that “cuts across” what the official map “cuts up”. In my work as Drama Facilitator at London campaigning charity Women for Refugee Women I explore performance practices that foreground these stories and experiences however, I also witness both “benevolent” and “hostile sexism” from those supporting and those antagonistic to these women. With particular reference to Imogen Tyler’s work on resistance/the abject, and Silvia Federici’s Politics of the Commons, I here explore how our feminist drama work might reclaim the female potentially pregnant body as representing neither the nativist hope of the nation nor the ‘reproductive migrant who threatens to populate our country’. How can we resist these gendered aesthetic tropes that use women as a cypher? Writing and performance practice by refugee and migrant women arriving from diverse international locations can, I argue, reject discriminatory labelling, but must also be wary of Gramsci’s ‘extraordinarily ordinary social relation[s]’ with which we may, unwittingly, frame our work. In my analysis of reactions and feedback from the women, myself and the audience after the refugee women’s performances at their mass lobby event All Women Count at the British Houses of Parliament on International Women’s Day 8 March 2018, I provide insights for ways we might proceed. This analysis is set against the backdrop of Doreen Massey’s theories of space as an active, political concept where our social relations are a “power geometry” of “domination and subordination”: I propose that a theatre space can provide a holding form in which to host negotiations around an embodied feminist aesthetic of political agency, visibility and social change.

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**“NOT AT HOME”: MIGRATION AND ABORTION JOURNEYS FROM IRELAND**

*Ireland has one of the most restrictive abortion laws in Europe. The insertion of the Eighth Amendment into the Constitution of Ireland in 1983 explicitly protects the right to life of an unborn child, and equates a woman’s life with that of an embryo. Since 1980, at least 160,000 women have travelled outside Ireland to procure safe abortions. This paper seeks to position these journeys through the conference theme of migration and stasis and will focus on a 2017 Dublin Fringe Festival performance, Not at Home: a four day durational art campaign by Emma Fraser Nine Crows and Grace Dyas THEATREclub. The hypocrisy of forcing women in Ireland to journey outside the State for safe abortion services is captured in the title, ‘Not at Home’. Feelings of shame and isolation result from the silencing of women’s experiences and I intend to explore the role of sound and affect in the transmission of testimony. From April 2016, Dyas and Fraser amassed women’s testimonies and invited women to further contribute their stories at the installation. The installation is defined by transitional spaces from the taxi parked outside the venue, to the waiting room which holds performers and audience alike. Highlighting the tension between movement and stasis invites reflection on the consequences and contradictions of Ireland’s abortion laws, including issues of mobility and access.*

**Key Words**  
Ireland, abortion, journey

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**THEORIZING EXPERIENCE ANEW**

*As part of the postmodern western project, poststructuralist gender theory has focused on destabilizing or deconstructing knowledge and decentering the knowing subject. In its extreme, the subject is reduced to a variable and complex function of discourse. The #metoo-campaign, based on personal stories, in which experiencing the world from the position of having a female body, asks for a shift of focus from discourse to the experiencing embodied subject. Firstly, shared personal stories by individual women in different contexts who perform gender differently point to the fact that sexual harassment is not so much the consequence of what they do, but of what they are individuals with bodies that are categorized as female. Secondly, the personal shared stories seem to have the power to disrupt hegemonic, oppressive discourse and to disclose its mechanisms. Women’s shared experience was an important political strategy within the women’s movement of the 1970’s. It has since then been criticized for being based on ideas of a female identity with exclusionary effects. In order to fully understand and to theorize a the vulnerability of having a female body and b the power of shared personal narratives as a political tool I propose an exploration of phenomenological gender theories that draw on Simone de Beauvoir’s ideas. How can these theories be combined with a poststructuralist understanding of genders as discursive constructs and with a recognition of the power of discourse. How can phenomenological feminism be revisited to shed light on the mechanisms that the #metoo- campaign demonstrated without relapsing into binary gender oppositions and a politics of identity built on sameness? How can phenomenological illuminate gender structures and power relations as something that goes on between people in their daily lives, without loss of the insights of poststructuralist gender-theory.*

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#metoo, experience, phenomenological gender theory, embodied subjectivities, discourse
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POLITICS OF RELOCATION: COLLABORATION AND POTENTIAL CONFLICT IN COLD WAR ALIGNMENT

‘National theatre’ has relevance for feminist theatre in India not just for geographically dislocated artists but also in terms of adopting ‘foreign’ forms towards challenging ‘tradition’ and evolving new modes for creative expression. This is tied up with a gender sensibility. Elin Diamond emphasizes the significance of undoing mimesis and untangling women from male-derivative studies. This paper explores Vijaya Mehta’s direction with Fritz Bennewitz of the Indian Sanskrit classic Shakuntala German, 1979-80 in Germany, which subtly deconstructs the male-authored canonical play. This work redefines notions of the national presenting a quintessential ‘Indian’ play in a ‘foreign’ language whereby it gains in form from its German repositioning and evolves a non-classical acting vocabulary. German actors performing this ‘traditional’ Indian play in a somewhat Brechtian/intermingled fashion subvert fixed ideas of tradition and character that Shakuntala represents. As part of the cultural programme of the GDR, Bennewitz’s collaboration was in keeping with his Brechtian interests. Mehta, seeking a formal vehicle for experimenting with the folk and classical, sought a Brechtian negotiation with the Indian. The ideological ramifications can be sought beyond a postcolonial rediscovery of the traditional, as contemporary politics pervaded the productions and Brechtian-Indian fusion yielded a hybrid methodology. The play is a continuation of Mehta’s non-mainstream work, wherein she evolved ‘sensuous’ acting and visual theatre, making space both specific and mobile. Shirali’s body language, paintings of Dushyant and Shakuntala and structures conveying both the court as well as the forest, inscribe a personal element onto the political drift of the play. These, along with the Brechtian alienation make art autonomous in a migrant location, especially vis-à-vis the Emergency in India right after which the play was produced. In doing so, Shakuntala emerges as resistant to State politics.

Key Words
Feminist, Brechtian, classical theatre, non-classical acting, postcolonial, tradition, national, Vijaya Mehta, Fritz Bennewitz, sensuous body language, visual theatre

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BETWEEN THE CENTENARIES: “SHUSH” AT THE ABBEY THEATRE

When the #WakingTheFeminists movement criticized the paucity of female playwrights in the Abbey Theatre’s 2016 “Waking the Nation” programme, many people felt echoes from the Abbey’s 2004 centenary when the lack of female playwrights in the “abbeyonehundred” programme was similarly lamented in the press. Between the controversies of the two centenaries, Elaine Murphy became the first women other than Marina Carr to have a play produced on the Abbey’s main stage in twenty-five years. This essay will focus on the 2013 production of Murphy’s Shush to interrogate the language, structure and themes of the play against the patriarchal status quo of the theatre’s programming between the centenaries. Drawing on the work of feminist linguists, the language of the play will be analysed against Robin Lakoff’s theory of women’s language to question whether the play was written in a typically gendered style. The dramaturgical structure of the play will also be analysed through a feminist lens to interrogate its use of the traditional comedic form and how this framed the production. Situating the play within Fiach MacConghail’s tenure as Artistic Director (2005-2016), its preoccupation with heterosexual relationships will be contextualized within the broader cultural narrative propagated by the national theatre during this period. Focussing primarily on Shush’s linguistic construction and dramaturgical structure, Murphy’s relationship to feminist dramaturgies will be investigated. A novelty in the theatre’s programming, this essay will question why this play was chosen for the Abbey’s main stage, and why it failed to pave the way for a greater representation of work by women at the national theatre.

Key Words
feminism, Irish drama, playwriting, dramaturgy, comedy, linguistics
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GE NDER RELATIONS ON THE STAGE OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: TWO PERFORMANCES BY JENNIFER WALSHE AND EVA REITER

Jennifer Walshe and Eva Reiter are both composer-performers in the highly male dominated system of contemporary music. In analyzing performances from 2017 of their pieces The Lichtenberg Figures Eva Reiter and Everything is Important Jennifer Walshe I’d like to ask how they question and counteract gendered aspects of the traditional concert form. Both work with hybrid media forms on stage and center, in different ways, also the institutionalized gender relations between themselves and their ensembles. Interestingly, the neutralized male form of the classic music concert became visible in both performances and in the same moment the illusion of neutrality vanished. I’d like to show how institutionalized gendered elements are undermined, how maybe others are confirmed and thus a conflicting experience is created. Furthermore, I’d like to ask how the scrutinizing of fixed gender relations is related to the hybrid use of the arts, breaking with the ideas of ‘pure’ non-visual music making and ‘pure’ listening through introducing theatrical, visual and dance elements.

Key Words
Gender Relations, Music Theatre, Performance Analyzes, Institution and Aesthetics

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THE NON-CONFORMING BODY – POLITIC OF REPRESENTATION OF DIFFERENCE

In a very provocative article appeared on January 2018 the philosopher Paul Preciado alerted the reader that after the breach and turn of the sexual revolution and post-colonial theory appeared during the last century, the heterosexual patriarchal system has started a project of counter-reformation to whom “feminist voices” who desire to continue to be “bothered” are joining. This would be the most important war, that we are going to be asked for to fight during the next years, being aware that this would impact politics and the process in which the subject will constitute himself politically. For the author the battlefield in which this war would take place is around the theoretical tool and materiality of the body, of life and of pleasure. Undoubtedly confronting and inheriting the perspective of feminism and Foucaultian’s influence the body is figured as a blank page, as a surface of a cultural inscription, imprinted by history and culture. The landscape of Preciado indicates an increasing number of non-conforming bodies that currently destabilizes the patriarchal system, putting in discussion our code of representation. My paper would investigate the body in performance in relation of the concept of non-conforming bodies and new codes of representations. I will take some example mainly from Italian performances where the body is central, such as ROSA from Silvia Gribaudi, or Silvia Gallerano in order to articulate an European/Italian vision.

Key Words
body, feminism, Preciado
BEYOND CLEANING: MAINTAINING THE STAGE

As debates about the treatment of maintenance workers come into sharp focus in these neoliberal times, we might ask in what ways theatre is responsive to these issues. Among academia, King’s College London was recently forced, through protests and strikes, to reverse its decision to outsource its cleaning workers to a company whose working conditions do not include key benefits, such as cover for sick leave. There is a growing sense that institutions that might be the scene for the communication of lofty ideas about equality, democracy and leftist thinking, might in actuality, when it comes to their maintenance workers, be replicating the inequalities that permeate much of the rest of the working world – this may include theatre companies and institutions themselves and these inequalities intersect along lines of both gender and race. This paper will address the extent to which theatre seeks to represent the everyday work of maintenance, examining in particular Alexander Zeldin’s Beyond Caring 2015, with a particular focus on the politics and temporality of cleaning performed on stage, as well as commentary on Zeldin’s working methods, and the ways in which material disenfranchisement is imaged on the UK stage in general. It will enquire into how the replication of the hired labour of maintenance, specifically cleaning, might mirror, reflect or ironise the status of the cleaner-worker within the theatre building itself.

Key Words

cleaning, care, labour, theatre

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AN EYE FOR AN EYE: TRANSNATIONAL PHOTO-PERFORMANCE AND THE HAPTICALITY OF COLLABORATION IN “NATIVE WOMEN OF SOUTH INDIA”

In the 19th century, colonial administrator Maurice Vidal Portman photographed inhabitants of the Andaman Islands. These portraits of Andamanese men and women framed against a monochrome chequered board, with metal props supporting their bodies, were part of a commonplace imperial attempt to ethnographically ‘measure the natives’ through photography. Portman eventually generated an archive of the colonial photo studio subject which he donated to a British Museum collection. Centuries later, Bangalore-based performance artist Pushpamala N. and the British photographer Clare Arni composed a performance series titled Native Women of South India: Manners and Customs (2000-2004), exhibiting “a fantasy photo studio” as a “theatre museum” (N and Arni 2017). Native Women explores a dynamic satirical response to endeavours such as Portman’s, by centring contemporary Indian women—in one instance, by using metal supports and a grid as props—and casting the history of colonial archive-making as a historical performance of exploitation. The artists playfully reckon with colonial and immigration histories, recreating transnational feminist visions of labour through this performance.

Working with Fred Moten and Stefano Harney’s notion of ‘hapticality’ (2013) and Chandra Talpade Mohanty’s constructions of solidarity (2003), I ask how does Native Women situate the gendered gaze of photo-performance work? How does a collaborative transnational retelling of colonial ethnographic practices inform feminist methodological imagination(s)? Lastly, how does the aesthetic achieved by this performance develop citation as a form of hapticality, and thus attempt transnational solidarity?

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GOOD YOUTH GONE BAD: EXPLORING JUVENILITY, CRIMINALITY AND NEW FEMINISMS IN A POST-NIRBHAYA MOMENT

The concepts of law, justice and criminality come back time and again when delving into literature that talks about the sociological category of youth. These concepts intertwine very strongly with concepts of sexuality and the permissible age of sexual activity. I will try to explore the construction of the good youth versus the bad within a historiography of youth protests in India, where the imperative of the righteous youth had a notable precedence in the Young Bengal Movement of the 1830s, that consolidated the righteous protesting youth body as a necessarily upper class, upper caste, English-educated male. This was followed by the age of consent debate in the wake of the death of the young child-bride Phulmoni in 1890, which created a slightly different but connected narrative around the idea of youth, in conjunction with discourses on childhood, innocence, purity and virginity of women’s bodies. In this paper, I look at how the eventual co-existence of these two affective definitions of youth plays out in the feminist youth protests of 2012–13 in the wake of the gangrape and death of Jyoti Singh Pandey, and what the prioritizing of the deceased rape victim’s dynamic youth over the living juvenile rapist who most the young protestors wanted hanged and his wasted youth might mean for feminist politics of the future. I bring in feminist analysis of the play Nirbhaya 2015 vis-à-vis a Hindi production of Nigel Williams’s Class Enemy 2010 from the collegiate circuit of Delhi University, to illustrate the ways in which cultural productions instrumentalize and prioritize certain young bodies, which have lasting effects on feminist politics of the new generations.

Key Words
Youth, Criminality, Juvenile Justice, Intergenerational Feminism, Protest

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THE INSCRIPTION OF GENDER IN THEATRICAL CASTING

Casting, the selection of actors for dramatic roles, is a highly contested and often mystified meeting point of fictional roles, the politics of representation, bodies, and professional and social identities. It is at once an artistic practice of translating text to performance, and also a gateway to professional work, which tends to involve objectification and is routinely associated with exploitation. Casting’s combination of material, representational and political concerns make it a fertile subject for analysis, not only for insight into the contemporary practice and history of theatre, but also as a means of understanding how theatrical ideas of personhood and work intersect with broader constructions of identity and labour. Yet casting remains ‘one of the least explored areas of theatre studies’, and existing research focuses upon the resulting performance event rather than the process itself Rogers and Thorpe, 2014. Currently, the practice and ethics of casting are under scrutiny. In 2017, the UK actors’ union, Equity, launched a manifesto for casting, in response to discrimination across gender, race and ethnicity, sexuality, class and ability. Along with recent reports of sexual harassment and violence, the manifesto attests to an industry in which consistently ethical working practices, as well as legal and representational equality, are an aspiration rather than a reality. Casting is a site in which contrasting conceptions of personhood and the work of acting collide, in the context of highly asymmetrical power structures. This paper will be the result of anonymized interviews with casting directors based in the UK, viewed alongside institutional debates, traced in administrative records and correspondence for the Young Vic and National Theatre. It will probe working practices in casting processes to understand how gendered identities have been inscribed in institutions, both on and off stage.

Key Words
Casting, gender, institution
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PRACTICING NON-BINARY GENDER IN PERFORMANCE AT THE STRATFORD SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL, 2018

What will it require to practice not just represent gender diversity at the Stratford Festival, North America’s largest Shakespeare-oriented repertory company, in the twenty-first century? In this paper co-authored with Dr Erin Julian, who will not be able to join us in Belgrade, we will unpack and explore this question by shadowing Chinese-Irish director and Stratford Festival Playwrights Unit coordinator Keira Loughran as she creates The Comedy of Errors for the 2018 Stratford season. Beginning from the casting and design process, through to rehearsals, previews, opening, and reviews, we will be embedded in Keira’s process in order to observe and discuss the production with Keira and her team in real time. Our methodology will include a mix of first-person accounting, journaling, and interviews, as well as thick description and cultural materialist analysis. Our goal will be to impose no narratives, but only to understand the material and ideological obstacles facing Keira’s vision for the production which is gender-queer, as well as racially complex, and to take careful account of how those obstacles including the festival’s economic considerations, its obligation to a range of stakeholders, and its audience challenges shape both what is possible and what might yet become possible for productions that seek to establish diversity as a practice at Stratford and similar venues.

Key Words
Shakespeare in performance, diversity on stage, non-binary gender on stage, gender-queer performance

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PERFORMING GENDER STRUCTURE IN SLOVENIAN DEVISER THEATRE

Professional theatre productions or events in the field of performing arts in Slovenia are carried out by public institutes, private companies and independent artists. The 13 public institutes, so called national and municipal theatres that receive most of their funding from the state budget produce performances mainly based on existing drama texts and the majority of them remains written in patriarchal mode. Private companies or so called non-governmental or independent scene on the other hand, produce the majority of devised pieces, where gender roles are distributed more equally. In this article I’m interested how the same patterns of patriarchy are repeated in institutional theatre even when the main reason - a play written by white male for the majority of male roles - is cancelled. In Slovenian institutional devised theatre some directors and productions repeat the same structure of dominating males onstage and backstage and the others work more equally. Productions directed by Jernej Lorenci, Oliver Frljić, Žiga Divjak and Weronika Szczawińska in the last few years will be analysed more thoroughly and reasons for gender inequality discussed.

Key Words
devised theatre, public theatres, gender inequality, contemporary theatre
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MEASURING THE FEMALE BODY AS CONTESTATION IN SPANISH CONTEMPORARY PERFORMANCE FROM ESTHER FERRER TO LA RIBOT

In the early 90s, Spanish dancer and performance artist La Ribot, wearing only a towel over her naked body, measures her nose with a measuring tape and happily exclaims “1 meter!” to the laughter of the audience that surrounds her, then continues to measure the distance from the top of her head to her crotch and other random parts of her body humorously critiquing the futility of obsessively measuring women’s bodies. Years before her, in 1975, Esther Ferrer, one of Spain’s pioneering performance artists, had meticulously measured all parts of her naked body writing the measurements in a human body silhouette on the wall. An action that she has continued to repeat until the present, foregrounding the contrast between the modern obsession with numbers and scientific rationality and the physicality of bodies and biological materiality, exemplified in the changes in her own body over the decades. This paper will analyze two works by Spanish female performance artists that embody a resistance to the cartesian rule of the numerical order used as a tool to control women’s bodies: Ferrer’s Íntimo y personal and La Ribot’s “Caprichomio.”

Women’s bodies continue to be a site of contention between patriarchal male domination and feminist resistance. In Western societies, where women oppression is exercised in the bodies by the rule of “controlling cultural norms and productions of beauty, sexual desire and behavior” Wendy Brown, feminist performers and activists use their bodies as a site of contestation. By appropriating a tool that society uses to control them, Ferrer and La Ribot apply the measuring tape to our own gaze to quantify the extent of our submission to the dictatorship of numbers.

Key Words
female body, feminism, performance art
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BETWEEN HISTORY AND REALITY: ROLF HOCHHUTH’S “THE REPRESENTATIVE”

In 1964 Habima—Israel’s national theatre—staged a theatre production of Rolf Hochhuth’s controversial drama The Representative, that narrates the silence of Pope Pius XII during the Holocaust. While Hochhuth’s drama is one of the most discussed plays in modern German drama, its Israeli production, featuring Holocaust survivors and Jewish refugees playing the roles of Nazi officers, Christian priests and clerks, has surprisingly not been addressed outside of its contemporary local newspaper theatrical discourse. In its sociopolitical context, following Eichmann’s trial and execution 1961-1962, the theatrical image of Jewish refugees dressed in Nazi attire transduced victims into perpetrators, stratifying the drama with political meanings. This paper tells the unknown story of one of the actors that participated in this production for a brief period of time: Rafy Rakovsky, who as a child during the Holocaust found sanctuary in a Christian monastery, and in Habima’s production, played the role of a converted Jew. Following this experience Rakovsky hospitalized himself in a mental institution where he spent the rest of his life. In this paper, Rakovsky’s forgotten personal tragedy opens a multifaceted discussion on the interrelations between the drama and its social context, the overlapping of life and theatre, actor and role, fiction and reality. Probing into related archival materials, this paper focuses on the making of this production: the rehearsal process, the directing approach and its reception.

Key Words
History, rehearsal, trauma, war, game, play

A MONTH IN INDIA: BORIS BABOCHKINS THEATRICAL PASSAGE TO THE SUBCONTINENT

In 1957-58, a Soviet cultural delegation – with a theatrical interest – toured India. It was led by Boris A. Babochkin 1904-75, an iconic face of Soviet cinema and theatre, who was, in 1952-53, the Artistic Director of the Moscow Drama Theatre Named after A. S. Pushkin. Babochkin’s work was marked both by international acclaim after his eponymous role in the Soviet classic film Chapaev 1934 and difficult equations with, among others, Ekaterina Furtseva 1910-74, the long-standing Soviet Minister of Culture 1960-74. He seems to have been well-known in India, especially to K. A. Abbas and Balraj Sahni, the latter having met him in Moscow in 1956. His Indian sojourn, along with some other foreign trips – events that could, by no means, be taken for granted in the USSR – was described in his memoirs, In Theatre and Cinema. One of the first blanket statements, which he makes in the beginning of the chapter “Месяц в Индии” “A Month in India”, is that there seems to be no professional theatre in the country. There are, he writes, perhaps a dozen or a maximum of twenty professional theatre-troupes in a country with a then population of 400 million people. However, he finds this to be quite compensated with what he sees as people’s art, amateur in principle, but very vibrant. The sole stated purpose of this delegation of three-four people was to find out more about Indian theatre. They landed in Delhi, where the 8th IPTA Conference was taking place at the Ramila Maidan Ground in December 1957-January 1958. The Soviet observers spent eight days attending the performances, which included various kinds of folk and classical dances, et al. This paper will seek to process archival work to be done in the GITIS and GA-RF in Moscow and assess the significance of this visit.

Key Words
Cultural Cold War, Boris Babochkin, IPTA, Soviet Theatre Diplomacy

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THEATRE HISTORIAN AS GRAVE HUNTER

On a cold afternoon in October 2017 I arranged to meet a grave hunter at Kensal Green Cemetery, in London, to locate the final resting place of the ‘celebrated amateur of fashion’, Robert ‘Romeo’ Coates 1772–1848. Although this was my first attempt at finding the grave of one of the subjects of my research, I knew that colleagues shared this practice. In 2016, Prof. Viv Gardner had invited me to Plas Newydd House, Wales, to view archival materials relating to the ‘dancing’ fifth Marquis of Anglesey 1875—1905. Before leaving the estate she wanted to visit the grave of her subject in the local churchyard. Other colleagues have shared their grave hunting activities with me, including Dr Janice Norwood and Dr Catherine Hindson. On announcing my interest in theatrical grave hunting on social media, even more came out of the woodwork, and I was inundated with emails and tweets from academics from a range of disciplines who had similarly tracked down the graves of their subjects and were keen to attach photographs to prove it. This paper considers grave hunting as a research method used by theatre historians. Firstly, it analyses cemeteries and gravestones as sources and proposes how these are used in the construction of theatre history. Secondly, it asks why else theatre historians seek out and visit the graves of their subjects. It will consider this practice as pilgrimage and ritual, and will look to borrow from areas such as literary tourism and memory studies to better understand this practice.

Key Words  
Historiography, Grave hunting, Cemeteries, Methodologies, Theatre History, Actors, Iconography, Evidence, Literary Tourism, Pilgrimage

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A LONG FAREWELL: TOURING AND MIGRATING ACTORS IN MID-NINETEENTH CENTURY AUSTRALIA

This paper considers the distinctions between touring and migrating with reference to the presence of British Actors, such as Clarence Holt, George Coppin, Gustavus Brooke and Avonia Jones, in Australia. While some touring actors passed quickly through Australia, others made it their home on a permanent or temporary basis. The presence of the latter raises questions around national identity and colonial culture, as well as the crossing and re-crossing of borders. There is a clear distinction between actors who stayed even if only for a few years and actors who regarded Australia as a lucrative stop-over or an opportunity for cultural imposition. Of Brooke, who was very popular in Australia, the critic, James Smith, commented that ‘[his] greatness was only revealed in these colonies people in England have no conception of what he really was.’ Clarence Holt eventually left Australia because of home-sickness, but his son, Bland Holt, was to play a significant role in the history of Australian theatre, as was George Coppin. However, this paper will focus on those who stayed, either permanently or for a reasonable amount of time, the ways in which they acclimatized to living and working in Australia, and the point at which touring turns into migration.

Key Words  
touring, migration, Australia, nineteenth-century
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MARITIME MIGRATIONS AND TRANSatlANTIC PERFORMANCE

Prior to 1950, when air travel became prevalent, maritime highways were the primary way in which global populations migrated and experienced the world. While humanities scholars tend to focus on ports and land-based economic and social systems, first encounters of races and cultures, particularly between 1500 and the middle of the twentieth century, happened within maritime spaces. Most sea travelers were illiterate working class or enslaved people who managed the mechanics of the ships, lifted goods and cargo, and risked their lives to earn money. Often, they were escaping poverty or persecution, or were forced into servitude. Encapsulated in the ship, sea travelers communicated with one another across language and cultural boundaries through performed gestures or actions. I am in the midst of a writing fellowship at the Institute for the Humanities University of Michigan where I am writing a book called Shipping Out which analyzes maritime performance. The project investigates how performances on ships and in maritime ports enables cultural encounters and dialogic exchange. Central to my writing is an interest in performance as mechanism for working class communities to articulate identities and comment upon their economic and social status. I apply to the historiography working group because my project brings dance methodologies, coupled with analysis of visual materials, to historical analysis of working class performance. The nineteenth century maritime archive consists of architectural ship plans, lithographs, paintings of port performance, to historical analysis of working class performance. The nineteenth century maritime archive consists of architectural ship plans, lithographs, paintings of port performance, to historical analysis of working class performance. The nineteenth century maritime archive consists of architectural ship plans, lithographs, paintings of port performance, to historical analysis of working class performance. The nineteenth century maritime archive consists of architectural ship plans, lithographs, paintings of port performance, to historical analysis of working class performance. The nineteenth century maritime archive consists of architectural ship plans, lithographs, paintings of port performance, to historical analysis of working class performance.

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PERFORMANCE ART IN THE 1970s: APPROACHING THE FORMATION OF A TRANSNATIONAL ART FIELD THROUGH ITS DOCUMENTATION

In the early 1970s the category “Performance Art”, coined in the US art-scene, spread into the international art-world and became, in a few years, a recognized label for identifying a wide spectrum of live actions performed by artists. This development, bolstered by art magazines, art exhibitions and scholarly publications, was the terminological part of a process of creation of a new transnational art field for live-art practices within the visual arts. Despite the vastness of the research into the history of performance-practice in the Twentieth Century, the dynamics and the agents that led this global process and shaped what we now know as “performance art”, have not as yet been studied in detail. One of the aims of my current Marie Skłodowska-Curie Project – Between Evidence and Representation: History of Performance Art Documentation from 1970 to 1977 – is to develop a new methodological approach to investigate this historical subject in which a crucial role is assigned to the history of performance art documentation. The documentation was the device which allowed the containment of live action and events in the framework of the visual arts, making them suitable for exhibition, conservation and collection. In doing so, performance could reach a broad international audience. Through the analysis of the role of documentation the project takes into account different strategies for framing performance within the visual arts, and investigates how these produced the art-historical object called performance art. In my contribution I will present this new methodological approach through the analysis of special case examples. In so doing I will raise the question as to whether the epistemic object “performance” can be considered as being historical and determined by the different frameworks in which it is produced and presented.

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MIGRATION AND THE TRANS-ATLANTIC BRITISH COMMUNITY: 1715-43

The concept of migration draws attention not only to the mobility of bodies, identity, gender, or ethnicity, but also to that which is mobile, that is, the “matter” of identity, gender, or ethnicity. Following this insight, this essay, rather than focusing on migration per se, will bring this notion into a momentary standstill to recognize both the contingency of historical events and indeterminacy of historical categories by which we grasp them. These categories, which are often associated with the idea of migration, capture only a partial aspect of historiography as thought travels across temporal and spatial cultural boundaries, moving in and out of conceptual frames and, in the process, abstracting them. It is only when we become cognizant of non-synchronic temporalities and spatialities accumulated in these diverse categories, the violence of real abstractions Marx, Sohn-Rethel and the need for a dialectical engagement with the past become evident. In order to substantiate this point, this essay will explore the tension between a cultural artifact John Gay’s “Polly” [1729] and real abstractions produced by trans-Atlantic entrepôt capitalism. The play ends with a strong sense that virtue and generosity will secure happiness that the marriage between Cawwawkee and Polly, who migrated to the West Indies, offers the promise of a new sociability that will resolve a contradiction between hospitality and hostility. Virtue and generosity, coded into Polly, are however no longer cultural devices used to bring about the resolution of the play, but abstractions produced by trans-Atlantic entrepôt capitalism to secure and consolidate its commercial reality. Thus, “migration” comes to itself in a determinate negation that, as Marcuse avers, is not only a critique of a conformist logic, but also a critique of the forces of negation, which are either defeated or reconciled with the status quo.

Key Words
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SURVIVALS FROM THE PAST: A FILM AS A SOURCE FOR A THEATRE HISTORIAN?

In my paper, I am discussing questions on using an artwork as a source material for theatre history. My case study is a short film, Theatre, directed by Jack Witikka in 1957 discussing the making of Samuel Beckett’s Waiting for Godot at the Finnish National Theatre. The stage production premiered on the 5 October 1954. Theatre is not a documentary, but there are a lot of connections to the theatre production. As Desmond Bell, a documentary film maker, has captured: “The photographic image still of moving can be seen as “a fragmentary survival from the past.” For a theatre historian, I am arguing, a film is more than a picture. For example, in the scenes of Theatre, it is possible to see the physicality of the actors, their moving bodies and their positions on the stage and hear their voices, to recognize things that were included in theatre practice in 1950s. I propose that Theatre can be analyzed with Walter Benjamin’s theorization of memory as an aesthetic of ruins and traces in mind. The ruin for Benjamin is both the most material and most symbolically powerful form of the allegorization of history. The fragments of a ruin are testimony of the past that has gone and at the same time they are the indicative of a loss that never can be repaired. Theatre is like a ruin: it is an incomplete record of the theatrical event it purports to represent. Yet, it is a testimony of the past.

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THEATRE HISTORIOGRAPHY AND CULTURAL DIPLOMACY

Recent studies, such as Charlotte Canning’s “On the Performance Front: US Theatre and Internationalism” have sparked renewed interest in the uses of theatre by agencies of the state to promote national political interests. This is the history of theatre and cultural diplomacy. My current research project on French theatre in the United States in the 20th century similarly delves into the sporadic, contradictory, and often fraught efforts of the French state to use theatre to promote its image in the United States. I analyze this “soft” diplomacy in relation to other activities such as the establishment of French institutes and cultural centers. I also explore how French theatre artists understood their role—often thrust upon them—as cultural emissaries. The story of how state efforts employ theatre in order to move the hearts and minds of foreign populations is an exciting and important topic in theatre history, even as it raises historiographical questions. In this short 2,000-word “think piece,” I will take up a few of these questions. Specifically, I plan to address the following: 1 How should theatre historians understand the definition of cultural diplomacy? How do we determine the boundaries of its research? 2 Given that official pronouncements of the state rarely present uncomplicated truths, where do we locate information about cultural diplomacy in the past and how do we uncover a range of historical testimony about its actions and intentions?

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Historiography, Cultural Diplomacy

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PERFORMING SERVICES: HISTORIOGRAPHIES OF PERFORMING SERVANTS ON THE EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY BRITISH STAGE

What was the cultural work done by the representation of stage servants on the eighteenth century British stage? The increasingly frequent appearance of servants centre stage in the drama, epitomised by Fielding’s The Intriguing Chambermaid 1734 or Garrick’s The Lying Valet 1741, draws attention to these roles as fit for more than supernumerary players. How might we recover the performative triumph of Kitty Clive as Lettice, Fielding’s eponymous chambermaid, in a role where ‘almost all that we admire is in this actress we give to the author the praise which belongs to her.’ John Hill The Actor, 1750: 230 While we can recognize the dramaturgical cross-fertilization of European influences from commedia, French and Spanish comedy in adaptation and translation, it is more difficult to capture the intra-theatrical performance conventions that underpinned comic success in these servant roles. Tim Hitchcock recently defended micro-history against calls for a return to nationalist grand narratives, arguing ‘history from below has been a remarkably successful form of cultural politics and Politics, that owes its basic success to the creation of an imaginative and empathetic connection between individuals, past and present.’ historyonics.blogspot.co.uk, July 2015 This paper responds to Hitchcock’s call to build our detailed studies of complex particularity into larger narratives that might help us refocus the jingoistic simplification of the present. What are the implications for our historiography if we see the representation of servants and service not as a matter of British exceptionalism, but as part of a porous European and international network of dramaturgies, performative conventions, and migrating stage personnel. [Submission for 2,000 word discussion panel]

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HOW TO WRITE ABOUT PLEASURE HISTORICALLY

Short paper option B How to write about past silliness and fun and pleasure? This is my current task: to write about the ultimate trivial, frivolous, and ephemeral performance that was English pantomime of the nineteenth century. I’m approaching this through an exploration of how we can use the substantial body of archival material - text and illustration and material ephemeral traces if we’re lucky – to try to recover the experience of pantomime in the nineteenth century. However, these traces are partial, and after the ‘linguistic turn’ the truth claims of historical method have come under scrutiny. Yet in these sources of evidence, however partial and situated, there are traces of the lived and embodied experiences of theatre workers and audiences. I want to use Michael Pickering’s trenchant statement in support of an engaged, sympathetic, and materialist historiography as a starting point: Historical practice is then, finally, about keeping faith with […] ordinary men and women […] . It is their historical experience which we strive to reconstruct, however complex, fragmented and contradictory that experience may have been, and unless we wish to jettison any sense that is their experience which is primarily in the frame, then we have to work with some epistemological claim to referentiality. I’ll use his belief in ‘complex, fragmented and contradictory’ experience to explore how we might reconstruct, however complex, frivolous and silly practices of Victorian pantomime. More broadly, I will address the historiographical issue of the debates over experience pace Scott, in the light of Pickering’s statement cited above. I am also interested in my strategies as an historian of popular culture, working from an assumption of a politically oppositional view point, in dealing with the racism and triumphalist jingoism of Victorian pantomime.

Key Words
Popular performance pantomime historiography pleasure experience

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ON THE IMPOSSIBILITIES OF A FREE THEATRE

This paper traces the impact of non-governmental and governmental funding on theatre with additional examples from the visual arts and music in the Occupied Palestinian Territories from 1983 to the present day. Foreign aid to both the Palestinian Authority through the Ministry of Culture as well as non-governmental organizations has played a key role in determining the ways in which the Palestinian cultural sector has developed over the last two decades. However, this transformation has not been viewed by local actors as an unmixed good. By using the arts as a means of promoting development, international donor agencies contributed towards the ‘NGOization’ of the Palestinian cultural sector. In the aftermath of the Oslo agreement, the sudden and enormous influx of foreign funding impelled a race amongst local associations to secure public grants and private endowments. This lead not only to a proliferation of minor organizations working with smaller budgets and staff but also to the transformation of informal fine arts companies into NGOs executing short-term programs based on social inclusion, democracy building, gender equality, and children and youth activities. By tracing this development, this article delineates how the inflow of international aid has come at the expense of not only longer term, sustainable strategies that promote the arts for the sake of the arts but also the economic stability and social acceptance of the sector as a whole.

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SOME REAL AND MANY IMAGINED BORDERS IN THE HISTORY OF 19TH CENTURY THEATRE IN POLAND

During the 19th century Polish theatre developed in a ghost country, in a territory partitioned between three neighbours (Russia, Prussia and Austria). Consequently, migration of artists and spectators, topics and texts across state borders and across cultural boundaries was a common practice in the theatre of 19th century Poland. Paradoxically enough, the very existence of those borders contributed to the successful construction of the imagined identity of the so-called Polish (national) theatre. The need for crossing state borders while travelling between Polish theatres strengthened the desire of seeking all that was perceived as common tradition, common experience etc. On the other hand the inevitable competition with German or Russian theatres, working right next door to Polish venues, encouraged differentiation of Polish from any other theatre. Yet in practice the audiences were mobile and moved easily between different venues and diverse cultures. The phenomenon of garden theatres in Warsaw, especially popular from late 1860s until 1890s, with their audiences were mobile and moved easily between different venues and diverse cultures. The phe-nomenon of garden theatres in Warsaw, especially popular from late 1860s until 1890s, with their

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NAMING A NEW THEATRICAL PRACTICE: A QUESTION OF MUTATION AND ITS METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES

In order to address my general historiographic question ‘how to write a history of directing in German speaking theatre’, in this paper, I take a closer look at the history of the term “Regie” and its theatrical context. Today, the German term “Regie” is used to define artistic practices to put something on stage, but etymologically it comes from the French term “régie” referring to financial management and administration. Eighteenth-century French theatre, especially the Comédie Française in Paris, was a role model for theatre-making at German speaking court theatres. The Comédie Française assigned all the functions of a dramatist, principal actor, and director to one person who was responsible for the “mise-en-scène” of the dramatic text. “Mise-en-scène” was the main focus in French theatrical practices. By contrast, on German-speaking stages, in general the lead actor directed the play only with respect to his part. The idea of the French “mise-en-scène” only appeared at the beginning of the nineteenth century. The term “Regie” first appeared in German in Johann Heinrich Friedrich Müllers 1772 book “Genaue Nachrichten von beydenkaiserlichen Königlichen Schaubühnen” about the Vienna court theatre, where it was used to describe a principal actor’s managerial task. In the same book, he also wrote about a French theatre troupe at the Vienna court. In my paper, I will analyze how this term was introduced in this and similar publications toward the end of the eighteenth century, as well as their respective descriptions of French and the Viennese theatrical practices. I regard the transfer of terms and theatrical practices from French- to German-speaking theatrical contexts as a form of mutation: terms stay the same but their meanings mutate through practices. Ultimately I will argue that a history of direct-ing can develop a useful method and source critique to think and address processes of mutation.

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historiography, directing, Regie, French, German, court theatre
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BULGAKOV’S “THE CRIMSON ISLAND” AT THE MOSCOW KAMERNY THEATRE

2,000-word essay option preferred Mikhail Bulgakov’s The Crimson Island received its world premiere at the Moscow Kamerny Theatre on December 11, 1928. This play about censorship, performed for the censors, took particular aim at the head of the Central Repertory Committee Glavrepertkom. It was also a satire about the deadliness of artistic hackwork that serves a good cause: here, the glorification of the 1917 Revolution. Looking back on the history of Stalinist artistic repression, it seems baffling that a play so directly critical of censorship could not only be approved for production, but could run for a full season—so baffling that some scholars have claimed it was banned immediately or played only a few times. Glavrepertkom did pass the play, however, after which the production ran 64 times before closing in June 1929. All of Bulgakov’s plays were banned shortly after. The Kamerny went on to develop one of the most acclaimed productions of the Soviet period: Vsekhvsky’s An Optimistic Tragedy 1933, which became a model for Socialist Realism in the theatre. Only in 1936, when the Kamerny staged a play that was inadvertently misaligned with Stalin’s political goals, was The Crimson Island used retroactively as evidence of the Kamerny’s profound disserve to the State. The Crimson Island is well-known among Bulgakov scholars for having fueled one of Bulgakov’s famous letters to Stalin. The Kamerny and its subsequent Soviet-era scholars essentially wrote the production out of the theatre’s history, however, aside from footnote apologies for this “mistake.” Drawing on a variety of previously untapped archival sources, including the censor’s copy of the play, this paper will reclaim this production’s key role in the identity and fate of the Kamerny, poised as it was inadvertently on the precipitous edge of Stalin’s plunge into collectivization and the repression of individual thought.

Key Words
Soviet theatre, historiography, Bulgakov, Kamerny Theatre

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RE-COLLECTING THEATRE HISTORY. THEATRE ARCHIVES AND THE EPISTEMOLOGY OF HISTORIOGRAPHY

When traces and documents of theatre performances are collected to be preserved in research institutions they often find their way into the archive as personal collections. These personal collections of theatre practitioners e.g. actors, directors, stage or costume designers, puppeteers do not only provide a material base for examining a person’s work and collaborations over time, but also might reveal tensions between the biographical and the historical narrative. In my paper, I would like to introduce the research project Re-Collecting Theatre History of the University of Cologne and the Free University Berlin that aims to digitally interconnect archival resources from personal collections of different institutions in an online platform. The main goal is to make selected archival material digitally accessible and to examine the networks of theatre practitioners in Germany between 1900 and 1960. The project aims to analyse the relationships between texts, images and objects within paradigmatic personal collections and furthermore to examine the connecting lines between exemplary agents of German theatre. By studying multiple theatre biographies, networks of theatre practice emerge that counteract the common pattern of historical structures: They often reflect neither the familiar epochal thresholds in Germany e.g. 1914, 1918/19, 1933, 1945 nor the dividing lines between the disciplinary history/histories of art, culture, society and politics. Instead we are looking at material ingredients, intellectual coordinates and cultural products of different mindsets and styles of operation that ostensibly without effort cross and stride through sociocultural milieus including theatre, fashion, fine arts, architecture, engineering, different systems of discourse and historical timeframes. To what extend can digital forms help to rehabilitate biographical narratives? How can we visualize networks of theatre practitioners? And what are the institutional, technical, and scholarly boundaries to such an enterprise?

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Digital Humanities, Networks, Archive, Biography, Germany
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THE MYTHS AND THE FACTS: WHO SAID WHAT AT THE CONCLUDING RUSSIAN DEBATE ON 14 APRIL 1935 TO SUM UP THE EXPERIENCES FROM THE CHINESE PERFORMER OF FEMALE ROLES MEI LANFANG’S GUEST APPEARANCE IN MOSCOW?

The Myths and the Facts: Who said what at the concluding Russian debate on 14 April 1935 to sum up the experiences from the Chinese performer of female roles Mei Lanfang’s guest appearance in Moscow? Due to world politics as well as to Soviet and Chinese censorship, the written reactions to the Chinese performer of female roles Mei Lanfang’s guest appearance in Moscow in 1935 later became accessible to posterity in a grossly distorted order. The same fate befall the transcript of the concluding debate hosted by All-Union Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries VOKS on 14 April to sum up the experiences from this event. Inaccessibility and silence led to myths and to sustained attempts at overcoming both. Quite recently, I was the lucky foreigner who finally succeeded in finding the original transcript. Of course, what really happened in VOKS on 14 April more fully emerges from the full transcript, and how and why VOKS censored it also comes into full view, as does the breeding and interplay of the ensuing myths.

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Mei Lanfang, VOKS

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ONSTAGE, BACKSTAGE AND IN THE ARCHIVE: RE-ARRANGING THE RECORD WITH VOLUNTEER HISTORIANS AT THE THEATRE ROYAL NOTTINGHAM

This paper reflects on the UK Heritage Lottery Fund supported ‘Our Theatre Royal Nottingham’ project, a two year project that began in March 2017 as a collaboration between the University of Nottingham, the Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall Nottingham, and over 70 volunteers with the aim of co-researching and co-curating a digital archive to be shared with the general public and visitors to the theatre. While projects such as the British Library’s recently launched In the Spotlight and New York Public Library’s Ensemble utilise volunteer input through crowdsourcing, with volunteers asked to carry out defined microtasks to tag and transcribe documents from theatre history, ‘Our Theatre Royal Nottingham’ has instead provided training and opportunities for what we are calling ‘citizen scholarship’: volunteers have been supported to develop the skills required to instigate and investigate their own interests and projects within set themes, with results that have mobilised their own local knowledges and networks to uncover stories and documents outside as well as inside the official archives. Focusing on the outcomes of the project so far, this paper reflects on the working practices of historical research that involves ‘non-professional’ volunteers, examining and evaluating our model of ‘citizen scholarship’ and its relationship to historical research within the academy. As historic theatres and venues seek to develop archival resources and record their histories, while struggling to find the resources and support to do so, I consider the potential and challenges of collaboratively developing collaborative research practices that are inclusive and robust.

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EMIGRE CABARET AND THE REINVENTION OF RUSSIA

An engaging historiographic problem is the co-existence of two competing cultures: one evolving in real time and another preserved and idealized in the minds of those who have left it. Before the October Revolution, political exiles and Jewish refugees spread the image of Russia as a vast prison, riven by violence and corruption. After the Revolution, émigrés who scattered across the globe broadcast their idea of a fabulous, high-spirited Russia. Cabaret, an arena for theatrical innovation, stylistic experimentation and avant-garde audacity, was a choice medium to dramatize this idea to non-Russian audiences. Throughout the 1920s, émigré cabarets enjoyed great popularity: Nikita Baliev’s Chauve-Souris in New York, Jurij Jushnij’s Die Blaue Vogel in Berlin, J. Son’s Maschere in Italy, Eugénie Léontovitch’s La Revue russe in Paris. Although the acts were polyglot and the compère parodied away in a pidgin version of whichever language was dominant, the chief attraction was an artificial Russianness. Cabarets promulgated a vision of a fairy-tale Russia, akin to the pictures on Palekh boxes. In the interest of light entertainment, even the ubiquitous “Volga Boatman”, based on Repin’s painting, was leached of its social protest. Such skilled designers as Sudeikin, drawing on folk art, puppetry and caricature, portrayed the empire of serfdom and the knout as quaint and picturesque “Mother Russia.” This candy-box depiction was then transmitted by night-clubs staffed by waiters in Cossack blouses and balalaika orchestras. The “Russian Pierrot” Aleksandr Vertinsky distilled a longing for the past into evocative ballads with plangent melodies, to which the émigré Russians themselves succumbed. In contrast, Soviet Russia came to look more hostile and desolate than that of the tsars. Nostalgic regret for a factitious homeland deepened among the departed. With time, the distance between the lives they had lived and those portrayed to foreigners increased, and became unmoored from reality.

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RECLAIMING HEIMAT: HUBS OF EXILE, MIGRATING HISTORIES, AND THEATRE IN OCCUPIED POST-WAR VIENNA

On October 30, 1943 in Moscow, three world powers declared Austria the first victim of Hitler’s aggression, the Anschluss “null and void,” signaling hope for the country’s independence from Nazism. The Moscow Declaration of 1943 established a multinational assessment about Austria’s annexation to the Reich with regional repercussions for the immediate postwar period. The signatories proclaimed that Austria must bear responsibility for collaborating with Hitler’s Germany, making clear that the world anticipated Austria’s “own contribution to her liberation.” The geopolitical order in spring 1945, however, complicated the country’s liberation by the Soviets and its ensuing cultural significance during the military occupation by four powers. The Red Army’s advance “liberated” Nazi-occupied terrain, re-mapping the region, while creating Soviet zones of influence. Soviet officers determined the swift resumption of cultural life in Austria’s Second Republic, specifically Vienna. In late April, the first theatre events took place in bomb-damaged theatres. Using Vienna as a cultural anchor, I examine the resuscitation of theatre and effects of cultural diplomacy in the wake of WWII 1945-1948. The re-emergent culture after 1945 arose from a collaboration between German-language artists and military officers from four zones of foreign occupation. I draw on archival research and cultural memory discourse to explore the interplay of forces that defined the cultural heritage of Austria’s occupation. Tapping the historiographical, national narrative of “victimhood,” I consider the re-establishment of the arts and the spoken-word theatre repertoire in four occupation zones, including Vienna’s central sector, governed by multinational powers. How did the displacement of artists and transnational performance networks affect postwar theatre and the reclamation of an Austrian theatre tradition? Hubs of exile and the migrating histories of theatre-makers enabled the cross-fertilization of the arts across spatial and temporal borders, while showing via a network of cultural influence and collaboration, both continuity and rupture.

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THEATRES OF COLONIALISM

This paper is part of a book chapter 5000 words and investigates the nexus of colonialism and theatre in the German empire through a so far unacknowledged set of performances from the former German colony South-West Africa. While the German empire never established a permanent theatre in its ‘model colony’ South-West Africa it nevertheless showed a vivid theatre scene upheld by the amateur theatre societies of the European settler community but also by a community of migrant workers from the British Cape Colony. The tensions, negotiations, and collaborations between these two theatrical spheres form the case studies of this chapter. With regard to the insight that German history did not “unfold solely within the boundaries of the nation state” as historian Sebastian Conrad has argued 2010, this chapter argues for a new methodological approach towards German theatre history by tapping on the so far ignored sources from the colonial and imperial archive. In doing so, it questions what constitutes a historical object in German theatre history today and opens new potential case studies to the field. Beyond the German context, the imperial archive. In doing so, it questions what constitutes a historical object in German theatre history by tapping on the so far ignored sources from the colonial and imperial archive. In doing so, it questions what constitutes a historical object in German theatre history by tapping on the so far ignored sources from the colonial and imperial archive.

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THEATER RES "- ARCHIVES, LEFTOVERS AND PERFORMANCE"

In my text 5000 words I address the issue of material traces, leftovers, remains that shape our relation to the past in the archive and in the performance art. Performance historiography has to deal with leftovers as those material traces are the only link to the past event, a valid evidence of something taking place, an archival matter that allows to conduct historical investigation. By looking at the artistic practice of two seemingly very different and distant artists: Theaster Gates from United States and Robert Kuśmirowski from Poland I propose the leftover theory – meditation on the leftovers ontological status and its methodological consequences. I compare works by Gates and Kuśmirowski as two ways of playing with leftovers and I present two models of thinking about the relationship between history and present day mediated by leftovers, remains and ruins. But in the end, I use those examples to show how seemingly homogenous and supposedly white Polish identity is entangled in racial context how almost inexistent blackness and lost during war and communist times Jewish identity play in Poland a role of the migrating leftover – remain that strongly subvert the cohesion/stasis of national identity and launches some new performative and artistic strategies. This text is a part of my current research project concerning relationship between material objects, performance and time. I see leftovers, material traces, remains and ruins as performative – granted with specific kind of agency rather vibrant, as Jane Bennett puts it, than just simply present. In this context, the historiographical question is crucial: if leftovers perform than how can we define the archive? What methodological consequences lie in such shift in understanding material remains of performance? I would like to address those questions in the discussion.

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THEATER GATES’ “BLACK SPACE” AND ROBERT KUŚMIROWSKI’S “TRAUMA RUINS” - ARCHIVES, LEFTOVERS AND PERFORMANCE

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SPORT AND SPECTACLE IN OLYMPIC HISTORY: MOVING THE BODY POLITIC AT THE 1912 STOCKHOLM GAMES

My paper addresses the particular methodological problem of writing about global performance. Transnational analysis as applied to globalization and performance access networks or systems of exchange: social, political, economic, cultural. Political history, sociology, anthropology, geography as well as performance studies perspectives inform the increasing scope of transnational debates. There remains to develop the implicit condition of movement that occurs historically, structurally, and in practice as forms of global performance migrate over time, through space, and across national boundaries. In relationship to the conference theme Theatre and Migration theatre, I explore a line of thinking that puts global theatre history into dialogue with motion. My essay focuses on the relationship between Olympic idealism and its cultural expression in the Olympic spectacle. I examine the 1912 Stockholm Summer Olympics, which introduced the first mass gymnastic display in the opening ceremony. The inclusion of mass gymnastic demonstrations not only helped to popularize the social and educational values of sport, but also asserted the power of the national body within the spread of the physical culture movement in Europe. I align the coupling of sport and performance as movement system of cultural practice rather than as a specific theatre or performance genre, acknowledging while also expanding on its meaning beyond categories, such as scenography, site-specific performance, or public performance. Such transnational forms of theatre and performance often forge complex systems that remain transient yet also contain reproductive power and competing ideological frameworks. By exploring how mass gymnastics popularized the Olympic movement, I consider how patterns and phrases in the performance of sport encourage the intercommunication of motion in transnational and global theatre history.

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THEORIES OF ORIGIN RECONSIDERED: NARRATIVES OF MIGRATION AND CENTRAL ASIA IN TURKISH THEATRE HISTORIOGRAPHY

With the founding of the Turkish Republic, longstanding debates over the nature of Turkish theatre and whether an indigenous Turkish theatrical culture existed at all, took on a new urgency. Since the 1850s, prominent literary figures had been arguing over the pasts, presents and futures of Turkish theatre. Some favoured European-style productions and dramatic literature over unwritten “degenerate” popular performances while others argued for the retention of traditional practices after reforming them along Western lines and it was the beginnings of the 20th century when these debates were dominated by theories of origin. Casting the Turks out from the Aryan heritage and denying them Hellenic roots, ending Western narrative had long seen them as barbarian nomads occupying the lands where once the ancestors of European civilisations lived. In the 1930s, Turkish scholars, -driven by romantic nationalism- appropriated and recast this narrative. After a series of conferences, ‘Turkish History Thesis’ was formulated in accordance with politicised disciplines such as archaeology, anthropology and linguistics. The major claim was that there had been a diffusion of Turks from Central Asia – the cradle of civilisations - towards Anatolia - the bridge between East and West- via waves of migration over thousands of years and this migratory history was supposed to give Turkish civilisation its distinctive national identity. This paper explores how Turkish theatre historians turned such accounts into an explanation for the diversity of Turkish theatre and into a reconstruction of theatrical past. In particular, it demonstrates how the prevailing origin theories enabled theatre scholars to suggest links between the shaman’s drum and Greek dithyramb while celebrating the blend of Byzantium mime with Chinese shadows of Karagöz. It concludes by discussing how Turkish theatre historiography was thus provided with a secular narrative of westward progress starting from Central Asian origins.

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THE MIGRATION OF STORIES: ON WAEL SHAWKY’S INTERCULTURAL NARRATIVES

The ongoing violent changes in the geopolitical map of the Middle East reveal the complex sociopolitical and economic relations between the West and the Arab region, both historical and of today. The present paper aims at exploring Wael Shawky’s The Song of Roland. The Arabic Version Theater der Welt 2017 as an exemplary music performance which confronts issues of national and religious identity by the migration of cultures, traditions and stories. Based on an extensive periods of research, this latest stage work reflects the current power struggles in the Middle East from an Arab point of view. Arguing that there is no one single historical truth neither a linear historical narration, the Egyptian interdisciplinary artist revisits the epic poem La Chanson de Roland, one of the earliest major works of French literature which tells the story of Charles the Great and his nephew Roland’s war against the Saracens in what is now Spain. Shawky translates the 11th century poem into Classical Arabic and perform it with a fidjeri ensemble, a vocal music sung by the pearl divers of the Persian Gulf states. Having already used fidjeri in The Cabaret Crusades 2010-2015, his acclaimed film trilogy on the Crusades with marionettes, he is now working with the musicians on stage. Interweaving various mediums and traditions far beyond neocolonial interpretations of Islam, Shawky reinvents avant-garde theatre and more specifically Brecht. By appropriating an old music, he explores epic methods of de-dramatization and alienation in order to question dogmatic models of narration and representation. Through a detailed analysis of his musical and theatrical installation, this paper analyzes the discursive quality of Shawky’s project as an intercultural experiment which questions current political events and dominant versions of history while redefining the very notion of spectatorship.

Key Words
intercultural, interdisciplinary, history, installation

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ZOMBIE PERFORMANCE IN ITALIAN INTERMEDIAL THEATRE

Belgian director Fabrice Murgia stages in 2011 the show “Exils”. He imagines a relation between zombie and migrants. Migrant, like zombie, has no identity, and as the sociologist Oliver Marchart noticed “zombie wave reminds tv images where thousands of African migrants undermine European enclave”. We are going to investigate the zombie character as a significant figure in some Italian theatrical productions, constituted between Theatre and digital media. In particular we focus on the work called “Zombitudine” by company Timpiano/Fossini and on the project Artist=Zombie by Giacomo Verde. “Zombitudine” project 2014 unifies horror imagination, aesthetics and logics of tv series, b-movies, besides happening ad social protest. The company imagines a zombie apocalypse in which two actors take refuge in an old theatre. This project has a big transmedial value because the show is surrounded by happenings with common people, who join actors by the internet with flashmobs, promoting on street zombie awareness. These performance are then uploaded on youtube by the company and become extra contents of its spectacle. Finally the project includes a series of workshops to educate human body to the zombie body logics. Giacomo Verde, for his part, sees in zombie bodies the possibility to think at a body open to a sense production, a body that symbolically feeds of real and expels excremental simulacra. On this basis Verde organizes a series of performances: Artist=zombie 2013, Zombie: To Be or not to Be? 2013, I’m a Target 2013 and Warhol Zombie 2013. Starting from these experiments it is possible to define a zombie performers’logics, suspended between digital media and stage, between rotten bodes and digital doubles, until the embodiment of digital media.

Key Words
zombie theatre, zombie media, intermediality theatre, migrant wave
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INTO THE VOID – EXAMINATION ON NON-HUMAN PERFORMATIVITY, ERRORS AND IMMERSION

Video games are a notorious for their immersive nature: the helpless player is sucked into a world of passive spectacle, from which they are unable to retreat. A harrowing but untrue scene – the player is anything but passive. Not only is gaming an active, physical experience, but also the mental engagement with certain kinds of games is much more complex than passive receiving. Gordon Calleja has argued that certain types of games invite players to inhabit the game environment, the virtual world. The world is in that sense real to the player, as the players’ actions have an effect on the world, and the world has an effect on the player. Video games are performative, the world is created through common sign language transgressing borders of materialities. In this paper, I analyse non-human performativity based on new materialist theory see eg. Bennett, Dolphijn & van der Tuin, Barad. The main goal of this approach is to reconsider the position of humans: new materialism is a way to tackle the possible mental numbness caused by immersion. I argue that the non-human performer – especially when talking about video games – is able to reveal their agency through an error. This error can be technical, visual or auditive. Through game play examples I will demonstrate how performership can be a way to tackle the possible mental numbness caused by immersion.

Key Words
immersion, performance, video games

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APPICATION & TECHNOLOGIES OF THE “OTHER”: PERFORMING NEURODIVERGENCE AND “OBSCENE IMMORTALITY” IN VR APPS

“There’s an app for that”®, the trademarked slogan originating from Apple’s iPhone 3G commercial in 2009, rapidly became an ironic meme, remixed by internet users to parody the hollow promise of limitless app-based solutions to life’s complex and innumerable problems. The proliferation and promotion of health-related mindfulness apps in work-related contexts has been criticized because they constitute workers as ‘self-managed’ and ‘responsibilised’, consigning the user to isolation in digital culture and making them responsible for their own wellbeing as the ‘ideal neoliberal subjects’ (Gill and Ngaire: 2016 98). Correspondingly, experiential theatre apps could be critiqued as a kind of ‘self-service’ theatre, emerging at a time when neoliberalism is firmly passing on the responsibility for the purchase of goods and services to consumers. But in the third sector, VR apps are increasingly being used to position a downloading public within simulations of neurodiverse experiences, such as the sensory overload of a 10-year-old autistic boy in a shopping centre in Autism TMI Virtual Reality Experience or as a nascent form of digital reminiscence theatre to ameliorate the lives of people with Alzheimer’s disease by transporting them to historical events of shared cultural significance in The Wayback. SlavojŽižek has argued that video games interpellate the gamer into a specific mode of subjectivity – immersion in the ‘undead’ space of video games offers an ‘obscene immortality’ in which after every destruction the player can return to the beginning and start the game again Žižek 2017. But how might we read the taking up of simulated first-person perspectives ‘inside’ ostensibly fragile virtual bodies in light of the impunity of ‘obscene immortality’? Especially when ‘immersion’ in fields such as simulation-based training in healthcare principally concerns the belief that ‘the consequences of the actions taken are represented as if they would occur in a real situation, even though they are not’ Hagiwara et al 2016. References: Gill, Rosalind and NgaireDonaghe 2016, ‘Resilience, Apps and Reluctant Individualism: Technologies of Self in the Neoliberal Academy’, in Womens Studies International Forum. Elsevier. 54: 91-99. Hagiwara, Magnus Andersson, Per Backlund, Hanna MaurinSöderholm, Lars Lundberg, Mikael Lebram and Henrik Engström 2016 ‘Measuring Participants’ Immersion in Healthcare Simulation: The Development of an Instrument’. Advances in Simulation. 1:17. Žižek, Slavoj 2017 ‘The Obscene Immortality and its Discontents’. International Journal of Žižek Studies. 11.2. http://zizekstudies.org/index.php/IJS/article/view/1016

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ATTENTION IN THE CELLULAR AGE: MOBILE PHONES AND THEATRE PRACTICE

Galit Wellner 2015 suggests that we now live in the cellular age. Indeed, the mobile phone has nearly reached a hundred-percent rate of penetration of the global population, it has seeped into virtual and real public spheres as well as private lives Goggin and Hjorth 2014 and it is often experienced as an extension of the user’s identity and indeed the user’s body Fortunati 2014. The use of mobile phones has also been problematized in relation to etiquettes of theatre attendance Home-Cook 2015 Richardson 2014 and has been connected to a decrease in student academic performance Lepp et al 2015. Within these discussions, the attention of students as well as theatre audiences is often understood as the prize for which performers and performer trainers have to fight in a battle with the mobile phone. Drawing on a year-long fellowship on the use of mobile phones for the development of digital creativity in performing arts and beyond University of Leeds, this paper has two interconnected aims. It will first seek to analyse in what ways mobile phone use in theatre practice can become a problem. Based on this analysis, it will argue that an understanding of attention as scarce and disrupted is no longer an adequate explanatory framework. It will rather claim that performing and performance in general, offer alternative models of attention that move beyond the focus-distraction divide. Utilising the post-phenomenological concept of multistability Ihde 1990 Verbeek 2005, this paper will also argue that theatre practice can offer strategies towards appropriating mobile devices for creative purposes. Thus, this paper aims to address two areas of the CfP: the focus on attention economy and the way intermediality can serve as a practice-based research methodology. It is also proposed as part of a shared panel with the Scenography WG.

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EXPLORING THE AFFORDANCES AND INTENTIONALITIES OF VIRTUAL REALITY AND MOTION CAPTURE IN THE HAMLET PROJECT WITH CREW

In my contribution to the preconceived panel on our Hamlet-project with CREW, I would like to introduce a further developed concept of intermediality with a focus on the performative aspects of the technologies which are used in the project, namely virtual reality VR and motion capture MoCap. These technologies will be discussed in terms of their affordances Gibson 1966 and 1979, indicating possibilities of interaction, and intentionalities Don Ihde 1990 and 2002, characterizing the triadic relationships between human beings, technologies and their lifeworlds. In my sign-pragmatic and postphenomenological approach of intermediality I will discuss how we can learn from the technologies we use in or project, in particular with regard to how media technologies provide or facilitate specific forms of performativity in terms of world-making, staging which assumes performing as well as spectating, self-referencing and self-reflecting Kattenbelt 2010. The underlying question is: what is it that we do with media and what is it that media do with us? In order to understand our project within the broader context of our mediatized culture and society, I will focus on matters of play, performance and participation. Gibson, James Jerome. 1966. The Senses Considered as Perceptual Systems. Houghton Mifflin, Boston. Gibson, James Jerome. 1979. The Ecological Approach to Visual Perception. Houghton Mifflin, Boston. Ihde, Don. 1990. Technology and the Lifeworld: From Garden to Earth. Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press. Ihde, Don. Bodies in Technology. 2002. Minneapolis and London: University of Minnesota Press. Kattenbelt, Chiel. 2010. “Intermediality in Performance and as a Mode of Performativity” in Mapping Intermediality in Performance, edited by Bay-Cheng, Sarah, Chiel Kattenbelt, Andy Lavender and Robin Nelson, 29-37. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

Key Words
Intermediality, performativity, virtual reality, motion capture, affordance, intentionality, agency
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MIGRATORY SOUNDS: THEATRE AURALITY AND RESONANCE IN PERFORMANCE

Theatre aurality refers to emerging practices of sonic-led theatre and a critical field of theatre and performance analysis. It explores sound in and as theatre it refers to the phenomenal and discursive field of theatre sound and to the structures in which sounds occur the socio-political and philosophical, as well as the aesthetic. Theatre Aurality is, in many ways an intermedial field, even theatre made purely through sound is by no means a rejection of light, sight and vision, rather theatre sound recasts these on its own terms. One the ways in which this takes place is through movement. We know that sound travels and it is often assumed that it immerses sound moves and surrounds, but it can be directional and specific as well as encompassing. Working with sound as theatre is an important manoeuvre from stasis it disrupts fixed positions and blatantly ignores borders. In theatre practice, sound has the capacity to propel audiences, to migrate listeners in ways that invite encounter across divides. Yet distance is as important as proximity in the encounter in particular, resonance involves movements away from as well as towards and through borders. This paper will articulate some of the ways in which sound migrates in performance, the experience of proximity and distance within it and will consider how sound creates the conditions for an encounter with identity and difference. Drawing on the philosophy of Jean-Luc Nancy and his theories of resonance and syncope, I will explore the movement of sound through feeling and hapticity and how it can literally move its audience without recourse to the ocular and the borders of visual representation.

Key Words
Aurality Sound Border Stasis Resonance Nancy

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UNTANGLING THE VISIOPHONIC KNOT: AUDIO-VISUAL IMMERSION IN INTERMEDIATE PERFORMANCE

This paper explores the relationship and reception of audio and visual mediation in productions such as Vox Motus’s _Flight_ in which sound and visual content are distributed via separate media platforms. In his analysis of the listening experience of the headphone-wearer, Jean-Paul Thibaud refers to the ‘visiofonic knot’ to describe the point of convergence between the audible and the visible. Thibaud describes the experience of headphone-listening as involving harmony between themusic, the listener’s body and the exterior environment. This paper explores moments of disharmony, where asynchronicity between the audio and visual in intermedial performance result in an untangling of the visiofonic knot. These moments of sensory unsettlement draw attention to sensory bias and stage audio-visual calibration, making the listener acutely aware of their own perceptual processing. While the individual audio and visual media streams may each proffer immersive content, the potential for asynchronicity across these streams enforces a kind of critical awareness, a reflective immersion, that distances the consumer from the medium itself. The separation of audio-visual information streams and the potential for disharmony in audio-visual processing, stands in contrast to the kind of synaesthesia that is often associated with immersion in digital performance environments. As such, this paper will position asynchronicity and sensory disjunction in audio-visual installations within the context of post-digital aesthetics, and suggest its relevance as a postdigital strategy for disrupting digital immersion.

Key words
audio-visual, intermediality, headphones, post digital, installation
BeTweeN poTeNTIal aNd acTualIza TIoN IN corpora TIzed TheaTreS of vIrTual realITy

When Brian Massumi 2002 invoked virtuality as a site of potentiality from which a new becoming was possible, virtual reality technologies were largely out of reach of the everyday consumer. Writing fifteen years later, Mathew Causey 2016 argues that ideologies of the virtual and analog are no longer useful as distinct spaces and affects. Mediatization and technogenesis allows us to enter a postdigital condition where the virtual is real and the real is virtual. With today’s corporate entities having taken the vanguard on the deployment of interactive virtual tech, what are the ethical and political consequences for embodied subjectivities that navigate the in-between of commercially driven VR performances? This essay investigates the use of virtual immersion as a market-driven aesthetic placed on twenty-first century performance practices. Through critical readings of the VR game Farpoint and The Void’s Ghostbusters: Dimension “Hyper-Real” extension of the 2016 film reboot, I question how haptics in virtuality offer potentiality via embodied and performative spectatorship. I argue, this potential is subverted through capitalism and entertainment economics. Arguing for a posthuman mode of understanding contemporary spectators, I explore the affective consequences of expanding the reach of the human body into commodified virtual spaces. How will “becoming” avatars affect our potential to resist the control of the multi-national corporations who develop and deploy the games and experiences accessed virtually? As the virtual becomes more real through multi-sensory engagement, who will control the flow to global politics, ethics, and community building?

Key Words
Virtual Reality, Affect, Embodiment, Spectatorship, Corporatized, Gaming, Ethics, Avatars

SHAKEPSEARE IN CYBERTHEATRE

This paper examines the challenges of applying VR and MoCap to staging Shakespeare. It briefly analyses uses of cybertechnologies in The Tempest the RSC and To Be With Hamlet NYU. These two very different projects exemplify distinctive approaches to the incorporation of technology in performance. They also provide a valuable context for the discussion of staging strategies adopted in an on-going Practice as Research project, Hamlet Encounters by CREW. Drawing on insights from these three examples, the paper explores the potential of cybertechnologies for theatre, particularly for staging the textual complexity of Shakespeare’s plays. Recent applications of VR headsets and MoCap suits on stage suggest the experience of audiences and the boundaries of theatre as a medium might be expanded by these means. At the same time, it is clear that practitioners and researchers still need to develop effective strategies for the use of cybertechnologies in staging dramatic texts. The key question is: How can VR and MoCap be meaningfully applied to stage a play? More specifically, how can these technologies support the design of the production, the dramaturgy of the text, and the experience of the audience?

Key Words
Shakespeare, Hamlet, cybertechnologies, dramaturgy, Practice as Research
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MEMORY AS WUNDERKAMMER: ‘THE SEVEN STREAMS OF THE RIVER OTA’ AND ‘THE DRAGONS TRILOGY’ BY ROBERT LEPAGE

Geography is the symbol of the theatre of Lepage, with its internationalist and multicultural voca-
tion the East has been explored by Lepage since the Eighties, in The trilogy of the dragons on the families of Chinese immigrants in Canada, 1985 in Le sev sept branches de la rivière Ota inspired by the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, 1995 in Le dragon blue 2008. His shows inspired to the East present shadow plays, for remembering the great tradition of the Javanese theater the wayang and Chinese the piyungxi combined with the live video projections together they create a game and an exchange between the frontal part and that behind the scene, both live action space of actor and machine scenography in movement. Lepage inaugurates the archive age. The archival impulse - theorized by the American critic Hal Foster - is one of the themes underlying the work of Lepage in which History has become a simplified paradigm: without producing shock and without inspiring a documentary analysis, it has lost its connotations dramatic to become a Wunderkammer, hypertrophic collection of “mirabilia” of contemporary culture. The great moments of the History Hiroshima, postcolonial Algeria, separatist Québec, Communist China, reconstructed on a reduced scale, are a film already seen, a slogan for commercials: in this familiar dimension the protagonists are not “witnesses” but “testimonial”. No systematic cataloging of events, no mapping, no reportage: the reconstruction of memory is given by fragmentation

Key Words
Media theatre, Multicultural theatre, Robert Lepage, Orientalism, Tecnological theatre, video the-
atre, Memory and theatre

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PERFORMING IN SOLITUDE: THE LONELY MACHINE/PARTICIPANT IN NETWORKED ENVIRONMENTS

Robert Coplan and Julie Bowker identify solitude as ‘a ubiquitous phenomenon’ and claim that ‘His-
torically, solitude has been considered both a boon and a curse, with artists, poets, musicians, and philosophers both lauding and lamenting being alone’ 2014, 3. Speculating on our highly connect-
ed, augmented and networked reality, this paper explores how performance in its conception and reception is constantly informed by experiences of solitude and/or shared solitude. The aim of this paper is to discuss the role of solitude in performance contexts where the former seems to antago-
nise as well as transform the noise, crowds, and indoctrinated participation of experience economy. Reflecting on different artworks by CREW, Blast Theory, Gob Squad, and Julian Hetzel, this presen-
tation explores how the interactions and exchanges between human and non-human singularities redefine performance subjectivity and questions existing ecologies while postulating the potentiality of non-anthropocentric environments. Rather than creating a collective experience, some of these performance encounters foreground and often displace individual audience’s contribution, test the probability and/or possibility of singularity, either in relation to machine’s dexterity and why not virtuosity or their overall intelligence. The role of the digital is integral and yet not causal in these performance encounters foreground and often displace individual audience’s contribution, test the probability and/or possibility of singularity, either in relation to machine’s dexterity and why not virtuosity or their overall intelligence. The role of the digital is integral and yet not causal in these performances of solitude, where all participants are potential solitary authors that contribute to, disrupt and become involved in a collective narrative. Solitude appears as an inextricable part of performing and performance engagement between spectators, performers, and technologies. The paper finally asks whether machines and humans are two different sets of singularities, or just soli-
tary components of the same ecology/ies.

Key Words
Solitude, Digital, Networked Performance, Singularity
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PAR AND CREW’S “HAMLET ENCOUNTERS”

Drawing upon the Hamlet Encounters project in development by Brussels-based company CREW, this paper offers a working example of professional practice as Practice as Research PaR. Bearing out Nelson’s 2013 model of praxis theory imbricated within practice, the presentation illustrates the iterative interplay of modes of knowing and the heuristic processes of both professional practice and PaR. It reveals how informing ideas ‘know that’ are intertwined with new and established artistic practices ‘know how’ and reflected upon critically ‘know what’ in both intelligent professional practice and PaR methodology. Hamlet Encounters created by CREW involve a VR immersion combined with motion capture set in a theatrical frame. Consonant with the conference theme, Hamlet Encounters take experiencers on a journey through time and space inviting them to confront, and reflect on, codes of honour and the ethics of action, both today and in eC17. Shakespeare’s Hamlet presents a dynamic sensibility confronting a moment of intellectual and ethical ferment and, as Hamlet discovers in Shakespeare’s dramaturgy, to do nothing is to take a position. Likewise, today, what is to be done in a world of fake news where bearings on ‘reality’ are slipping fast? Who can be believed? To do or not to do: take a suicide exit or take arms against a sea of troubles?

Key Words
PaR, digital culture, intermediality, ethics

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INTERNET, THEATRE AND NATIONAL IDENTITY: THE DIS-UNITED KINGDOM AND ITS NATIONAL THEATRES

The paper examines national identity and nationhood in online theatre and performance in ‘small’ nations to investigate emergent economic, social and political implications and interactions of theatre and the Internet with physical space and society. In particular, I will look at the cases of the National Theatres in Wales and Scotland - they are both key examples of ‘small’ National Theatres that use the Internet to produce online performances - in comparison with the digital innovation practices of the Royal National Theatre in London. National Theatre Wales NTW has no permanent building instead, NTW created an online Community blog from the very beginning of its existence, a website that serves as a venue for artists, audience and the community to engage with and participate in the company’s work. According to Steve Blandford, national theatre institutions of newly developed nations, such as Wales and Scotland, adopt ‘radical non-building-based models’ that reflect the spirit of ‘democratic engagement’ within their old yet emerging national context and represent their national identity 2013, p. 12. However, as noted on The German Society for Contemporary Theatre and Drama in English CDE 27th Annual Conference call for papers SCUDD, 21 October 2016, ‘definitions of both nation and nationhood are being stretched on both sides of the [referendum on Britain’s EU membership – ‘exit or remain’] question’, affecting not only the ‘Dis-United Kingdom’ but governments worldwide. This paper will address these on-going social and political changes, referring to National Theatre’s ‘My Country: a work in progress’ 2017, National Theatre Wales’ with the Space ‘Bordergame’ 2014 and National Theatre of Scotland’s ‘The Adam world choir Eve/Adam’ 2016–17 productions.

Key Words
cyberformance, nationhood, national theatre, online theatre, small nations
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DEVISING A SPACE WITH DRAMATURGICAL INTELLIGENCE

The talk leverages on an ongoing project of CIRMA www.cirma.unito.it named DoPPioGioco: an interactive storytelling performance that presents a digitally enhanced model of performer-audience communion, based on an intelligent prompt system the model has been implemented as a prototype. The audience response is taken into account through emotion detection the performer decides about her/his attitude towards the audience the intelligent prompt advises the performer about how to continue the story, and the appropriate digital contents are automatically selected accordingly. Along the history of digital performance there has been an important focus on the interaction among the performer’s physical actions and other elements of the performance such as objects, devices, and digital contents. Nevertheless, there is another relevant line of research and experimentation that uses AI methodologies to enhance the actor’s activity. The talk grounds on this line and uses the DoPPioGioco as an example to put forth the theoretical implication of a performance where the algorithm is part of the dramaturgical process that governs the performance and participate to the final outcome. Thus, at the crossing of three relevant and broad notions digital performance, interactive storytelling, audience engagement I discuss the idea of an interactive dramaturgical space where the actor–audience relation is the center of an event that is augmented and assisted by an intelligent model of dramatic stories that takes into account the emotion of the audience and produce a virtual environment, and where the gaming experience breaks the fourth wall.

Key Words
drama, interactive storytelling, game, artificial intelligente, enhanced performance

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INTERMEDIATE BOARDERLINES: PERFORMANCE CAPTURE AND ITS PREHISTORY

In an article ten years ago, I suggested that Performance Studies had not found adequate analytical modes to come to terms with digital performance, virtual reality, or CGI, and that a turn to Posthumanism might allow us to recuperate categories such as presence and body. Since then, performance capture technology which has emerged from motion capture to offer the possibility of creating a comprehensive spatio-temporal simulacrum, has re-sutured the physical presence of the performer but also redefined it, making him or her a cyborgian performer in an increasingly fluid relationship to the utilized technology, within a posthuman medial construct. Andy Serkis, who as Gollum in Lord of the Rings or Caesar in Planet of the Apes has become identified with performance capture at the same time that he is, paradoxically, utterly concealed by it, argues that it is no different than any process you go through to create a role, whether you’re on a stage, or in front of a screen in a more conventional sense. The actors performance is the actors performance. But such a simplification acknowledges only Serkiss own insistence on maintaining his grounding in prior processes within a radically changed medial environment. In truth, performance capture challenges the phenomenology of performance as well as its semiotics as Philip Auslander has recently argued, the technology shifts the nature of film acting away from its indexical functions it scrambles institutional and legal categories neither the Screen Actors Guild nor AMPAS have recognized its operational distinctions and as an extractive process open to unlimited remediation, it poses a significant problem for the ethics of performance. In tracing the history of this debate, the paper also rewrites by exactly 100 years to set it into the context of the crisis posed to acting by the cinematographic apparatus.

Key Words
performance capture posthumanism film acting
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DRAWING AND ANIMATION IN MARCEL•LÍ ANTÚÑEZ ROCA’S TECHNOLOGICAL THEATRE

Marcel•LíAntúnez Roca is considered one of the fathers of technological performance for the use of digital systems and robotic machines. That’s because in his performances he does not realize a simple juxtaposition of languages, rather he creates a perfect hybridization that combines acting, body, digital technologies, robotic machines, audiovisual elements. But in spite of this, all the elements of his scene depend on an artisan practice to which the artist is closely linked: drawing. In his works, drawing is not just design but dramaturgy, which replaces writing and defines all the phases of creation, working in three ways. 1 Drawing that, through the practice that the artist calls Dibujos-Raíces Drawings-Roots, delineates concept and dramaturgy. 2 Drawing that designs robotic devices and staging. 3 Finally, the Dibujos-Raíces are transformed into interactive animation and become elements of the scene, characters that the artist, like a puppeteer, controls with the help of machines and sensors. It can be said that Antúnez Roca, following the post-dramatic theatre, works with a visual dramaturgy, in which the drawing organizes the articulation of all the elements of his scene.

Key Words
Drawing Visual Dramaturgy Interactive Animation Technological Performance Robotic Theatre Interaction Design

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WHEN ROBOTS BREATHE: DISLOCATION AND NON-HUMAN PERFORMERS

In this presentation I seek to examine how robotic voices as non-human performers trouble the human/non-human binary and challenge the stasis of anthropocentrism. While I acknowledge the current discourse around posthumanism and cyborgs, this paper embraces an ecological perspective, one that considers the multiple relationships between humans, the environment and the other-than-human world. I will follow recent ecological scholarship Morton 2016 Lavery 2016 Donald 2016 to suggest that the presence of robotic voices in performance can unsettle the boundaries between the natural and the artificial, the organic and the technological. I will examine Solastalgia 2018, a sonic journey guided by robotic voices, which took place in total darkness and resulted from my practice research. Coined by philosopher Glenn Albrecht, Solastalgia is a feeling of dislocation or distress caused by environmental change. Unlike nostalgia – which in its original meaning refers to homesickness and distress when one is separated from home – Solastalgia is ‘the homesickness you have when you are still at home’, the recognition that the place in which one resides is changing and crumbling Albrecht 2003, 2012. By placing the audience together with non-human performers in darkness, Solastalgia sought to echo the dislocating experience of Solastalgia, and to draw attention to the encounter with the non-human and its significance for thinking about climate and environmental change. Thus, at a time when robots tell jokes, sweat or even gain citizenship, this paper will consider the aesthetic, ecological and political role of non-human performers, in order to highlight the voice non-humans might have physically and politically beyond performance, and what might happen if we listen to it.

Key Words
Robots, non-human, voice, homesickness, dislocation, ecology, politics
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DEATH AND THE MIGRATION OF IDENTITY: SOCIAL MEDIA TRACES AS PERFORMANCE

Currently, the lives and memories of most people in developed countries are expressed and accompanied by electronic communication, their social media interaction and their collections of data such as photographs, video and music. The relationship between people and their social media lives becomes particularly problematic after death and increasingly, as people prepare for death, they reflect on their identity and attempt to shape their digital legacy as their identity migrates from the corporeal to the virtual. This fifteen minute paper will explore migration of identity following death through an analysis of theatre company Dante or Diē’s User Not Found. In the performance, the central character experiences bereavement and mourning via the digital traces of his dead partner and the performance focuses on the relationship between life, death, identity and social media, using immersive technology developed specifically for the performance. The performance is part of the project, ‘User Not Found: Social Media Technologies as Immersive Performance’, an AHRC/ESPRC funded research project in the Creative Economy Programme. The project is designed to enhance immersivity and participation in theatre via software applications that can form an integral part of a performance. It brings together academics, Dante or Diē and the technology agency Marmelo to explore how to exploit the capabilities of live interactive social media technologies to engage with spectators both collectively and individually. The paper will analyse how performance integrating social media can represent and analyse the contemporary, uncanny, posthumous migration of identity into the virtual.

Key Words
Death, social media, immersivity, interactivity, virutality

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EXTRA/ORDINARY ORGASMS: OMGYES AND THE VIRTUAL DISCIPLINING OF SEXUAL PLEASURE

Since 2015, the sex education platform OMGYES has been working on closing the orgasm gap. The website, aimed at improving the female orgasm, offers videos and ‘hands-on’ touch screen interactions to teach its users different techniques of external sexual stimulation. Having collected research data from approximately 2000 women, the websites presents its data via videos of women demonstrating on their own vulvas via touch screen. Ordinary female bodies stand in for bodies of data. This paper analyzes how the affective performances of these data bodies effect the performance of the female orgasm. It interrogates how the user’s technical interactions with these data bodies structure and interpret cultural narratives of female desire. Implementing Harvey and Gill’s concept of the “sexual entrepreneur,” it dissects the website’s emphasis on technique over fantasy or desire, its sterile design, its implicit encouragement of self-surveillance, and its techno-plastic transference of erotic touch. This critical analysis of the OMGYES explores the entanglements of the data bodies disciplining function and neoliberal iterations of sexual entrepreneurship. It draws out key questions surrounding claims of neutrality and feminist emancipation in the context of sextech and data representation.

Key Words
Data bodies, sex-tech, sexual entrepreneurship, female orgasm, techno-plastic touch
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**MANUFACTURING ‘DISSENT’ IN THOUGHTS THAT CAN BE DANCED, AN INTERMEDIAL TANGO PERFORMANCE**

One of the key concepts behind public democratic debate is that of representation. This representation may commonly be understood as a representation of political interests of a group of people, and an image of the people as a political grouping. Rancièreproblematises the notion of political representation by calling it ‘the distribution of the sensible’. He argues that this representation is not an image based on a mimetic relationship to a ‘real’ community, but one that functions within the logic of a particular political strategy. He defines this as a modality of representation which produces and maintains a certain political ‘consensus’. He then defines a second modality that of ‘dissensus’ which has the capacity to disrupt the former by creating ‘a modification of the co-ordinates of the sensible’. This paper will focus on Thoughts that can be Danced, an intermedial tango performance devised by Karoline Gritzner, BiljanaLipic, Stephen Ellis and myself. My particular focus will be on the intermedial strategies and digital scenography which I designed for the piece. The paper will assess the possibilities of these intermedial aesthetics to challenge and reflect upon the mechanisms which produce the ‘the distribution of the sensible’ within contemporary global culture and try to locate intermedial practice as a potential praxis of ‘dissensus’.

In the first instance, the article will address how the piece stages CGI as a self-reflexive process of re-imaging and re-animating history, through an intermedial staging of the 2013 protests in Turkey where protesters decided to dance Tango as a form of street demonstration. It will then analyse how intermedial aesthetics interrupt the ‘the distribution of the sensible’ by interjecting what Rancière defines as ‘singular mechanisms of subjectification’. In the second instance, the article will look at the ‘sublime’ aesthetics of fractal graphics and their role in determining the symbolic constitution of the social within global media culture. With reference to specific examples from the piece, the paper will contend that the piece deconstructs and unsettles the sensory experience of the ‘sublime’ thus creating an intervention into ‘the distribution of the sensible’. Finally, the paper will contend that the piece foregrounds representation as an unstable concept which lies between the polarities of ‘perception’ and ‘sensation’, effectuating a politics of representation that constitutes a negotiation of the unstable grounds located between the processes of production of ‘consensus’ and ‘dissensus’.

**Key Words**
Intermedial dramaturgy neo-medievalism

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**EXPLORING THE AFFORDANCES AND INTENTIONALITIES OF VIRTUAL REALITY AND MOTION CAPTURE IN THE HAMLET PROJECT WITH CREW**

In my contribution to the preconceived panel on our Hamlet-project with CREW, I would like to introduce a further developed concept of intermediality with a focus on the performative aspects of the technologies which are used in the project, namely virtual reality VR and motion capture MoCap. These technologies will be discussed in terms of their affordances Gibson 1966 and 1979, indicating possibilities of interaction, and intentionalties Don Ihde 1990 and 2002, characterizing the triadic relationships between human beings, technologies and their lifeworlds. In my sign-pragmatic and postphenomenological approach of intermediality I will discuss how we can learn from the technologies we use in or project, in particular with regard to how media technologies provide or facilitate specific forms of performativity in terms of world-making, staging which assumes performing as well as spectatoring, self-referencing and self-reflecting Kattenbelt 2010. The underlying question is: what is it that we do with media and what is it that media do with us? In order to understand our project within the broader context of our mediatized culture and society, I will focus on matters of play, performance and participation. Gibson, James Jerome. 1966. The Senses Considered as Perceptual Systems. Houghton Mifflin, Boston. Gibson, James Jerome. 1979. The Ecological Approach to Visual Perception. Houghton Mifflin, Boston. Ihde, Don. 1990. Technology and the Lifeworld: From Garden to Earth. Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press. Ihde, Don. Bodies in Technology. 2002. Minneapolis and London: University of Minnesota Press. Kattenbelt, Chiel. 2010. “Intermediality in Performance and as a Mode of Performativity” in Mapping Intermediality in Performance, edited by Bay-Cheng, Sarah, Chiel Kattenbelt, Andy Lavender and Robin Nelson, 29-37. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

**Key Words**
Intermediality, performativity, virtual reality, motion capture, affordance, intentionality, agency
Working Groups

- MUSIC THEATER
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TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION IN MUSICALS: BOLLYWOOD ON THE BRITISH STAGE

This paper considers the migratory movement of music, song, dance and aesthetics from Bollywood films in India to being incorporated into musical theatre productions in Britain. It investigates the reasons for the increased popularity of Bollywood in Britain from the late 1990s, and the transnational connection to the economic liberalisation in India from the early 1990s that led to the development of a new type of Bollywood film which was also aimed at the NRI market. This has led to forms and aesthetics from the films being reproduced in theatre productions in Britain, causing a reconsideration of cultural codes and conventions that are found in such a translation and adaptation of medium and cultural context. The particular use of music, song and dance found in the films, and influenced by traditional forms of Indian theatre and performance, as well as philosophical approaches from the Natyashastra offer a somewhat different approach to the way that song and dance is understood within western musical theatre as well. The paper will discuss productions including Tamasha’s Fourteen Songs, Two Weddings and a Funeral 1998, an adaptation of the Bollywood film Hum Aapke Hain Koun... Andrew Lloyd Webber’s production of Bombay Dreams 2002 featuring music by film composer A. R. Rahman, including songs recycled from films and the re-performance of song and dance sequences from Bollywood films on stage in large-scale revue productions such as The Merchants of Bollywood. The influence of western musical theatre is now also being seen in India, with productions such as Feroz Abbas Khan’s recent stage musical adaptation of the historical epic film Mughal-e-Azam drawing in audiences to see the film recreated in the theatre, thus leading to further complex transnational migrations of musical theatre between India and Britain.

Key Words
Musical theatre Bollywood British theatre adaptation migration

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DOCUMENTARY GESAMTKUNSTWERK OR CAN LENIN SING?

During the early years of political “normalization” after the Russian-led invasion into Czechoslovakia in 1968, the Prague National Theatre produced a new Soviet opera of Ukrainian provenience titled 10 Days that Shook the World, based on John Reed’s infamous account of the Bolshevik Revolution. With a large cast, two choirs and scores of extras from the Czechoslovak People’s Army, it was the largest opera production the National Theatre ever put on. In this paper, I will probe the usefulness of the concept of the Gesamtkunstwerk for this particular junction of aesthetics and politics, where the myth making involved is shrouded in a documentary rhetoric of witness accounts and archival records. I am particularly interested in how this late-Soviet take on the total work of art positions itself in relation to film, in this case Eisenstein’s October 1928, and I will also touch upon the ramifications of the opera’s purported depiction of true events for its main protagonist’s ability to express himself in song. Last but not least, I will address the issue of using a transplanted Soviet model for the purposes of operatic “normalization” of the Czech nation after 1968, and ponder the failures of such aesthetico-political migration.

Key Words
Soviet opera, Gesamtkunstwerk, politics, song, migration
SOCIAL DANCE IN THE MUSICAL ALLEGIANCE: HOW THE DANCING BODY PERMEATES BOUNDARIES OF NATIONHOOD AND NATIONAL IDENTITY IN MUSICAL THEATRE

As part of the ongoing effort to find new ways to approach the interdisciplinary nature of musical theatre, this paper investigates how the embodied perspective brought forward by dance in musical theatre provides a unique method of permeating borders between “them” and “us.” Taking the 2015 Broadway musical Allegiance as the main object of study, this paper explores how dance, in particular social dance, becomes an integral component both as a universalizer and survival tactic towards defining nationhood and national identity, enabling greater understanding of how identity is shaped and embodied. Directed by Stafford Arima and choreographed by Andrew Palermo, Allegiance was motivated by the experiences of actor George Takei and his parents in a Japanese internment camp after World War II in rural Wyoming. This paper exposes how the dramaturgical structure of Allegiance uses swing dance to indicate identity and community. In so doing, Palermo employs social dances and music of the 1940s in the United States to break down racial tropes and demonstrate how dance in musical theatre can be used to indicate and inspire inclusion, compassion, and understanding across cultures. I argue Japanese bodies engaged in American social dances challenge common assumptions about America’s past, and how an embodied nostalgia inherent in the dance form recovers the notion that a Japanese body can also be American and a vital part of American culture. On a broader scale, this discussion explores how the interplay between social dance and the music it grows out of can be used in musical theatre as a way to understand longings for nationhood and how these longings are imbedded in a complex partnership between past and present. In this paradigm greater meaning is gained of embodied history, racial difference, and identity in the theatre and culture both in the United States.

Key Words
Musical Theatre, embodiment, social dance, Nationhood, nationality, identity, culture, racial difference, nostalgia, survival tactics

THE COSMOPOLITANISM OF KOREAN MUSICAL THEATRE

As South Korean musical theatre has flourished since the 1990s, Koreans have become extremely adept at producing their own versions of Broadway-style musicals. Despite the cosmopolitan musical and theatrical vernaculars employed by most of these musicals, however, their subject matter remains determinedly and uniquely Korean. Perhaps the most Korean of them all is the award-winning 2010 musical Seopyeonje, adapted from a 1976 short story by Yi Chung-jun that had been turned into “an unlikely hit [film] that dominated the box office in 1993” and is credited with having begun the Korean Wave (hallyu) in film.

The Korean-ness of all three versions is defined in several ways, but most notably by their inclusion of performances of pansori, the foremost traditional Korean musical theatre form (sometimes called “mono-opera,” performed by a solo singer and drummer), which dates back to the eighteenth century but which, at the end of the twentieth century, was being eclipsed by Western entertainment forms. The two adaptations of Seopyeonje use pansori—often characterized as utterly antithetical to Western musical performance styles—both to mourn the loss of an essential Korean-ness and to plea for pansori’s revitalization. Most important, however, both adaptations stage this plea using formulaic Western media styles. The musical, in particular, juxtaposes the musical conventions and structures of Broadway-style musicals against the guttural, explosive vocal techniques of pansori to produce a hybrid music drama (that incorporates the rock song “Proud Mary” as well as Wagner’s Wesendonck Lied, “Im Treibhaus”). Seopyeonje the musical thus epitomizes the kind of cosmopolitan hybridity at which Koreans excel, unleashing the elemental power of pansori within the framework of Western musical theatre.

Key Words
South Korea, pansori, Broadway musical, heritage performance, cosmopolitanism
This paper aims to identify networks of practices beyond the operatic work itself that might combine to enhance, neutralize or undermine an opera production’s ability to contribute creatively to current discourses around migration, refugees and displacement. It considers a number of recent opera performances in Germany and Denmark that attempt to engage with these issues in different ways. Critical approaches to the political aspects of opera are frequently thematically driven and work-focused, whether in terms of the ‘work’ of score and libretto, or in terms of a specific production on stage, often with a focus on the role of the director. Indeed, several works central to the current performance repertoire thematize population displacements, refugees and migration. On the face of it, therefore, opera and opera criticism are well placed to engage with and shape discourse on pressing contemporary matters despite the art form having a repertoire dominated by works at least a century old. However, an opera’s thematic engagement does not in itself necessarily encourage audience engagement with contemporary issues. This paper examines how aspects of operagoing might combine to influence – positively or negatively – audiences’ engagement with migration, asylum or displacement. Its case studies examine the ways in which approaches to such diverse issues as security policies, front-of-house practices, instrumentation and orchestration, programmes and cast lists, casting strategies, linguistic policies, season planning, merchandising and direct audience address beyond the performance can work together to encourage, distract from or otherwise shape discourse and action on migration, asylum and displacement, whether or not the opera-as-work thematizes these in terms of libretto and score or overt directorial intervention.

Key Words
Operagoing, migration, refugees, Germany, Denmark

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“IN AMERICA, THE STREETS ARE PAVED WITH GOLD”: U.S. NOSTALGIC CONSTRUCTIONS OF THE IMMIGRANT IN TITANIC, TRANSNATIONAL ITERATION, AND THE CONTEMPORARY MIGRANT

“I want to be a lady’s maid!” “An engineer!” “A millionaire!” “In America!” So sing the third-class passengers/immigrants in the first act of Maury Yeston’s and Peter Stone’s musical, Titanic, first performed at Virginia’s Signature Theatre. I am drawn to the production, not only as a possible and rather unique Seoul-to-Broadway migration, but also for its depiction of the third-class passengers, unmoored from U.S. nostalgic renderings of early 20th century immigration by a lack of embodied cultural/historical/hereditary knowledge within the audience and performers. Without radically altering Yeston’s score, this disconnect enables Titanic’s addressing of larger 21st century immigration issues, as does Schaeffer’s direction and, particularly, Paul Tate dePoo III’s set. By immersing the audience and performers in a series of gangways, bridges, and stairwells, Schaeffer and dePoo III replicate frightening aspects of migration – inadequate space, entrapment, and refused access to safety based on origin and class. In this paper, I will explicate how these and other dramaturgical ruptures from the original Broadway production’s proscenium storytelling and the musical text’s U.S. immigrant nostalgia allow for alternative audience affects that can seek to broaden and challenge U.S. and world understandings of current migrant crises.

Key Words
U.S. Immigrant Nostalgia, Titanic the musical, Audience Affect in Set Design, Death and the Immigrant
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“A PLAGUE O’ BOTH YOUR HOUSES”: AFFECTIVE FREQUENCIES IN TWO ROMEOES AND JULIETS

Ontologically, sound and music, as musicologists and psychoacousticians posit, move listeners. As affect, it migrates between bodies, as a body, and moves bodies to action. Laughter provokes new laughter noise triggers emotional and/or physiological responses in listening bodies Dance music, which stimulates movement in synchrony, acts as an ‘affective glue’. Such sonic affect is beyond cognition and always interpersonal, found in the intensities that move between bodies, body to body, human, nonhuman, part-body, and otherwise. It interchanges, transfers, and circulates between bodies and between these intensities and resonances themselves. This inter-personal, inter-bodily intensity, from one experiential state of the body to another, augments or diminishes that body’s capacity to act. In performance, such vibrational affects can be employed to regulate listening and dictate reception, and this paper will examine such politics of affective frequency in which the circulation and modulation of sound, as affective vibrational force, can shape perception, reception, agency and non-agency of the conscious, pre-conscious and post-conscious body. It will critically compare a musical adaptation and an intercultural variation of Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet – Jerome Robins’s West Side Story 2017 and the National Changgeuk Company of Korea’s Romyo and Juri 2009 – to explore affect as the state of what Brian Massumi defines as ‘in-betweenness’ – of acting and being acted upon, of movement and stasis. As music features prominently in musical and intercultural theatres that employ Asian performance traditions and can be said to be primary actants in the mise en scène and fundamental dramaturgical devices integral to the performance mode, such affective frequencies in performance have distinct effects on audience reception. Sound can regulate and move listening bodies, thereby modulating meaning and interpretation of what is seen they contain the ‘yet-ness’ to re-compose comprehension of Shakespeare’s revered tragedy.

Key Words
Sonic affect, vibrational affect, movement, West Side Story, Romyo and Juri

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MACBETH TO MATILDA: THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY’S MUSICALS

This paper will explore the musicality of RSC productions and consider whether it is theoretically possible to link all the RSC productions – from Macbeth to Matilda - along a continuum of musical practice a continuum that counters the historical separation of ‘plays with songs’ from ‘musicals’. Such musicality may result in practice from the presence of a permanent music department and the increasing amount of music being composed for all productions, the introduction of Christmas shows that are often musicals in all but name, and the increasingly hazy separation between plays with songs and musicals. The lyrical function of verse-speaking, and the rhythms its rhyme schemes and meters set up, slows down naturalistic time. When Hamlet delivers the soliloquy ‘to be or not to be’ the pace and poetry of events moves outside a ‘realistic’ sense of time. The same is true of song when Emile de Becque sings ‘Some Enchanted Evening’ in South Pacific the show expands into what Scott McMillin refers to as ‘lyric time’ for the character to sing in which is effectively a bubble of time 2006. Similar disruptions occur but because the story continues coherently and the characters expand on their psychological state audiences perceive both orders of time to be part of the fabric of the scene and story. The difference is that the tonal range is prescribed in song and the rhythm constrained by an accompaniment. However, the combination of the lyric qualities of voice and music, the poeticisation of language, and their effects in time and space unites musical theatre and Shakespearean productions.

Key Words
Musical Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company, Musicality
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“MUSICAL DRAматУРГY” AND MIGRATORY PRACTICES IN DEVELOPMENT

I am proposing a paper in relation to alternative approaches to ‘musical dramaturgy’ in relation to migrating and developing practices across Europe. This paper, which I am hoping will form part of a larger research project, specifically looks at and is presented in collaboration with Anna Helena McLean who trained and performed as a principal member of Gardzienice Centre for Theatre Practices for seven years. Now rebased in England, she works internationally developing her own training [ACT Actor-chorus-text Ensemble practice and Workshops] and extended performance practice with Moon Fool International Theatre and Music Exchange. The paper will be examining this case study as an example of a migrating practice which is developed, re-contextualised and re-imagined into the ACT approach. Primary material will be collected through interview and possible video examples/Skype conference with Anna if a bursary for covering her travel expenses cannot be provided. The main focus of the analysis lies in the ways the unfolding ‘musical dramaturgy’ guides the creative process and alternative hierarchies this creates in the rehearsal/performance. The paper will discuss possible connections between the centrality of ‘musical dramaturgy’ in ensemble theatre practice to the sociocultural and geopolitical context the original practice flourished in or flourished in response to, and how the developing migrating practice through the work of associated artists re-invents its hybrid identity in the new socio-political environment.

Key Words
migration, musical dramaturgy, Anna-Helena McLean

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VOICES IN STATE OF SIEGE

We are Voices in State of Siege. The pressure of neoliberal policies, implemented on a global scale in the West, requires the control of collective and individual actions, in a growing and sometimes imperceptible way. The semantic saturation of words serves political interests and has as a strategy the cover-up. The manipulation of words by propaganda establishes effective social control, which dispenses with military regimes. The article approaches a theatrical pedagogy as the construction of a course between master and apprentice in this minefield, based on a reverse, foreign, non-tempered listening.

Key words
State of Siege, Voice, Non-tempered listening
Working Groups

- PERFORMANCE AND DISABILITY
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I am a lecturer in theatre studies. I have made specific contributions to new understandings about learning disability and devising theatre. Through my practice as research I have made contributions to understanding a widening of aesthetic appreciation of work made by people with learning disabilities, awareness of culturally specific theatre practices and contributed to the debate about constructions of learning disability in the context of the social model of disability. I foreground the experiences of making work with people with learning disabilities, their concerns and interests and the complex interpersonal negotiations involved in this practice.

THE CENTRE OF THE WORLD

A migration from social, margins of dependency to an agentic unruliness, is an example and a possible intersection between disability cultures and geographic, occupational cultures. An intersection emerges that enables a migration from private margins to public domains in process and performance. I will develop a discussion of a process, the particular information and knowledge emerging within it, in the context of a migration from hidden experience into public display. I will consider my themes form practice via Virilio’s critique of progress and: ‘the synchronized democracy of public emotion that was to ruin the fragile balance of societies supposedly emancipated from real presence’ 2007,9. Unruly creative actions are real presence that throws out democracy and demands a new conduct. Warner’s Counterpublics will be recruited to consider how alternative modes of community and interest might intersect and perhaps suggest a communal structure that our group performs once a week and holds in our memories and imaginations throughout the year. His discussion on the public and the private draws attention to a category of the private that has: ‘no corresponding sense of public including: related to the individual, especially inwardness, subjective experience, and the incommunicable’ 2002,30. How does this migration of subjective experience that my colleague desires to communicate, into the public realm, contend with, or example Warner’s proposal of counterpublics whose: ‘participants are marked off from persons or citizens in general’? 56 Public emotion in real presence as Virilio recuperates, perhaps assert an antidote to virtual public emotion, coerced by the speed of the digital which is not available to my colleagues with learning disabilities.

Key Words
Private, Public, Challenge Agency

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STASIS AND DISABILITY: CHALLENGING MOBILITY ASSUMPTIONS IN THEATRE PRACTICE

Alberto Vega is a Chilean actor, playwright and director who has Locked-In Syndrome, a neurological condition characterized by preserved cognition, quadriplegia, aphonia, and, in some cases, some kind of preserved voluntary ocular movement. I started collaborating with him several years ago during the design and implementation of the assistive communication device he used to write and direct a play. However, he is yet to be included as an actor in a professional theatre production, an omission that speaks about exclusionary practices based upon assumptions of normalcy and ability that ignore the unique offerings of disabled bodies. My research project intends to question these assumptions by approaching the matter from a disability perspective, focusing on body diversity, and exploring how immobility may inform theatre practice as a creative perspective.

Key Words
disability, ableism, locked-in syndrome, movement, complex embodiment, diversity
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THERE ARE STORMS WE CANNOT WEATHER: DIALECTICS OF STASIS AND DYNAMISM IN THE CASE OF SUSAN BOYLE

Licia Carlson 2010 has outlined a conventional opposition between the static and the dynamic in learning disability, according to the potential improvability of the impairment. Within dramatic performance, representation has tended towards the static, with learning disabled protagonists acting as either the benchmark or the catalyst for the development of non-disabled characters. In relation to disease, rather than disability, Carlson 2010, p.28 offers an alternative definition of dynamism as ‘causing a disruption of the general equilibrium of human beings’. This is closer to the perceived dynamism of learning disabled performance, in which the performer troubles the equilibrium of its context, either by destabilising the form and meaning of the performance event. Broadly speaking, then, the interplay of stasis and dynamism in learning disabled performance centres on the tension between a performer who themselves remains static while simultaneously dynamising the context around them. Migration in such a situation is an impossibility, since performer cannot move and context cannot settle. The net result is often an impasse in which audience and performer are both immobilised by the event. In this paper, I shall examine this dialectic of stasis and dynamism through a consideration of the phenomenon of the Scottish singer Susan Boyle. Celebrated for her transformation in the 2009 television contest Britain’s Got Talent, I will argue that the event was ultimately non-migratory, and neither Boyle nor the audience accomplished the perceived move from learning disability to superstar. At the same time, a series of more nuanced interactions of the static and dynamic were happening within and around the event that open up the social and performative understandings of learning disability. Carlson, L. 2010 The Faces of Intellectual Disability: Philosophical Reflections. Bloomington: Indiana University Press

Key Words
Dialectics, stasis, dynamism, Susan Boyle, learning disability

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FREAKS OF CULTURE. BODILY NEGOTIATIONS OF SOLIDARITY IN REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE

In my thesis I am asking in which ways certain features of a disability aesthetics are related to societal utopia and alternative concepts of community. The underlying assumption being, as supported by the theories of Judith Butler and Victor Turner, that culture and identity are fluid and can be created and modulated through performative processes. The intertwining of two levels of performativity is of importance. The first one being the performativity of social interactions through which the second one is negotiated, namely the formal and effect aesthetics of a dance, theatre or performance piece. To examine this question I accompany three rehearsal processes led by three different artists and generate data with the help of the sociological approaches of participant observation and narrative interviews as well as interviews which I use for feedback on my interpretative analysis. The first rehearsal process is led by Vienna based performer and choreographer Michael Turinsky. His dance performance Reverberations deals with the tension as well as the potential joy in a playful oscillation between subjectification and objectification, concepts of the Marxian general intellect looking for a collective body in precarious times, as taken from Franco Berardi’s “The Uprising”, bodily features of the other that becomes self reverberating in different bodies. While my observation of the production process is currently ongoing, my intermediate findings suggest that alongside verbal discussions Turinsky communicates impulses through physical thinking and thus makes the performers adopt qualities of each others bodies, creating movements that follow a shared pattern, endowing a sense of solidarity on a physical basis, that is then individualised according to each performers own qualities. These echoes and their modulations resume into the rhythm of music, light and language, as if a singular bodys features got amplified and diversified until it reverberates on an atmospheric scale.

Key Words
disability disability aesthetics dance performance art solidarity
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MICRO-ACTIVIST AFFORDANCES: AN ECOLOGICAL APPROACH TO DISABILITY AND PERFORMANCE

Drawing on the materials of two ethnographies where I worked with differently disabled individuals, this paper proposes a materialist approach to disability through an out of the discipline contribution: A re-theorization of James Gibson's theory of affordances 1979 within the context of disability and performance. Originally developed in ecological psychology, affordances refer to the possibilities of action that emerge through the complementarity of organism-environment relations. When the concept is thought in relation to disability however, a strange paradox arises: Affordances originate in the mutuality of organism-environment relations disability issues precisely from their disruption. What to make of this anomaly that disability poses to the theory of affordances? Drawing from the visual materials of my fieldworks in Istanbul and in Quebec, I propose that we begin theorizing affordances not with the reciprocity of organism-environment relations, as in the way Gibson did, but with its very rupture. To this end, I bring in a series of mundane details and encounters, in which people with different forms of physical and sensory disabilities undertake tasks that are simple as standing up from a chair or as banal as buttoning a shirt. In view of these everyday choreographies, I then suggest the following reading of affordances: A disabled person, upon facing the limits of what the environment currently affords, may begin moving, sensing and acting in such particular ways that these action possibilities that she brings into life would not count as just another body technique. Instead, they would be the exteriorizations of the persons bodily singularities the expressions of her physical pain and/or ill health in the form of an otherwise unimaginable affordance. Drawing from Canguilhems 1989 insights into disease as a new way of life, I propose to consider these mundane practices as vital affordances.

Key Words: affordance, performance, disability, everyday life

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PERFORMING CITIZENSHIP

This paper will be a continuation from the paper last year where I presented What is cultural citizenship for people with learning disabilities? Artistic expression as acts of citizenship. I related – preliminary artistic expression and theatre to the notion of political agency and radical citizenship and democratization The CPRD article 30 states that person with learning disabilities have their right to take part in cultural life as any other - and the state should make sure equal access. And Article 30, number 2 is much more explicit on the right to expression than is being emphasized in the Norwegian context in the white paper NOU 2016:17. Art 30 Realizing human rights for persons with learning disability 2. States Parties shall take appropriate measures to enable persons with disabilities to have the opportunity to develop and utilize their creative, artistic and intellectual potential, not only for their own benefit, but also for the enrichment of society. My further research question is: How could one more specifically describe what the enrichment for society ‘could mean in political citizenship terms, and how to obtain it? The paper will present initially result from a literature review of theatre plays and studies of them where the actors have a learning disability. The emphasis will be on the process of how to read the democratic voice - the voice of those who reject the prevailing social distribution of roles, who refuses the way a society shares out power and authority, the voice of floating subjects that deregulates all representations of places and portion. Saur & Johansen 2013, s.49 with references to Rancier. How can the democratic voice be located in the plays - what is the political argument in the plays?

Key Words: Theatres, political citizenship, democracy, learning disability
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**DISABILITY PERFORMANCE, RHIZOMATIC MIGRATION, AND SHIFTING EMBODIMENT ONSTAGE**

Central to critical disability studies CDS, a discipline which Margaret Shildrick has described as engaging with a “postconventional theoretical approach”, is the dismantling of binary thinking around disability and embodied states 2012: 32. While the distinctions between non/dis-abled, de/ab-ility, and non/impairment are therefore understood as fluid and unbound, so too is there a mobility to the lived experiences of these distinctions which “travers[e] social, geographic, and political space” and become “modulated across historical time, geopolitical space, institutional mandates, and discursive regimes” Puar xiv. This movement across boundaries of impairment and disability can be conceived as an act of migration. In taking up this conference call to consider migration as relational, I further understand these relations to be constantly shifting and conceptualize migration as a rhizomatic or multi-directional experience that may retrace well-worn ground as often as it enters into new territory. To elucidate this conception, I turn to disability-identified stage performers, who, as they engage with the unique embodiment of a fictionalized character, as they enhance their own lived experiences for the purposes of theatrical interest, or as they perhaps obscure their own impairment in an effort to align with a more mainstream representation of the virtuosic performer, further complicate this notion of rhizomatic migration. Excavating recent performances by Canadian disability-identified artists including Niall McNeil in King Arthur’s Night and Myles Taylor in Kill Me Now, I ask what dramaturgical choices allowed these performers to shift conceptions of their embodiments while onstage? In what ways is their embodiment and the perceived limitations to their embodiment, which, as Petra Kuppers has suggested, may overshadow their performances 26 understood as either fixed or malleable? Finally, in an effort to connect the work of these performers to wider discussions within the field of CDS, I explore the potential of these shifting representations of embodiment to reflect the broader rhetoric of disability justice in Canada.

Key Words  
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**WHITE DYSTOPIAS AND FISH IN THE FISH BOWL: ISSUES OF STAGE REPRESENTATION OF DISABILITY**

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POLITICISING PERFORMANCES OF CARE: DANCE THEATRE BY AND WITH AUSTRALIAN ARTISTS WITH DISABILITY

In this paper, I present my doctoral research, discussing performances of care that materialise in the development and presentation of three professional dance theatre works. These contemporary Australian performance productions are Murmurations first major work by Sarah-Vyne Vassallo with Dan Daw, Days Like These 2017, Force Majeures collaboration with Dance Integrated Australia, Off The Record 2016 by Danielle Micich and Philip Channells, and Dianne Reids collaboration with Me-linda Smith, Dance Interrogations a Diptych 2015. This research documents traces of Australian contemporary dance theatre practice turning towards incorporating the aesthetics and lived experiences of disability. First, I contextualise my project sitting at an intersection between dance, theatre and performance studies, and disability and Deaf studies. Reviewing theoretical discussion of dance and theatre practice by and with disabled practitioners, I call for disability performance theory to engage critically but explicitly in care as a relational category. I mobilise a tension identified by care researcher Christine Kelly 2016 between feminist calls to reattribute value to care and disability perspectives which regard care as a masquerade for oppression, and argue this tension presents a generative framework for exploring the instances of care surfacing in my fieldwork. I apply this tension inherent to care to James Thompsons 2015 aesthetics of care and suggest an extension to his theory - a feminist disability aesthetics of care. Second, I explore my ethnographic observations of dance theatre spanning rehearsal and performance spaces, supplemented by semi-structured interviews with directors, key artists and an audience group. I distil particular materialisations of care from acts of disclosure, a Deaf-hearing world confrontation and live performance encounters. I politicise these distortions of care by drawing on the tension inherent between feminist care ethics and disability care politics. Finally, I consider these politicised performances of care in my proposal of a crystal of care.

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ACTING WITH THE OTHER - POLITICS OF INCLUSION IN THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE

The paper examines inclusion through a critical reflection between a theatrical performance 8
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WELCOME TO OUR WORLD: THE PROMISE OF HOSPITALITY AND THE
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BELONGING TOGETHER – THE ROLE OF THE ENSEMBLE IN “FREIE REPUBLIK HORA”

In the German-speaking theatre and in other European countries, the necessity of a permanent ensemble structure is a topical issue. The mobility within the theatre raises the question, how belonging together is negotiated, performed and questioned in the creation process and on stage. The presentation examines these approaches by using the practice-based case study “Freie Republik HORA” in the context of the SNSF-research project “DisAbility on Stage” in Switzerland. In the process of this long-term performance project of Theater HORA in Zurich, six ensemble members – professional actors/actresses with cognitive disabilities – created their own work not only as performers, but as directors. Drawing from my first-hand observations and embodied experiences of having worked with HORA, I will argue that “Freie Republik HORA” references a shared memory, as they are used to working together as an ensemble in the rehearsal room as a space of collective memory. Taken all six performances together, “Freie Republik HORA” creates nothing less than a project about the aesthetics of Theater HORA – a staging of the company history of 25 years all the performances, working methods, previous roles, characters, movements and gestures are incorporated in the ensemble’s body.

Key Words
ensemble rehearsal processes belonging disability Theater HORA

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THERAPY, INTEGRATION, ART. THEATRE COMPANIES OF PEOPLE WITH DOWN SYNDROME IN HUNGARY

Therapy, Integration, Art. Theatre Companies of People with Down Syndrome in Hungary: The paper is dealing with introduction of theatrical activity of Hungarian groups of people with Down Syndrome. There is already quite a long history of the professional Balthazar Theatre founded in 1998, but there are now other amateur or private groups and companies on the theatrical field. As with an example study we’ll get familiar with working and training principle & methods of Balthazar Theatre, with their programme and audiences, with professional criticism written on performances. The introduction is based on written and visual documentation of Balthazar Theatre, on interviews with members of the company, and on own viewer’s experiences. There are not systematic researches on the effects of performances and existence of Balthazar Theatre and other groups on the audiences yet, but there are of course some sporadic data we could delineate. As well as we could consider the position and functions of theatre of disabled people in contemporary Hungarian society, based upon a few examples of artistic therapy of other types, for other disabilities than Down Syndrome, too. Book, music, movement, art therapy groups and theatre / movement or physical theatre as an integration tool of blind, of deaf, of moving disabled, of mentally disabled, of autistic, or of otherwise physically or mentally disadvantageous people. There are some really intriguing questions on division of functions to therapeutic, to integrating, and to artistic ones. And one of the most important problems is that of the societal efficiency of this type of theatre as art. The paper gives an opportunity to think about disabled minority cultures as integrated part of a European national contemporary culture, but from the both sides of the stage-lights: what does it mean to run and to see a theatrical institution of disabled artists.

Key Words
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WALK ZONE: UN/INTENTIONAL TRANSGRESSION BESIDE DISABLED EMBODIED PERFORMANCE

WALK ZONE discusses the relationship between everyday disabled existence and the performativity of disabled embodiment. Using the signs which frame a particular zone of assumed able-bodiedness, WALK ZONE moves across borders of the so-called discursive from the Latin: “to run,” something that this performer’s body does not do to generate an understanding of what it means to migrate through boundaries meant to delineate time, space, and populations. This understanding of the conversations that are within, beyond, and beside the discourse attempts to unify a coalitional politic around migration and people in motion. This coalitional politic is advanced both through the engagement of disabled embodied performance as well as a phenomenological reading of signage. Signs attempt to delineate expected bodies in multiple times and places, and this everyday conversation is often disrupted by the presence of disabled bodies. A phenomenological reading of airport signs in particular offers insight into the movements of bodies over multi-spatial, temporal, and political boundaries. Using poetry, performance, and queer/crip theory, WALK ZONE engages with everyday repetitions and movements to disrupt assumptions of able bodiedness. WALK ZONE accomplishes this by questioning fundamental assumptions of performance theory and by entangling itself with Sedgwick’s ideas of the “beside.”

Key Words  
Disability, Performance, Repetition, Coalition, Queer/Crip

Michael Stokes  

PERFORMING SCIENCE FUTURES: THE MIGRATION OF DISABILITY PERFORMANCE IN SCIENCE FICTION

“Performing Science Futures: The Migration of Disability Performance in Science Fiction” addresses the issues that surround the re-creation of science fiction narratives that were spawned in a time and culture that was overwhelmingly white- and male- dominated. In particular it focuses on the ways that sf performs culture in the United States. In addressing the television series Battlestar Galactica, this presentation thinks through the ways that science fiction and disability interact in a cultural artifact that uses migration and travel as a central component to its narrative. After addressing this formation of a cultural idea of the future in the series’ first iteration, the paper goes on to question how the performance of American culture changes as the series migrates through time. Twenty-five years after the original run of the series, the show was rebooted first as a miniseries and later as a weekly television series that ran from 2003-2009. How have the lives of disabled characters, characters of color, and queer characters changed between the first run and the reboot? What storylines are re-created? How has two and a half decades changed how series writers and audiences imagine the potential future? This presentation engages with these questions and others to approach an understanding of the question: how does science fiction perform culture in imagined futures? Engaging with cultural theorists such as Colin Milburn, Queer/Crip authors such as Robert McRuer, and disability performers such as Petra Kuppers, this presentation attempts to highlight the way that science fiction as a genre has both shaped and is shaped itself by moving and transforming ideas of race, disability, and the future. Tracing these cultural migrations through time, “Performing Science Futures: The Migration of Disability Performance in Science Fiction” re/disorients the audience’s understanding of sf as a significant force in cultural speculation on the future.

Key Words  
Science Fiction, Performance, Disability, Culture
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WHERE THE HAND GOES...? IMAGINING PRACTICE BASED DANCE PEDAGOGY FOR BLIND AND LOW VISION PERFORMERS

The pedagogy of Indian classical dance substrates on transmitting a developed grammar to a student through rigorous training by a guru revered teacher. Therefore, the performer’s agency over her/zis/his movement is relatively limited. It prevents the student from experiencing one’s own body and hinges on the restructuring of one’s ability to follow a grammar. The performances and texts Nāṭyaśāstra and other ‘manuals of classical dance’ that I studied stresses the importance of pursuing this grammar while dancing even when I watch a performance the ‘ghost’ of my training forces me to evaluate a performance through an ‘ideal’ standard. As a performer, who identifies as disabled, when I started looking at disability in performance, my objective was to look beyond the classical normative that I carry from my learning and teaching process. I envision a pedagogy and practice that anticipate a disabled performer’s expression-what she/ze/he wants from a dance rather what others want to see from her/zis/him. Here, I propose a preliminary plan of making of dance pedagogy that is influenced by the notion of somatic dance experience for the blind and low vision community. My exploration here is towards imagining and delineating a practice based pedagogical model for blind and low vision dance practice in India. Hence, the main objective of this study is to contribute to the core of dance where dance is an expression rather than a product. How to create space where I/we can decide what my dance should be or assert the position that disabled performers can create their own dance. I propose that central to this method is the cultural unlearning of classical dance understanding of the body that a trained body such as mine, through movement based workshops, i.e. the concept of collaborative learning through a somatic engagement where agentive actions come from within.

Key Words
Disability, Pedagogy, Blind and Low Vision, Performance

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CONVENTION AND PRECARIETY IN THEATRES AND SPACES FOR ARTISTS WITH DISABILITY IN CANADA

Performances created by artists with disabilities are finding their way into theatres, somehow, despite the majority of stages not being physically accessible. Theatres and Festivals in Canada are committing to improving accessibility for audience members who might experience barriers to their performances, the access to the stage however implies a larger statement: performers will be able to use the stairs. If a performer uses a mobility device such as a wheelchair the number of stages available to present their work in diminishes. Carrie Sandahl comments on the assumptions of the theatre world that performers all require the same or “neutral” space to perform from, yet neutrality of the body for a disabled performer is likely unattainable. The lack of accessible stages does not deter artists who experience physical barriers from creating work, they find alternative, potentially unconventional spaces to perform within. At the 2017 Summerworks Festival in Toronto, Ontario, the Boys in Chairs Collective presented their interdisciplinary piece Boys in Chairs in a large, empty room that resembled a classroom at the ArtscapeYoungplace building on Shaw St. The Festival supported this one-time performance with American Sign Language, and staff to configure the space appropriately. The three performers, who all use wheelchairs, rolled confidently around the space. This paper analyzes the use of an unconventional performance space to put pressure on the restrictions of “neutrality” both in theatre performers and space, while considering the implications of supporting work in festivals and theatres that are navigating access precariously in their spaces and programming. What does it say about the way we learn access? How can we gain knowledge and share what we know from and with other countries? And finally, what does the use of conventional performance space for disability performance say about our performance culture in Canada if there is no “traditional” theatre space to support disabled artists?

Key Words
Disability, Dramaturgy, Artist, Space, Theatre, Creation
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MIGRATING FORMS OF DIS/ABILITY PERFORMANCE: CHALLENGING THE PERFORMANCE PRINCIPLE

The paper queries the historical relationship between ability, impairment and performance in different frame settings such as theatre, sports, and side show. It particularly focuses on the migration of specific modes of presentation that imply a “performance principle” Marcuse which highlights the effectiveness and productivity of a “Can-do-attitude” McKenzie, despite visible impairments. In this sense, today’s TV commercials for the paralympics “We are the Superhumans”, channel 4, Harasser echo certain modes of presentation of side shows as well as a specific logic of performing disability as a demonstration of a Can-do-attitude that we also find in some disability performances within the arts. The talk seeks to question this attitude, calling for a disability aesthetics that interrupts the performance paradigm, developing alternative modes of presentation, ‘cripping’ concepts of temporality Kafer, Sandahl as well as of productivity, efficiency, and performance that resist a economized post-fordist culture.

Key Words
disability, performance, side show, Paralympics, productivity, crip time
Working Groups

- PERFORMANCE AS RESEARCH
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**BORDER WOUNDS, ALIENAGE, AND CORPOREALITIES: FOREIGN FEELINGS IN PERFORMANCE RESEARCH**

To be considered for Collaborative Facilitator. Abstract 250-500 words workshop proposal: I want to take-up this year’s call for proposals and examine the connections between the kinds of writing about, in or on PaR that are emerging from the overlap of practices and research within and outside the university. I respond to these concerns by examining the embodied, material, and performative responses that can happen in performance workshops, in and outside of the university, when we attend to the testimonies of documented citizens and undocumented immigrants. For the past two years, I have been co-facilitating performance workshops in and outside of the university where we take a disembodied approach to hearing and processing testimonies about undocumented migrations into the United States. I propose a workshop where we will prepare our bodies to hear and investigate the feelings of documented and undocumented bodies in motion across borders. I want to center our time together on the complexities and residualities of the foreign body, considering memory, culture, and belonging. I will use the seven stages of energy, or seven chakras, to explore the way immigration systems function to create feelings of foreignness. We will gradually build up to the neurosomatic level to heal ourselves from state oppression and violence that is enacted through immigration policies. For example, we will spend time in chakras one and two to assess how the rhetoric of international immigration functions to control the bio-survival and territorial energy flows. In addition, we will use lemons, armadillos, imagery, and breathing to help us move through these energy centers and prepare our bodies to hear the testimonies. Then, we will spend time exploring through our bodies the residue of those testimonies, ultimately creating a scenario of the testimonies to bring an aesthetic rendering to those emotions. The objective of the workshop is to use body-centered practices that are focused on the circulation and residualities of migrant and foreign feelings. This workshop is designed to examine the limits and possibilities of performance practices that are driven by social justice values and that try to attend to the feelings of migration injustices. This workshop prioritizes the reception of the testimonies in and outside of the university. The workshop exercises reflect my current PaR priorities and preoccupations with the performative and material dimensions of citizenship and belonging alongside of the documented and undocumented bodies that move across borders. Since 2012, I have examined these elements inside and outside of the university by conducting movement-based workshops in Mexico and the United States. I have observed that the embodied, material, and performative dimensions of political citizenship impact who enters the university and who gets left out of the colonial institution, ultimately impacting how we conduct performance research about foreignness. More importantly, I have observed that it is difficult to assess the value of the pain experienced by the foreigner when feelings circulate in new performance and social networks inside of the university. Do you wish to participate in the Pre-Conference Workshop? Unfortunately, no. I’ll be coming from another conference.

Key Words
Migration, Feelings, Performance Research

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"REFLECTIVE HYPERMNESE": RECALL, REMEMBERING AND “REMEMBERANCE”

The proposed workshop will explore practical strategies of “reflective hypermnesis” and will provide participants with the opportunity to engage in acts of affective recall and remembering to produce a performative “Rememberance”. I propose to lead a series of task-based laboratory exercises that will generate the conditions for affective remembering and recall that will lead to participants producing a localised and subjective “Rememberance” that will be devised to either locate another/others inside the participants experience of an instance of witnessing or spectating or will be generated to provide transmittable insight into the participants experience of an instance of witnessing or spectating. Process: The workshop will have three distinct sections: Recall & Remembering, Constructing a “Rememberance” and Scratching. The first section of the workshop, Recall & Remembering, will employ visualisation and mindfulness exercises to lead participants through the process of firstly, identifying and selecting a significant moment in their localised and personal experience of an instance of witnessing or spectating. Secondly, participants will be guided through a process of “Reflective Hypermnesis” in order to re-access that instance of witnessing or spectating affectively. In the second section of the workshop, constructing a “Rememberance”, participants will be split into two groups one group will process the project of devising a “Rememberance” that locates another/others inside the perception of the participants originating experience affectively the other group will work to generate a “Rememberance” that directs captures and transmits the participants personal perception of the experience of the instance of witnessing or spectating. In the final section of the workshop, scratching, participants will have the opportunity to share the “Rememberances” that they have created and participate in a group feedback, discussion and reflection session, led by a series of questions and provocations.

Key Words
Practice as research, Performance as research, practice-based research
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BREAK UP VARIATIONS

Break Up Variations concerns itself with the disciplinary and geographic migration of the ‘break-up’. Taking an ecological perspective, the performance examines how group division and dissolution, perhaps even non-alignment, might build solidarity at a time of crisis - through a confrontation with the challenges of collaboration, disagreement, and community-led conflict resolution, the difficulties of acting professionally and the desire to keep working together despite it all. The performance-pa-
per follows a curated event at Royal Holloway, University of London bringing together researchers, artists and thinkers to consider the strategies that art, science, politics and theory might offer each other for navigating- and possibly circumventing- the demise of relationships. If the working relation-
ship breaks down, could the end of the group be considered a constitutive aspect of that group? These are questions about institutions as much as they are about interdependence on personal and planetary scales. In dialogue with this year’s conference topic, Theatre & Migration, Break-Up Variations explores collective knowledge production that both occupies and exits the academy. As a collective of five practice-based researchers with a diverse range of backgrounds and institutional relationships, Generative Constraints considers the dialogue between methodology and collectivity, the communicative axes of transdisciplinary research and the questions of sustainability and mobility at a time of geopolitical crisis. As such, Break-Up Variations stages ideas about romantic break-ups, political dissolutions and ecological collapse, via the work of Timothy Morton, Simone Forti, Chantal Mouffe and Anna Lowenhaupt.

Key Words

performance ecology practice based research migration

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PERFORMANCE RESEARCH TESTS ON SYNCRETIC THEATRE AND DEVISING

Research into syncretic theatre has hitherto largely focused on the adaptation of classical or canoni-
tical texts into a different culture and language Balme 1999 Fischer-Lichte 2010 Cox 2014 Sörgel 2015, but very little has been documented regarding its use in devising – the closest examples of which are pieces of multicultural Verbatim theatre found in Emma Cox’s work on theatres of migration 2014. Therefore, the aim of these practice research test was to experiment with a hybrid methodology to work with a group of multicultural/multilingual actors in Glasgow, Scotland, creating their own material, based on Christopher Balme’s 1999 interpretation of Yuri Lotman’s definition of cultural texts - elements that carry integral meaning and can only be fully understood within the culture that generates them ritual/liminality, orality, language, the body, spaces/spectators. Balme acknowledg-
es the difficulties of taking a syncretic play outside of its original context i.e. on an international tour, whilst calling for more of them to be produced to allow this process to continue. My proposal in response to this call and challenge is to use devised theatre as a means to take that next step which might help a syncretic play to reach further audiences, a bid more in line with Jan Assman’s 1996 view of syncretism as a tool to communicate culture when language is not enough. This paper will discuss some of the findings after three staggered weeks of laboratory work with a group of profes-
sional actors from diverse cultural backgrounds. The purpose of the laboratory is to try out a hybrid methodology, aiming at generating and testing new ways to approach the characteristics of theatric-
syncretism identified by Balme, thus promoting knowledge exchange by sharing the theory with the collaborators.

Key Words

syncretism, hybridity, cultural fusion, theatres of migration, cultural texts, devised theatre
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THE MIGRATION OF BIOMECHANICS FROM 20TH CENTURY RUSSIA TO 21ST CENTURY UNITED KINGDOM

This workshop presents a new method, developed through my own PhD Practice Research, in which to learn an aspect of the renowned Russian actor training system, biomechanics. Vsevolod Meyerhold 1874-1940 created the system to train the actor in rhythm, spatial awareness, balance and reflex excitability a term specific to biomechanics amongst many other principles. This workshop will specifically address the études. ‘Throwing the Stone’, where participants will recreate the shapes, movements and impetus necessary to invoke the principles which are central to the études. ‘Throwing the Stone’ demands the actor to consider the context of their movements, through a consistently developing use of their imagination, to establish a conscious awareness of their physicality in relation to the stage space and the spectator. Biomechanics in the UK, is not an accessible actor training system. This is due to the hierarchical legacies of embodied transmission dominating the “preferred” transmission of biomechanics which are difficult to receive and to implement. This specifically relates to the two prevalent biomechanical training models, Vertical and Horizontal. The Vertical model in this instance is the transmission of biomechanics through practical pedagogy passed down from teacher to student through the generations. The Horizontal model is anything which challenges the Vertical model. Using Practice Research, I have blended the Vertical and Horizontal model using the wealth of Horizontal material written by Meyerhold, and by his peers, which teach readers about the system and blending it with my own experience of being taught the Vertical pedagogy. This collaborative workshop offers an opportunity to further blend or reconstruct those aspects of Meyerhold’s theatre, which still have currency in a contemporary actor training setting, with other artistic practices and continue to develop the system. Practice Research has afforded me the opportunity to tackle the hierarchical methodological legacies which have been born out of a migrating theatre practice and are evident in the UK. Biomechanics is intrinsically tied to the social, political and economic context of its origin, and was vastly altered by its migration to the UK. Practice Research allows a dialogue, of embodied theatre practices, to continue to challenge, debate, refine and reshape allowing for an integration of foreign theatre practice such as Biomechanics.

Key Words

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MIGRATING INTIMACIES: DECONSTRUCTING THE GLOBAL SOUTH THROUGH RELATIONAL AESTHETICS

Reflecting on a cross-cultural performance laboratory involving four artists across various art forms and three nationalities India, Serbia and South Africa, this paper re-orient the discourse of the Global South into migrating conversations of negotiating fluid intimacies. In doing so a model of thinking and creating work is birthed that gestures away from the grand narrative of the Global South and moves towards the political potential of relational aesthetics. While looking at a video piece, poetry performance festival and live performance piece created by the four artists, this paper examines how cultural complexes, personal and historical contexts, artistic predilections and traditions can and do interact with each other on and off stage and how these interactions can serve as a mirror to a greater social context. One of the What does this collision and collusion of diverse cultures serve to mirror or birth? Is this a new monstrosity Derrida: 1967 and if so what does the discipline of writing do to it? Is there a way that the experiments between verse and spoken word and the evolving strategies of Performance as Research may interact to offer a modality of knowing that holds a creative fidelity to the experience of the Global South. What interestingly emerges is also an evolving language around birthing as an organic process, the ‘womb as a fertile system’ Sekgaphane: 2018 that enables an encounter with the horror or beauty of creating but is able to hold the process in it’s apparently constant-ly shifting ambivalence. Do the migrating intimacies emerging from the cultural experiments from such an artistic collective offer us an experience of what a Global South relational aesthetic can be?

Key Words
spoken word, somatics and writing, performance poetry, South Africa, India, Global South, Serbia, relational aesthetics, queer intimacies
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WAITING FOR...: SOMATA IN-BETWEEN MIGRATION AND STASIS

This piece of Performance-as-Research emanates from the original immersive performance Monotime as part of EU Immigrants EU Citizens project by Performing Architectures (Ugly Duck, London, 18-19.6.2016). Using as starting point autobiographically-initiated invitations to the spectators inspired by my life in London as a Greek-born performer-researcher, in Monotime I began to interrogate somatic dynamics in-between actor-witnesses and spectator-witnesses. Immigration and/or migration in the specific piece was explored in the potential third space that emerged in-between multiple individuals during a meeting-stasis in a nineteenth-century warehouse in London.

Waiting for... suggests a further investigation of how multiple somata (the plural for soma) can exist in-between migration and stasis, within the broader process of shaping Somatic Theatre. The project is dramaturgically inspired by the way the two themes can be identified in Samuel Beckett’s Waiting for Godot. I enact the practical process by inviting a co-exploration with the American-originated artis-dramaturg by the way the two themes can be identified in Samuel Beckett’s Waiting for Godot. I enact the practical process by inviting a co-exploration with the American-originated actor-director Sally Dean. We meet to interrogate how somatic methodologies can facilitate the understanding of migrating stasis and static migration while simultaneously supporting the perception of transdisciplinary components in PaR. The premise of the exploration is that we acknowledge the differences of diverse individuals, environments and processes as a starting point that can facilitate the emergence of shared third possibilities. In my current work, this stance is theoretically informed by Jessica Benjamin’s concept of thirdness in the field of intersubjective psychoanalysis (2018).

The actual performance-presentation will be a dynamic interrelation between myself as presenter (performer-researcher), Dean’s recorded contribution and the active spectator-witnesses.

Key Words
somata, actor-witnesses, spectator-witnesses, migration/stasis, somatic methodologies, PaR, thirdness

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MAPPING THE ROUTES AND MIGRATORY PROCESSES WITHIN AN INVESTIGATION ABOUT PERFORMING OF REAL PEOPLE IN THEATRICAL FRAMES

The paper will be focuses in some of the routes and migration processes produced in a research about performances of the real people Garde and Mumford: 2015 within determined theatrical frames. The researcher will be mapping, among others, the routes and migratory processes ... of the formal essences” –that is: the nature of biographical materials published on the stage the specific mode of representation of these materials, the technological tools employed, etc.- from a group of radical scenic creations produced in Barcelona between 2006-2012 to another group of radical scenic creations produced, as part of the research, by the researcher as performer or as director of performers from the first artistic events studied -the originals- to the events derives of them, personalized but equivalents, and created as research ...of the “not acting” mode -according the continuum proposed by Michael Kirby-, in the group of events derives derives from the originals ones mentioned above: events ordered by the following criteria: from those that stand up as performative conferences to the other events that stand up as performative assemblies from those scenic events where the “official performer” become spectator to those where the “official spectator” become performer. ...in an artistic event between real people assembled that dont have reference in the first set of scenic creations researched. The “formal essences” of this event are new, are fruit properly of the research last event experimented and integrated to the sample on study The mapping of routes and processes of migration will invite us to think about new methodologies, tasks and theatrical notions, but, above all, in a possible radical and liminal paradigm of theater acting, its variations and borders. The mapping will also invite us to think about the empowerment, specifically in the last event, of the participants both as interpreters and real people.

Key Words
real people empowered on stage, performances as research theories and practices involved, “not acting” mode: continuum and variations, liminality and frontiers
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**JACK COLBY, COWBOY ANTHROPOLOGIST AS TRICKSTER-ARTIST-SCHOLAR: NARRATING INTERCULTURAL ENCOUNTERS**

IFTR Presentation Proposal – PaR 2018 Belgrade, Serbia Laurelann Porter “Jack Colby, Cowboy Anthropologist as Trickster-Artist-Scholar”: Narrating Intercultural Encounters. For many years, decades even, I resisted adopting any form of identity relating to my upbringing. I believed that the “cowboy” persona that my father often espoused and performed around the campfire was not meant for me. In the beginning I rejected it as a representation of a conservative life I wanted no part of. Our family were not actual cowboys anyway, just suburbanites who dreamed of a life on the ranch. In my early 20s I participated in a theatre summer intensive workshop with an experimental theatre company in Massachusetts where we were all encouraged to delve into our upbringing to find our own unique identities. Once again I rejected anything that came from Arizona, cowboy culture, and especially Mormon religious dogma. Fast forward to life as an artist-scholar pursuing my doctoral degree in theatre and performance of the Americas. My interests were in Afro-Brazilian culture, something as far removed from my upbringing as anything could get. And we were tasked with conducting research and creating performance projects that recognized the ethical quandaries of transcultural and inter-cultural artistic forms. Finally, I reached into the dark corners of my psyche to cultivate a new narrator persona: Jack Colby, Cowboy Anthropologist. Jack Colby is both a trickster and a Jungian shadow. This narrator persona is deployed to critically question my own position as a descendant of colonizers. By openly facing this shadow/trickster persona, I call attention to the inherent assumptions of the dominant class and place them in dialogue with understandings gained from research in Afro-Brazilian communities of Bahia, Brazil. This presentation will not need audio/visual technology. However, a space flexible enough to create a fake “campfire” will be ideal. No pyrotechnics will be involved.

Key Words

Trickster, Brazil, Transcultural

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**THE POWER OF TO BE IN-ACT**

Thomas Hirschhorn presents this year in Saskatoon, Canada, the work “What I can learn from you. What you can learn from me”. This artistic work will not be an exhibition, but a series of workshops with “teachers” from Saskatoon’s city. To create this proposition the artist has visited the city multiple times conducting fieldwork and reaching out to potential teachers and learners. The philosophical proposition in it is “to share the particular and by sharing it making it universal, because everybody can learn something from the other, and because everybody can teach the other something specific. ...” “Sharing something with the other is an act of generosity” Hirschhorn. In São Paulo, Brazil, the performer ShambuyiWetu from Congo, who has living in São Paulo since 2014 as a refugee, presents the performance “Baggage”. Also, he is teaching about performance and activism in different art spaces in the city. Both actions are developed from the phrase “the country receives the body, but not the head”. This phrase is a Wetu’s affirmation about of generosity and hospitality in his new city and new country. In front of these two works, my proposal to PaR group is to discuss and investigate the power of to be in-act and the potential of processual acts, based on Whitehead philosophy about process 1933 and the concepts of experience proposed by Brian Massumi and Erin Manning. The base of this discussion will be the power of micro-political actions about learning, teaching, knowledge and performance.

Key Words

Performance Experience Process Learn and Power
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Ildiko Rippel is a senior lecturer of Drama and Performance at the University of Worcester. She recently completed a practice as research PhD at Lancaster University, examining familial performance practices. Ildiko’s recent article ‘Maternal Ruptures/Raptures’ in the Performance Research edition ‘On The Maternal’ November 2017 presents some of the findings of this research project. Ildiko is also co-founding member of Zoo Indigo, an Anglo-German performance company based in Nottingham, UK. The company produces autobiographical performance with a focus on the innovative integration of new technologies, examining themes of cultural identity and home and displacement, alongside autobiographical experience of motherhood.

‘NO WOMAN’S LAND’ PERFORMANCE OR DOCUMENTARY FILM

This project examines the act of walking as a method of collecting personal and cultural memories to generate performance. In 2015 Zoo Indigo performers Ildikó and Rosie walked 220 miles across Poland and Germany, with flat-pack versions of their real-life children and a filmmaker. They re-traced the footsteps of Ildikó’s grandmother Lucia, who was violently expelled from her home in lower Silesia, previously Germany, after it had been declared Polish territory at the Potsdam Agreement 1945. Lucia walked three months through the fractured post-war landscape of Europe of shifting borders, dragging her two small children and all her belongings in a cart. In 2015 Ildikó and Rosie retraced Lucia’s footsteps. Crossing borders, climbing fences, bleeding, crying, blistering. We walked through the united and borderless Europe, witnessing a post-national utopia, particularly at the borders of Poland and Germany. Once separated by barbed wire, armed border police and animosity between the two countries, this area now runs joint cultural projects, has opened German-Polish Kindergartens, as well as setting up a floating bar on the river Neisse which had formed an insurmountable border for many decades. Whilst we were walking the refugee crises escalated, and elsewhere borders and fences were erected. The escalation of the crisis placed survival, identity and migration at the forefront of the project. The project’s historical and current context of migrant mothers, borders and displacement raises interesting questions with regards to the traditionally gendered assumptions of heroic walking. In No Woman’s Land the performers stumble on a treadmill, immersed in a media environment of archival and original videos and voice-overs. No Woman’s Land is a humorous and moving stagger through landscapes of past and present landscapes. Visual, physical and visceral, the performance explores the post-war apocalypse, migration, home and displacement.

Key Words
expulsion migration motherhood walking technology autobiography

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TRACES OF PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICE: STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF OUR OWN PERSONAL ‘PEDAGODS’

This workshop responds, in part, to the Working Group’s ‘areas of inquiry,’ specifically #2, concerning legacies of practice and #3, on writing on, with and through practice and more broadly the conference theme of Theatre, Nation and Identity: Between Migration and Stasis by exploring the migration of one’s own practice informed by the traces of training and education. Considering Isaac Newton’s claim, in 1675, that “If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants,” the workshop will draw from my own pool of ‘pedagogs,’ at the onset of the workshop, using anecdotes surrounding core values impressed upon my own practice, which informs my pedagogical approach. Respectively, this initial activity will stand on the shoulders of John Bell ‘must know the history of your medium’, Rhea Gaisner on ‘tasting the words’ of a playtext, Charles McNulty on ‘carving time’ to foster collaboration and Stanley Richardson ‘you must deal with your history’ through your playwriting. Jacques Derrida discusses ‘traces’ in writing: “It is not absence instead of presence, but a trace which replaces a presence which has never been present, an origin by means of which nothing has begun” 1967: 372. The activity will ask participants to collaborate around these four traces of my training, reflected in personal anecdotes, to imagine a curriculum, lesson plan or classroom activity. The workshop will then lead into a practical sharing of exercises that reflect how these virtues of my practice form a pedagogical spine through teaching practice, across various modules, programmes, classrooms, institutions and geographical borders. The workshop asks participants to conjure their own ‘pedagods,’ to identify traces that inform their own work, culminating in a sharing and speculative brainstorming session.

Key Words
Practice-led Research, Pedagogy, Traces, Writing, Migration, Practice
Workshop on Encounter and (In)Dividuality

Encounter implies the transgression of borders. By definition, something unsurpassable, sacrosanct is attached to borders: the ban on touching, the noli me tangere. Today, (Foucault’s) dispositives substitute the gods and the role of the sacred border guard. How can we become emancipated from them? Certeau says, by playing with the dispositives: by a creative and canny usage of texte, pictures, and objects. He retells how the inhabitants of a Brazilian village rebel against the powerful and the established order with its and deren ostensible fatefulness, by help of miracle stories about Brother Damião. Therefore they continue the religious frame of reference in which their lives had been clamped by the christianmissioners. They make a resistive use of the very system of the prodigious that had been imposed upon them by others – exposing theatrically this reuse in the form of an exaggerated superstition, that is, by an excess of marvel, something that always and with all right has been suspected by secular and religious authorities to question the raison d’être of the hierarchies of power and knowledge. They use it in order to gain leeway for themselves.

How can we, as participants of a society, in the most simple case of a dual relation, make creative and canny use of a imposed order that introduces a difference between me and the other? My practice is. In this case I would like to return to examples of several maps from sourced and self made projects, more so to reconsider memory as part of the meditative function of practice, with the integration in the PaR working groups of performed mapping practices as once led and instigated in particular by Dr. Jonathan Heron’s examples of maps in exercises PaR working group 2014 & 2015. Making these ideas of mapping and items like distance, separation, integration, rupture, post-rupture, assemblage as transversal mechanics to delink colonial texts In reflection of these projects and these moments I would like to offer re-investigations into previous PaR mapping exercises, re-orientated as migrant, function ary if not revolutionary, ways to trans-disciplinarise knowledges from into de-colonised practice.

Key Words
maps, mapping, PaR performance as research, decolonial, Shakespeare

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SHIFTING CONTOURS: MAPPING, MEMORY AND THE METAPHOR OF THE COUNTER-PERFORMANCE PRACTICE: TO ARRIVE AT QUESTIONS AROUND CARTOGRAPHIC MODES IN MAKING DE-COLONIAL PERFORMANCE

Mapping is the process delineating expression and reflection from which maps are made. Maps are both hypothesis and outcome delineating expression. They are the yearnings and documents of performance alternative texts produced through mapping. In searching for alternate performance based texts I have worked with maps and mapping as an audit to my own itinerancy. Part of this trajectory is the interrogation with ‘epistemic disobedience’ iterated in last year’s Sao Paulo performance as research PaR workshop paper, “The Misbehavior of Nothing” Taub, PaR working group, 2017 where-by the allegory of resistance led to embodiment of allegory and an ongoing process of de-linking in which nothing and everything happened. From this static-schism, a crisis, I have returned to meditative practice of which I consider mapping practice as ways to consider or even reconsider what my practice is. In this case I would like to return to examples of several maps from sourced and self made projects, more so to reconsider memory as part of the meditative function of practice, with the integration in the PaR working groups of performed mapping practices as once led and instigated in particular by Dr. Jonathan Heron’s examples of maps in exercises PaR working group 2014 & 2015 Barcelona and Warwickshire, and how these methods later traveled into projects based around Shakespeare and de-colonial practice University of Pretoria 2014 &2017. Fusing these ideas of mapping and items like distance, separation, integration, rupture, post-rupture, assemblage as transversal mechanics to delink colonial texts In reflection of these projects and these moments I would like to offer re-investigations into previous PaR mapping exercises, re-orientated as migrant, function ary if not revolutionary, ways to trans-disciplinarise knowledges from into de-colonised practice.

Key Words
border, encounter, individuality

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Working Groups

• PERFORMANCE IN PUBLIC SPACES
BEING TOGETHER IN THE NIGHT-TIME: A STUDY OF TIME IN PUBLIC SPACES

With the rapid development of new technologies, and while artists and scholars have not been slow to operationalize new works in a complex merge of material and immaterial public spaces, this research alternatively looks back to the existence of traditional outdoor-staged activities and attempts to investigate the relationship between the nature of time and the crowds. By addressing various night-time activities, from ritual dances, Taiwanese Opera kua-á-hí to participatory mobile performances, it explores how the rhythms of the body have been impacted on by theatrical gatherings and how the sense of collective mobility has been built and reinforced by the darkness under the sky. I will also compare this research with the recent work on the night-time activities to suggest a way towards a more lived framework for social-social theory in a contemporary city. Given the significant sensuous examples of those collectively open-air activities at night, I hope such research will remind us the importance of the dark and provide an integrated reflection on the methodological potential of time as a concept within public performances research, and proposed to elevate the idea of time to a level on par with spatial terms as employed in theatre analysis respectively.

Key Words
Outdoor-staged Performances, Theatre and Time, Night-time Activities, Night Time Economy, Participatory Performance

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CONTESTING TRADITIONS IN PUBLIC PERFORMANCE: EMBODYING EXPERIENCE, SPEAKING ALOUD

Public zones, defined as any spaces beyond the confines of the home, become politicized when normally private women perform acts of self-definition under the community’s gaze to improvise new geographies of influence within their communities and participate in the urban and national spheres. In the UK, migrants from sub-Saharan Africa form strong national and sub-national communities that share tensions between gendered, traditional African and British definitions of virtue and success. In negotiating new, hybridized transnational identities, a group of women recently transgressed decorum by publicly questioning the experiences that are traditionally kept silent. The stakes were higher for these performers because that public speech came in the form of embodied performance of their own words. In working with the first-time actors of the London NGO, FORWARD, I discovered that such public speech against the customs of child/forced marriage and FGM, in the presence of men and strangers, was a bold and unorthodox performative act, and realized the courage that it took to participate. This presentation analyzes the effects on first-time actors of participating in a play that was aptly titled Uncomfortable Conversations by the actors. Devising in workshops with the award-winning London/African NGO, FORWARD, I scripted and directed Conversations for community-center performances in March 2017. In seeking to understand the effects of the workshop/devising/performance process on actors and audience, I am guided by Joanne Tompkins’ analysis, in Theatre’s Heterotopias, of the ways in which performance can alter the meanings of public spaces. Such heterotopic performances can supplement the past histories of public spaces and create the possibility of changed future perceptions. I explore the way in which a transgressive public speech act about an “unspeakable” subject may help contribute to interrupting traditions and, perhaps, to the invention of positive alternatives.

Key Words
immigration, identity formation, gendered performance, public spaces, contested performance, heterotopia
Mishandled Archive: Transposing Histories, Imageries and Movements Across Geographical and Temporal Borders

How can transposing documents from one place, time, language and culture to another relate to and narrate the experience of bodies crossing borders and their histories? Mishandled Archive is a practice-as-research project comprised of a series of 365 micro-actions in public space that explores the inter-animation of family archives, history-telling and performance. Every day throughout 2017, I installed and left behind one item copied from my family archive from Iran at a public site streets, theatres, trains, … in different countries. Each day’s installation was accompanied by a short improvised site-responsive dance that I performed on the site of the installation. One photo, the descriptions and location of the dance were posted on Instagram on a daily basis: https://goo.gl/oE8DyP See photos of a durational performance-installation of the project in Tehran:https://tarafatehi.tumblr.com/post/169958849751/mishandled-archive-durational-performance

MISHANDLED ARCHIVE: TRANSPosing HISTOrIeS, IMaGeRieS aNd MOVeMENTS aCCROS GeOGRAPHIcAL aNd TEMPORAL BORDERS

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Key Words
family archive, documentation, site-sensitivity, public space, gift exchange, story telling, alternative history, Iran

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TEATR.DOC IMPPLICIT IMPACTS: PASSERS-BY REACTIONS AS AN IMAGE OF SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND FRONTIERS

This presentation will be based on a Teatr.doc production «Implicit impacts». A director Vsevolod Lisovsky defined the genre as an intervention-performance. Together with the audience the actors walk around the city, passing through central streets, subway, stores, railroad tracks, courtyards, museum stairs, garages: the venue changes every time and is not discussed in advance. While moving, the artists recite in random order different text fragments from documentary verbatim monologues to the theological articles and poetry. The theatre intervenes the urban space, and thus explores the degree of social openness, the how the citizens perceive unconventional actions, what is forbidden or allowed. It seemed that a representation of a group sex in the streets or at bus stops should cause a huge reaction, but that, as a rule, is simply watched with curiosity or passed by. At the same time, for a simple crossing of the yard by an unknown group, the tenants react nervously, staring incredulously and demanding an explanation. It turns out that wandering without a goal, and especially in a crowd is perceived as suspicious. The common questions are «what is going on here» and even «are you on wheels». At one of the shows a saleswoman commented on our group that this was a gay parade. As there is no official paper, spectators are anxious: will they call the police, can we be here? From time to time the police is actually called. Nevertheless, most of the time the guards do not stop the performance, and getting that this is a theatre play they watch how those strange people do perform. All this is an evidence of time. https://garagemca.org/en/event/implicit-impacts - information about a show and some photos A resident threatening to call the police: https://www.facebook.com/transformatordoc/videos/47512670521246/ A policeman as a spectator: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ys_UiiVxkhttps://transformatordoc.timepad.ru/event/537969/ - video extracts

Key Words
Teatr:doc, participative theatre, site-specific, intervention
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A PUBLIC SENSE: IMMERSIVE PERFORMANCE AND SENSORIAL EXPERIENCE IN SITE SPECIFIC HERITAGE PERFORMANCE

Paston Footprints600, a multi-arts cultural heritage project encouraging immersive, experiential, and interactive responses to local heritage focuses on bringing to life the stories of a powerful Norfolk family from 1380-1750. The Pastons played a pivotal role in dramatic local, regional, and national events and their legacy remains imprinted on the landscape in a number of important historic sites across Norfolk. As the performance lead on this project, I have been commissioned to design a series of heritage performance at sites throughout Norfolk over the next two years. My first performances are scheduled for May and June 2018, and include a pop-up theatre event launching a heritage walking tour in Norwich, and a large scale promenade performance on the grounds of a heritage site. The pop up theatre event targets an urban environment where many of the medieval buildings are interspersed with a contemporary landscape, while the event at Oxnard allows for a more immersive heritage experience, removed from the distractions of daily life. The heritage industry’s current interest in immersive techniques alloys with the flowering of a ‘sensuous turn’ engendering the study of social movements through embodied knowledge. Howes and Classen contend that concerns of nationalism, identity, gender, and multiculturalism are shaped through sensory experience, while ‘Sensory History’ research investigates society’s relationship to sounds, tastes, and textures offer key insights into our critical engagement with history. By focusing on sensorial, embodied relationships to site, my heritage performances examine the embodied experience of public space may be in itself a collective memory, identity, and/or community building devise. My paper will combine traditional lecture with some of the immersive and sensorial tools used in these events to investigate how audiences as well as artists fuse historic sites and sounds with the contemporary landscape to empathically and physically embody a localised past.

Key Words
Site Specific, Immersive Theatre, Heritage Performance

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CONTESTED SITES AND TROUBLED BODIES: INTERROGATING EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE THROUGH PARTICIPATORY PERFORMANCE IN PUBLIC SPACE IN THE NORTH OF IRELAND

This paper analyses a selection of performances which took place in the north of Ireland since 1972 in order to examine how performance interventions acted across spatial and political borders to represent the effect of violence on the everyday experiences of citizens, space, and society. This chapter identifies and analyses selected performance paradigms which illustrates how artists intervened in public spaces recently dominated by violence to investigate how violence informs the bodies of those who utilise that space in an everyday context. These case studies do not necessarily speak to the most devastating events or the associated victims or perpetrators of a single crime. Instead, these performances focus on the everyday social experience of life in the north of Ireland in this time frame, a social experience which suffered greatly from the events of the Troubles. This paper will also analyse performances which took place during the Peace Process and after the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement in 1998. One of the common features of the case studies outlined in this paper is that they encourage audiences to migrate across cultural and physical borders, such as the 1999 production of The Wedding Play which transports audience members across Belfast’s ‘peace walls’ in order to experience the ritualised performance of a mixed-marriage wedding, or the 2000 production Convictions which asks audiences to step across the threshold of a former prison which held political prisoners during the Troubles. This paper will engage frameworks of performance studies, social geography, and performance analysis in its interrogation of key performances.

Key Words
Irish Theatre, Northern Irish Theatre, Performance, Public Space, Troubles, Performance Art
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TOGETHER, ALONE? PERFORMING DIGITAL PROXIMITIES IN INDIA’S BLANK NOISE & WHY LOITER FEMINIST CAMPAIGNS

In India’s contemporary feminist movement, a series of recent projects have invited women to explore and question social restrictions imposed on female embodiment in public urban spaces. #WalkAlone, #WhyLoiter, and #MeetToSleep have invited women to occupy local spaces in ways that challenge conservative social norms of female safety and propriety, through the acts of walking, loitering, and sleeping in public. Each of these projects encourage women to interrogate their own relationship to public space, deploying performative migration and stasis within the urban landscape, as a tool for enquiry and self-reflection. At the same time, they seek to sow the seeds of a culture shift in societal attitudes towards women in India, by producing female visibility through micro-occupations of public space in ways usually restricted to men. This paper asks how the activist groups Blank Noise and Why Loiter establish digital proximities as a means of transforming private, personal experiences into concerted, public acts. Through WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter and blogs, these groups narrativise individual actions online, transforming them into what Judith Butler 2015 has termed a form of ‘plural performativity’. Drawing on my participation in #WalkAlone from the remote position of the UK alongside online documentation of the campaigns, I explore how digital tools were utilised to forge digital proximities. They create relationships of proximity between dispersed participants, but also intersect between city spaces and an online public sphere. The result is that these fleeting public acts live on in a ‘digital afterlife’, speaking back to both national global and discourses.

Key Words  
feminist activism, embodiment, public space, digital proximity

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THE LIBRARIES AND BABEL: SITE-SPECIFIC THEATRE FOR INSTITUTIONS OF KNOWLEDGE

What are the challenges facing theatre companies today when touring work internationally for site-specific productions? In an increasingly global world, yet one in which the act of crossing borders is becoming more and more difficult, theatre, and the arts in general, face unique hurdles in remaining both relevant and accessible. How is it that theatre, particularly site-specific productions, might aid in moving beyond such border issues and progress the exchange of knowledge, arts, and cultures? This paper is intended to analyse an upcoming European tour produced by Almost Human, which employs students from the University of Maryland, College Park. The production entitled Babel is a site-specific performance which will be situated in public and academic libraries, one of the more ancient institutions found globally. The performance, based on Jorge Borges’ ‘The Library of Babel’, intends to interrogate the concept of libraries, where they have come from, where they are now, and where they are heading. Broaching questions posed by site-specific practitioners and the academics who study their work, interrogating issues surrounding the fraught concept of ‘universality’, and intersecting these ideas with timely questions around ephemerality, archives and public access, this paper seeks to show how global institutions such as libraries might help reinvigorate theatrical work, and at the same time benefit from a relationship with live art. Can these cultural entities of live performance and knowledge repositories help challenge nationalistic thinking and encourage cultural exchange?

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WHEN THE SPIRITS ARE SOCIALLY ENGAGED: “JOURNEY TO THE LOWER WORLD” BY MARCUS COATES

This paper is part of the monograph Posthuman Spiritualities in Contemporary Performance: Politics, Ecologies and Perceptions 2018. It looks at the work Journey to the Lower World 2004 by Marcus Coates, consisting in the artist performing a Shamanic journey for an audience of residents living in a tower block. The tower block was listed for demolition and the residents were facing the prospect of begin relocated to unfamiliar places away from their community. The performance/ritual was performed in the living room of the flat of one of the residents with the objective of empowering members of this community in the face of this challenging phase of their life. The often, humorous performance involved the artist talking to and obtaining information from animal spirit guides to suggest a possible community strategy for the soon to be relocated tenants. By engaging with studies on shamanism in contemporary, western societies, new materialist studies and the acknowledgement of the political aspects of the fool in theatre, this chapter investigates the performer’s ability to embody both the figure of the trickster and of spiritual guide. This entails studying Coates as a liminal figure which constantly moves between the comical and the spiritual the possible and the impossible imagination and reality confusing them into one another for transformative purposes. Indeed, the hypothesis proposed is that his performance brought together the sacred and the profane into a space where faith, humor, hope, imagination and suspicion were employed to empower collective cohesion. A separate perspective is suggested when looking at the aftermath of the journey and at the politics used by Coates to achieve his artistic/social objective. The proposal includes also a workshop to be delivered on the Sunday before the start of the conference.

Key Words
Imagination, social empowerment, western shamanism, new materialism, performance art, healing processes

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GLOBAL RAP, HIP-HOP AND THE PERFORMANCE OF MINORITY RELIGIOUS IDENTITY

What I will offer today is a state-of-the-field survey of the ways in which rap and hip-hop have been used as performative tools to promote and develop religious life around the world. Rap and hip-hop are migratory musical forms. They emerged in the African American community thorough the mix of technological and cultural influences of an American metropolis. Since then, they have migrated around the world. Digital audio and video sharing platforms have made this music a particularly global phenomenon and have made it an attractive commodity for companies who deal in cultural products. And yet, the notion of a performer testifying to the authentic experience of life in their often extremely specific neighbourhood and cultural milieu. The tension between particular identity and globalist openness to digital capitalism structures the social location of the genre, and also helps to explain why it is so useful for those working with religious identity. Based on a forum section currently under preparation for the journal Performance, Religion and Spirituality, I will report on the work of scholars from around the world – from Africa to Central Asia – who are investigating the way in which the performative authority rap and hip-hop have both revitalised and challenged religious identity, especially for a younger generation. I will discuss the relationship between individuality, cultural particularity, and spiritual universalism implied by this work. I will also briefly discuss what this research suggests about our comfort with the contingency of location, culture and identity for a world in which migration, dispossession, and exile are quotidian facts of life.

Key Words
Religion, Performance, Hip-hop, rap
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Saints Plays and the Performance of the Croatian National Identity

Croatian religious theatre played an important role in the recent political and cultural history of the country. In this paper I examine the nexus between theatre and nationalism by focusing on the re-enactments of the medieval genre of the saints’ plays during the two waves of Croatian nationalism—the Croatian Spring in 1970 in the context of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, followed by the achievement of national sovereignty in 1991—and their role in the state-building project. I will reflect on how performances of the saints’ plays came to be understood as ‘national’ through the complex interplay of factors characteristic for each phase of their re-appearance. I will be looking into how the performances in national theatres were reshaped to fulfill the goal of reflecting the national identity in different contexts—I will compare the context of the 1970s when they were used as a subversive ideological tool which undermined the broader Yugoslav identity, against the setting of the 1990s when they corresponded with the official nationalist rhetoric of the regime. A double symbolic stake of religious and catholic heritage, pointed against atheism and secularity of the communist regime, as well as against Serbian Orthodox tradition, will be identified as crucial for the ideological embracement of saints’ plays. Furthermore, the affective experience of the performances will be also addressed. Through the analyses of the records video and photo records, media coverage, and in-depth interviews with participants directors, performers, and members of the audience I will scrutinize the impact of the emotional labour, in order to answer the question of how those performances weaved shared emotional repertoires Hurley.

Key Words
saints plays, religion based nationalism, emotional repertoires

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Performing Community Identity Crisis

Community identity, like personal identity, might be an illusion. Just as the indivisible quanta of personal identity may only be a sensation that coalesces from a body’s storm of perception and interaction with the stuff of reality, what seems to be the identity of a group may rest on its cloud of perceptions as a group, and its interactions with the world. No wonder that a sense of community identity can be mortally threatened by the acute trauma that violence inflicts on groups as groups—mass destitution, dislocation, suspension, suspicion, renewed rejection, and renewed violence. But performative acts often sustain cohesive people-hood. Performative acts can even reconstitute and refashion a community identity that has been catastrophically dissolved. Performative acts can be particularly important to displaced communities, since, unlike landmarks and buildings, acts travel in the very bodies that can form a community. On the other hand, performative acts can be much less stable than buildings and landmarks, and their metamorphoses can entail substantive changes to the identity that a community recognizes as its own.

Key Words
performance, community, refugee, identity, religion
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TASAWUUF AS EMBODIED THOUGHT AND PHILOSOPHY

It is commonly taught and accepted in the analytic and continental traditions that philosophy began and extended from a Greco-Roman heritage. Aristotle, Plato and Socrates are lauded as philosopher-scientists who birthed the reign of rational thought. Prior to the Greco-Roman emergence of rationalism however extensive philosophical, scientific and artistic bodies of knowledge were cultivated in Africa The Maxims of Ptahhotep Egypt 25th Century BCE, Asia Taoism 5th Century BCE and The Vedic Period 2nd Millennium BCE and the Middle East Sufi oral tradition undated. HazratInyat Khan writes to us from the 19th century, ‘The germ of Sufism is said to have existed from the beginning of the human creation, for wisdom is the heritage of all therefore no one person can be said to be its propounder. It has been revealed more clearly and spread more widely from time to time as the world has evolved’ 2002 and this view is corroborated by contemporary scholars Burkhardt, 2008 Blann, 2005. A foundational aspect of both early and later Sufi thought and philosophy is the concept of tasawwuf, or purity. The brothers and sisters of purity were known in pre-Islamic times as the hannifya, EkuanulSafa and later the Sahabi Safa. Their practices included fasting, prayer, breathwork, chanting, whirling, music, fine art and other forms of dance and movement. These sets of practices grew out of the oral and early traditions which grouped philosophy, science, art and spirituality together into complete lifeways. For the purposes of this paper, we will be looking at tasawwuf as an example of both ancient and later Sufi philosophy and embodied thought. Key facets of tasawwuf relate to themes of migration, exchange and the enactment/performance of purity to oneself and to a larger community.

Key Words
Sufism, Tasawwuf, Arts, Philosophy, Embodied Thought, Purity, Performance

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She has taught workshops in Mexico, Serbia, Belarus and India. She has won several prizes on theatre critic and collaborates for the media ‘FalsoRaccord’, ‘El rodar de la canica’ and ‘Nexos’.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS THROUGH PERFORMANCE

My presentation will display the process and results of a documentary staged performance that my Belarusan colleague Darya Siargeichyk and I devised while we were traveling in India in 2015. During the trip we decided to stop in Palolem, Goa, and produce an intensive 24h laboratory in order to design a performance dispositifthat was able to contain several narrative lines concerning our experiencesas two western female foreigners traveling for the first time in India. One of the main axis for the trip and the performance was spirituality. That is why we wanted to create a structure that fostered in the spectators an actual spiritual experience more than an entertainment one. We focused in conviviality between performers and spectators enhancing the performativity of the present moment. The performance, intitled ‘Tripping’ was premiered in India in December 2015 and reenacted in Mexico in 2017 and 2018. I will address the creative process, the final structure, the changes that were made in each reenactment and the response of the audience.

Key Words
Devised performance, meditation, spirituality, travel and performance
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THE BALKANS CULTURAL IDENTITY AND PERSONAL NARRATIVE IN THE BIOGRAPHICAL OPERA “THE LIFE AND DEATH OF MARINA ABRAMOVIĆ” (2011), DIRECTED BY ROBERT WILSON

My paper explores the interaction between the Balkans cultural tradition and the personal narrative in the biographical opera The Life and Death of Marina Abramović 2011, directed by Robert Wilson, an American stage director. I am interested in how the theatrical techniques construct the cultural, artistic, and personal identity of contemporary performance artist Marina Abramović. An internationally recognized artist with a four-decade long career, she was born, grew up, and was educated in the former Yugoslavia. Her Balkan cultural background has had biographical, intellectual, and artistic consequences for the aesthetics and the practice of her work. In the current period, after 2005, Abramović’s image has shifted to a New York City-based pop-icon. Seen as a post-MoMA celebrity, collaborating with movie stars and acting as the subject of the Wilson’s opera, Abramović has become not only by far one of the most acclaimed living performance artists, but also a global socio-cultural phenomenon. My research examines which of Wilson’s creative strategies deconstruction, reinterpretation, actualization, or subversion, to list just a few takes precedence in putting Abramović’s personal and cultural identity, and the global art form in a conversation. In this research, the Balkans culture is considered as a complex ethno-national, heterogeneous, and fluid entity. It has been shaped by different, often intertwined, but also conflicting, historical and socio-political narratives for example, by the complex interactions of the imperial grand narratives of the Byzantine, Austro-Hungarian, and Ottoman empires on the one hand, and the emancipatory ethno-national narratives on the other. Therefore, this project consequently studies the positionality of an artist who hybridizes local traditions in a global market. My project will be informed by performance studies theories, performance art history, feminism, and political and social theories of globalization. It will also rely on the perspectives developed by cultural anthropology and ethnography.

Key Words
Performance Art, Identity, Cultural Specificity, The Balkan Tradition, and Global Context

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I am a performance artist. Working with a range of performance strategies as sites of political resistance, my work challenges expectations of political activism. My pieces aim to encourage urban dialogue, heal the rift of detrimental otherness, whilst mischievously ignoring capitalist induced virtues of fear and greed. For me, activism and performance both seek to mobilize its participants hence, my work often utilizes mobile modes, and therewith seeks to enable the re-positioning ones attitude to communal and global issues. At the moment I work as part of a collaboration, the Church of Performance. Natalie: I am a PhD candidate in the Department of Dance, Theatre and Performance at the University of Plymouth. My practice research examines the relationship between body and matter in performance and visual art. My work is a response to my own personal political and lived experiences, in addition to my research interests in live art Feminism feminist theology Semiotics influence religious iconography Gender, gender and identity Representations of the body in performance and make contemporary performance. I am a founding member of Church of Performance, a Plymouth-based art collective created in collaboration with Dagmar Schwitzgebel.

CHURCH OF PERFORMANCE FUKCS THE PATRIARCHY

Our joint paper offers an insight of our company’s practical and theoretical investigation of Christian constructs through live art performance. With our work we question the visual representation of female experience supposed by the Christian faith and playfully draw upon the rich symbolism and iconography of religious art which is reconfigured and reinscribed, revealing plural and non-fixed identities which slowly emerge and evolve fluidly in time and through space. Images are re-staged, re-configured and re-lived in an attempt to show the realities of female experience, as opposed to the stagnant death of the static art object. Our pieces are visual duets between two bodies, two sexed bodies of varying gender and national identity. Church of Performance overarching feminist aims are to forge progressive societal shifts, to eradicate what separates and regulates, to reject patriarchal systems and social orders, seeking strategies for emancipation. The paper will focus on the subject of ‘taking space’ as humans, as females, as artists. Self-indulgence opposes Christian morals of modesty and humbleness, in the art world it is frowned upon and criticized as lack of talent or taste. As this, it acts as another means of control that seeks to regulate and discriminate. We will unearth where this form of social censorship appears and how to navigate through it. Church of Performance Dagmar Schwitzgebel & Natalie Raiven is an artist led project based in Plymouth UK, exploring some of the rites and rituals of performance in its broadest sense. The artists engage in direct-action live performance. Previous work: EXORCISE at Happy Dystopia, Ravensburg, Germany, Buckfast Bible Drinking at Buzzcut Festival, Glasgow UK, la sainte trinité at SPILL Festival of Performance, Ipswich UK, la mort vivant at LAMES, Open Space Days, St. Pölten, Austria, Sackcloth and Ashes at Tempting Failure, London UK Website: http://churchofperformance.blogspot.co.uk/

Key Words
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FOUNDLING-BIRD. THE PROPHETIC VOICE OF A HARTMANIAN CHURCHPLAY CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF REFUGEE CHILDREN

In the 1950s the concept of medieval liturgical drama had migrated to the modern context of secular Sweden. This reinvention happened through the work of theologian and dramatist Olov Hartman and director Tuve Nyström at the Sigtuna Foundation, north of Stockholm. In 1960 the staging of what had become known in Swedish as kyrkospel literally “churchplay” had spread to the Lund Cathedral in Southern Sweden. Ever since a churchplay has been given each summer following the Hartmanian tradition of integrating the theatrical playing into the structure of the Mass. In 2011 the play was Foundling-Bird based mainly on the famous fairytale of the Brothers Grimm. The fairytale was interwoven with the contemporary story of the refugee orphan Nadja and her Swedish friend, who help her hide from the authorities wanting to deport her. I will discuss how Foundling-Bird uses ‘ghosting’ Carlson 2004 as dramaturgical devise to, first, weave Nadja’s story and the fairytale into the liturgy’s transcendent spatiotemporal structure of myth and ‘cosmic region’ Rappaport 1999 and, second, relate it to the political context of the precarious situation of refugee children in Sweden. I will also consider how this kind of political commentary is integral to the Hartmanian poetics of churchplay Hartman 1956 1959 1968, which calls for the raising of a ‘prophetic voice’ in society – an aspect of contemporary Swedish cultural theology Svenungsson 2008.

Key Words
Liturgical drama churchplay Sigtuna Lund Cathedral refugee children ghosting Olov Hartman prophetic voice cultural theology

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THE “REINVENTION” OF THE MAHACHAT SUNG SERMON AS A THEATRE PLAY FOR NEW GENERATIONS OF THAI BUDDHIST AUDIENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF URBAN MIGRATION

The Mahachat Sung Sermon is a ‘Jataka’ which has migrated from India and Sri Lanka to Theravada Buddhist monks in Thailand. The story is about the life of the Bodhisattva, Prince Vessantara, who performed a great act of giving in order to be reborn as Gautama Buddha. The monks sang the thirteen chapters of the poem with adapted dialogues and ritual additions. The performance has become widespread across communities in the northeast and was included into the annual tradition of the region when the economy was predominantly rural. The Northeast region has been modernized to have multiple hub cities containing educational institutions that impart modern concepts and professional skills alongside the old Buddhist temples that continue to teach Buddhism and literacy to community members. The Mahachat sung sermon has been expanded to be performed in governmental institutions and universities for newcomers who grew up in different communities and have migrated to become members of these institutions. I was responsible for adding a theatre play to the monks’ sung sermon, aiming to involve members of a younger generation in the tradition despite tensions produced by the religious content of the story and its associated rituals. The renewal of a spiritual tradition raises the question: how can the play deal with the disconnection of the audience and the changed meanings of the Vessantara Jataka in a materialistic society. I am going to base my discussion on Eric Hobsbawm and Terence Ranger’s, The invention of Tradition, published in 1983. Hobsbawm and Ranger argued that an ‘invented tradition’ is used to transfer ‘values and norms of behaviour by repetition’, in order to connect them to the past. The adaptation of tradition is the borrowing of ‘old models for new purposes’.

Key Words
Mahachat Sung Sermon, Buddhist Sung Sermon, Theravada Buddhism, Buddhist storytelling, Buddhist Play, Buddhist Theatre, Vessantara Jataka
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POST-FOLKLORIC TRANSVESTISM: TRANSVESTITE INTERVENTIONS AND THE PERFORMANCE OF IDENTITY IN THE PERUVIAN ANDES

La Fiesta de la Tunantada Tunantada Fiesta is a catholic patron-saint fiesta in honor of Saint Sebastian and Saint Fabian that occurs annually in Jauja, Peru. The Tunantada is both the name of the fiesta and the only danza folkloric dance-drama, which consists of several masked characters, both male and female, that tell the history of the colonial past and the mestizo identity of the town. Since the start of this “invented tradition” Hobsbawn, cross-dressing has been prevalent as women were not allowed to dance however, in recent decades, cis women, trans women and transvestite performers regarded as “travestis” in Peru have gained presence since the 1970s. Since the inclusion of trans and transvestite performers, they have modified the costumes and dance steps of the female characters of this dance, and although these transformations have been normalized through the years, they are not regarded as contributions by these communities. Additionally, most of these performers are not Jauja natives and travel to dance from other cities, which has created a sense of kinship and collaboration among them. How can we understand these interventions by communities that are still marginalized in the Andes? What are these bodies writing through the performance of their own queer identity in relation to the larger religious and mestizo identities in Jauja? This paper seeks to answer these questions by exploring the concept of post-folkloric transvestism, which I am defining as the transvestism embodied, appropriated and re-signified by trans and transvestite performers in the Andes. By analyzing the performative and aesthetic interventions by these performers, I argue that they destabilize and represent a critique to the syncretic religious practices of this town and the performance of mestizo identity that these danzas represent, which are both engrained in normative gender roles.

Key Words
Andean Performance, Queer Performance, Religious Tradition, Kinship, Transvestism

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TARANTISM: A RITUAL FORM MIGRATING THROUGH THE CENTURIES

Tarantism, a spider bite possession rite involving the use of music and dance, was typically found in Salento, an area in the Southern region of Apulia in Italy. This ritual has been performed over many centuries as a cure for those who had been bitten by the tarantula spider during their work in the fields. In order to expel the poison of the spider, a group of musicians would play the pizzica music and the person bitten would dance to it until cured. Ernesto De Martino 1908-1965, a famous Italian anthropologist who studied the phenomenon of Tarantism in 1959, claimed that the ritual had long historical roots and traced them back to the Dionysian cults in which a similar healing use of music and dance was made. De Martinos claim on the origin of Tarantism from ancient Greek rites was also supported by the fact that a Greek minority still lived in an area of Salento called Grecia Salentina. In the middle ages, the Catholic Church transformed this ritual, basically a possession cult, into a catholic cult of a saint, more specifically Saint Paul. On Saint Pauls day 29th of June, the tarantate would gather in the main church of the city of Galatina where the exorcism would be performed. The ritual was already in decline when De Martino studied it but a revival of the rite took place from the 1970s onwards giving birth to the phenomenon which is now called neo-tarantism. In this paper, I wish to investigate how the ritual of tarantism migrated through times, cultures, and meanings. To do so, I will examine three moments in the history of this ritual: the pagan rite the transformation of the pagan cult into a catholic one the resurgence of Tarantism in contemporary times and its significance.

Key Words
Tarantism, ritual
Working Groups

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EMPATHY BEYOND PITY: THE MIGRANT EXPERIENCE IN CONTEMPORARY AUSTRIAN THEATRE

Elfriede Jelinek’s Die Schutzbefohlenen is one of the most powerful representations of the refugee and asylum seeker experience in the recent and contemporary period. First staged in Hamburg’s Thalia Theater in the Autumn of 2014 director Nicolas Stemann and premiering in Vienna’s Burgtheater soon afterwards, in the Spring of 2015 director Michael Thalheimer, Jelinek’s play is not only astute, but also prescient. Even though the context in which Jelinek’s play was conceived and premiered had already provided its author with ample material as regards the refugee experience, including the pivotal questions of survival, protest and integration, when examined retrospectively through the lens of the most recent refugee crisis in Europe Summer 2015 onwards, the text is strikingly timely and urgent. With a nod to The Suppliants by Aeschylus, which provides Jelinek with the opportunity for wordplay Greek: Ἱκέτιδες German: Die Schutzflehenden and for further diachronic contextualization, Die Schutzbefohlenen weaves the primal histories of flux and survival combining Jelinek’s distinctive textual style with the classical canon, and concentrating on the vulnerable displaced populations that we are encountering today. In this paper I will discuss the Vienna production of Jelinek’s piece and I will concentrate on the immediate context to which the play provided a response: the 2012 refugee camp protest in Vienna’s Votvkirche and the Sigmund-Freud-Park, which led to wide debate and relevant platforms, activities and initiatives in the months that followed. I will probe Austria’s response to the refugee crisis following the most recent social and political developments and I will, finally, conclude as to the role of local and international civic and spectatorial communities proceeding from the artistic and social paradigm of this play. The ultimate question is where we stand, as theatre audiences and members of our societies, in the context of the definitive statement in Jelinek’s play, representing the plight of the refugees: ‘Wir sind gekommen, doch wir sind gar nicht da’ / ‘We have come, and yet we are not here’. I will locate this discussion within a broader consideration of significant new work that directly engages with the refugee and migration experience, primarily in Vienna’s Volkstheater and Festwochen.

Key Words
Migration, Activism, Intervention, Austria, Jelinek, Wiener Volkstheater, Wiener Festwochen, Die Schutzbefohlenen

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“STEALING OUR JOBS”: IMMIGRATION, REPRESENTATIONAL LABOUR, AND MOVING PERFORMANCE

Expanding on Thomas Nail’s conceptualisation of the migrant as ‘the political figure of our time’ 2015, this paper considers the acute potency of the figure of the immigrant labourer. I examine how this figure is mobilised in political and media discourse against a backdrop of high unemployment in the United Kingdom UK by considering the persistence of two concurrent contradictory narratives: immigrants take employment opportunities from national citizens and immigrants refuse employment in order to leverage state welfare benefits. Within this context I explore The Empathy Museum’s immersive installation A Mile in My Shoes 2014- in order to interrogate the implications of delegating representational labour across boarders in participatory performance addressing immigration. Drawing on Alice O’Grady’s 2017 work on delegated performance, I examine Empathy Museum’s potential to disrupt preconceived notions of fixity and citizenship. Reflecting on the representational labour required when participants perform their stories, I consider how this is amplified when people are associated with a hyper-mediatised figure such as the immigrant labourer. Representations of immigrants, I argue, are co-constructed by both the storyteller and listener in a way that constitutes an inversion of global labour market practices. Further, I examine how participants may be moved physically, politically, and emotionally, during A Mile in My Shoes, in order to ask whether this practice of movement operates to destabilise the image of the immigrant as non-productive/hyper-productive.

Key Words
immigration, labour, delegated performance, participation
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EMBODYING ANONYMITY: AESTHETICS OF “MIGRATION” IN IPTA 1948-51

This paper proposes a historiography of the cultural movement affiliated to the undivided Communist Party of India CPI, “Indian Peoples’ Theater Association” IPTA, during the periodical transition towards the experiences of the construction of national sovereignty in the aftermath of the official declaration of Indian ‘independence’ in 1947 and its resulting effects in cultural/theatrical manifestaions. The critical aspect of defining the transitions are what I perceive to be the experiences of embodied ‘migration’ in the aesthetics of the performances of IPTA within the backdrop of an emerging ‘Indian nationhood’ [1948-51] in the trails of a national recuperation after partition 1947. By aesthetics of ‘migration’, I refer to the recognition of the IPTA performances during the period in the context of an important debate within the Communist Party of India second congress, 1948 which was pivotal in dealing with questions regarding representations of the ‘other’ in popular culture within the topography of an Indian national sovereignty a sovereignty construed through a stasis of ‘friend-enemy’ divide in the “inside” of the “post-independent” territory. The recognition of the cultural-aesthetic emodiments of ‘migration’ is therefore two-fold. Firstly, embodiments in the performances become ‘social facts’ that mediates the heterogeneous radical ‘other’ as an integral part of ‘border’ experiences pertaining to the appearance of the ‘foreign’ within the demarcated ‘private territory’ of a postcolonial nationalist proprietorship. Secondly, the embodiments of the ‘migration’ experiences is revealed in the context of the strategic shift in IPTA’s programme in 1948 to make possible an integration of the experiences and representations of the anonymous, embodied in the performances, as the ‘surplus’ to the configuration of a national terrain which was enunciated by the ‘state security bill’. My aim here is to qualify the idea of the ‘anonymous’ as the embodied expressions of the popular in the aesthetics of IPTA performances, as exemplified in IPTA’s adoption of traditional performance idioms in contradistinction to the national cultural policy, that enables the affect of ‘migration’ as the appearance of a popular radical ‘alterity’ which became an ‘excess’ to the Indian imagination of national sovereignty.

Key Words
anonymous, embodiment, aesthetics, migration

MIGRANT DRAMATURGIES

Since 2016, we have seen the biggest wave of mass migration since the second world war. This paper will examine some representations of migrants and migration in Anglophone theatre since the start of this crisis. Drawing on anthropologist Tim Ingold’s critique of discourses of ‘containment’, and geographer Doreen Massey’s of ‘aspatial globalisation’, it will argue that, in many cases, representations of migrants and migration have been hamstrung by theatre-makers’ apparently unconscious preference for dramaturgical structures that depict migration from a position of white, settled privilege. It will go on to argue, however, that some representations of migration, such as Ai WeiWei’s Human Flow, have begun, implicitly, to articulate ‘migrant dramaturgies’. These structures of action have begun to give form to the experience of migration, not as the exception that paradoxically reinforces the cultural normality of settled containment, but as a normality in its own right. Foremost among such migrant dramaturgies in the theatre, I will argue, has been Alistair McDowall’s play X, depicting life on a research station in Pluto. In the context of mass migration, this play might be profitably seen as a challenge to the dominance of linear sequence in our settled narratives. McDowall’s looping, jumping, and parallel time signatures, by contrast, expose the basis of linearity in the privilege of containment and offer the possibility of an alternative dramaturgy for the representation of migration as a lived experience.

Key Words
Migration Dramaturgy

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This paper seeks to reflect on how the aspect of multicultural experience in the Theatre of the Oppressed, founded in Paris during the exile of Augusto Boal, enacted a series of method interventions in community engagement. The dialogue with multiple cultural identities was affirming itself as a tendency in the field of cultural policies in France. Culture started acting as a mediator in political and social problems that emerged from uprooting and the cohabitation hardships of immigrating groups, facing the state's difficulty in solving this type of conflict. It is in this process of internationalization of the method, that the Theatre of the Oppressed in Europe. The Latin-American method arrived on French territory precisely contained in the Bulletins du Théâtre de l’Opprimé, published by this pioneer core group of the Theatre of the Oppressed in Europe. The first core group of the Theatre of the Oppressed, enacted a series of method interventions in community environment spread all over France. This presentation will focus on the reports of experience contained in the Bulletins du Théâtre de l’Opprimé, published by this pioneer core group of the Theatre of the Oppressed in Europe. The Latin-American method arrived on French territory precisely at the moment in which the recognition of local communities and the culture of ethnic minorities was affirming itself as a tendency in the field of cultural policies in France. Culture started acting as a mediator in political and social problems that emerged from uprooting and the cohabitation hardships of immigrating groups, facing the state’s difficulty in solving this type of conflict. It is in this context of reclaiming of local cultural pluralism that is inserted the debate on the question of immigration in socio-cultural projects of the Theatre of the Oppressed in France. By being practiced as a mediator methodology, the Theatre of the Oppressed quickly irradiated from Paris to the provinces, acting in social centers spread all over the French territory. The multicultural experience enabled by the meeting of different social groups had already established a modus operandi specific to the expansion movement of the Theatre of the Oppressed. The dialogue with multiple cultural identities in France served as a parameter for the subsequent globalization of the Theatre of the Oppressed, which would be completed by its diffusion to other countries in Europe, Africa and Asia.

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DISPUTED MEMORIES OF DISPLACEMENT, MIGRATION AND CLOSED BORDERS: PERFORMING COLLABORATIVE RESISTANCE

Since 1948, Palestinian displacement and mass migration has been one of the major points of trauma and loss, but in today’s perspective the experience of what the Palestinian describe as a metaphor of al-Nakba or a day of catastrophe are in the realm of history particularly for the new generation. The younger generation now continues with the struggle to reclaim their original ancestral land without having a temporal and spatial experience of what it was like before the exodus. They have become aware of the trauma through repetitive commemoration of Palestinian histories that are revolved to construct cultural landscapes, even though the physical sites are raised to the ground or occupied. This has become a priority of a wide range of Palestinian cultural manifestation of which theatre is an integral aspect. For the Palestinian theatre activist it has become critical to commemorate the site-memory narrative, which not only symbolizes the pain of loss of land and identity, trauma and anxieties but also a will to continue to resist and survive. The presentation reflects on a collaborative project between the Palestinian theatre institution The Freedom Theatre, from Jenin Refugee Camp and the political activist theatre group Jana Natya Manch Janam, Delhi over a period of two years 2015-16, where each of the groups visited the other’s space and collaborated on strategies to create new bi-lingual performances. The unraveling of the process of the collaboration reflects on the theatre artists’ need to construct historical spaces and capture the imagination of the space as part of collective memories but also strengthening the notion of belonging to certain lost space and time. These artists have used their collaborative work to evoke effectively the character of Palestine, its people and events of al-Nakba and Intifada. These works have also facilitated the process of inter-generational collective remembrance.

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REPRESENTING MIGRATION IN CONTEMPORARY TURKEY: GENCIO ERLAO’S “GÖÇMENLEEERE”

Since the eruption of the Syrian Civil War in 2011, the influx of Syrian refugees in to Turkey has been unprecedented in the country’s history: scholars approximate that Turkey has emerged as the largest destination of Syria’s migratory flows, with around 2.7 million registered refugees currently existing in a state of legal, political and economic limbo. And whereas the Turkish government has generally maintained an “open-door” policy towards Syrian migration, political developments like the Turkey-EU deal of 2016 have placed the question of Syrian migration at the center of Turkey’s lengthy and fraught relationship with Europe. How have theatre artists been responding to these developments? How have they “managed,” so to speak, the question of migration? In this paper, I think through these questions by focusing on veteran Turkish theatre actor and director Genco Erkal’s 2017 production of Romanian-French playwright Matei Visniec’s play “Mиграанты,” translated in to Turkish as “Göçmenleeneeer.” Developed in the context of Europe’s own refugee “crisis,” “Миграанты” is composed of a series of vignettes that critique European refugee policy and the deadly economies that it has prompted in the continent’s borderlands. My goal is to ask: What might it mean to produce this play in a national context where the binary of European “hosts” and non-European “refugees” gives way to another set of political identities? Put simply, how does one imagine migration in a national context where the binary of “Europe” and “elsewhere” has been prompted as a result of Turkey’s own migration policies, but where the binary of European “hosts” and non-European “refugees” gives way to another set of political identities?

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“My Country – Your England” – PROBLEMS OF STASIS IN THE NATIONAL THEATRE’S “BREXIT” PLAY

In December 2016, Michael Gove proclaimed the “Brexit vote was like “the civil war without muskets”. While hyperbolic, Gove’s recourse to the motif of civil war illustrates how the intertextual conflict of 1642-51 continues to exert an influence over English national identity. Use of this motif also offers insight into the ‘polarisation of the political terrain’, described by Ernesto Laclau and Chantal Mouffe, that dominates post-Referendum Britain. This paper explores the contemporary invocation of the Civil War and political polarisation in order to contextualise the UK National Theatre’s production of Carol Ann Duffy and Rufus Norris’s ‘verbatim’ play My Country, and its representation of Brexit, with its use of ‘Britannia’ as its central image. I problematize the production first through the concept of ‘stasis’ as developed by Giorgio Agamben: originating in Greek political thought to describe forms of civil strife, stasis ‘functions as a reactant’ that reveals both the ‘threshold of politicisation’ and the undecidability of distinctions demarcating ‘brother and enemy, inside and outside, house- hold and city.’ I show that in My Country, the play seeks to contain the political impasse revealed by Brexit and the problem of stasis that it describes by invoking the unifying though historically loaded figure of Britannia. This analysis leads to a second line of critique: that in seeking to transcend the impasse of the stasis it stages, the National Theatre casts itself in the role of the State, as envisaged by Hobbes: the arbiter of peace in the face of the ‘perpetual war’ that would otherwise exist in its absence. I argue that the National Theatre can play no such role, insofar as it is implicated in the crisis of institutional legitimacy and authority provoked by the stasis induced by Brexit.

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stasis, national theatre, Brexit, nationalism, Hobbes, civil war
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OLIVER FRLJIĆ’S "KLĄTWA" [ENG. THE CURSE] QUESTIONS THE POLISH RIGHT-WING GOVERNMENT’S PLANS FOR NATIONAL THEATRE AND CULTURE

Oliver Frljić’s production of Klątwa Engl.: “The Curse”, which premiered in the Teatr Powszechny in Warsaw on 18 February 2017, created the biggest theatre scandal in the younger theatre history in Poland. The production that among other things questions the hostile attitude against refugees and the sanctity of the Catholic Church in Poland evoked heavy protest from the political right-wing in and outside the current Polish government. In my presentation I want to show that Klątwa was attacked so heavily not only because it criticises right-wing attitudes in the Polish society but also because it questions the current Polish government’s idea of both national theatre and society as it actively addresses an ‘emancipated spectator’. The political philosopher Jacques Rancière states in The Emancipated Spectator that theatre spectators should be regarded by theatre makers as emancipated as they are always “active interpreters, who render their own translation, who appropriate the story for themselves, and who ultimately make their own story of it”. For him “emancipation starts from the principle of equality”, which is fundamental for a democracy. A critical theatre can only be built upon emancipated spectators as a democratic society can only be built upon emancipated citizens. In my presentation I want to illustrate how Klątwa addresses the ‘emancipated spectator’ and in this way questions the unemancipated idea of both society and national theatre advocated by the current Polish government.

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Political Theatre, Eastern European Theatre, Migration, National Theatre, Jacques Rancière

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WHAT IS THE PRICE OF PASSPORT? ANTOINE CASSAR’S THEATRICAL INTERVENTION ON THE ISSUE OF WELCOMING THE OTHER IN MALTA

Until a few years ago thousands of migrants crossing the Mediterranean were making their way or ending up in Malta. The small country adopted a rigid detention policy for all asylum-seekers, a situation that brought a lot of criticism from local and international humanitarian organisations but appeased the many among the local population who were uncomfortable with the presence on the island of so many, mostly sub-Saharan African, foreigners. Attempts at integrating these migrants have been very limited, both under a conservative government and under a more left-leaning government. The prevailing political argument has been that Malta cannot accommodate or integrate the number of asylum seekers that were reaching its shores because of its size and density of population. However this did not stop the same country from offering citizenship to rich third-country nationals against payment officially called ‘investment’ of hundreds of thousands of euro. My presentation will briefly discuss the theatrical performances that have taken place in Malta as interventions on this migrant issue, and it will try to explain why so few of these performances have actually taken place. The core of the presentation will focus on the work of Antoine Cassar, a performance poet and activist who published a long poem entitled Passaport Passport in Maltese and a number of other languages and performed it successfully. Several artists, both in Malta and elsewhere, took up the poem and built performances around it. However, my main interest is in a short impromptu performance that took place at the time when Malta was hosting a summit of EU and African leaders on migration and where it is the passport as physical object rather than the poem that becomes the fulcrum.

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FLEEING HOMOPHOBIA: ACTIVISM AND LGBT ASYLUM IN BRITISH VERBATIM THEATRE

If verbatim theatre has enjoyed a much-vaunted renaissance in Britain since the mid-1990s, research in the field has tended to focus mainly on its interaction with the mainstream sector of practice, overlooking its profound and complex engagement with what is known today as “applied theatre”. Indeed, despite the fact that the range of critical frames within which verbatim performances have been couched include ethics Luckhurst 2008, intersectionality Lemoine 2013, oral history Friedman 2006, trauma studies Little 2015, human rights Derbyshire and Hodson 2008 and refugee studies Jeffers 2011, it would seem that “activist arts” Paget 2010 have not benefited from the same resurgence of interest. Worsely, some commentators even consider verbatim theatre as a brand new contemporary practice, inadvertently and conveniently contributing to a problematic mainstream narrative of the strand one that ruthlessly harnesses the energies and radical gestures of past oppositional practices in order to refresh itself and neutralise any subversive potential. From its origins onwards, however, British verbatim theatre has served as a potential site for subversive interventions and is characterised by a desire to redress injustice, to broadcast marginalised, less articulate, and anti-establishment voices that do not repeat the status quo in a public arena. To address this gap, this paper will therefore focus on three recent verbatim case studies from the applied theatre sector concerning the often-unheard voices of LGBT asylum seekers in the UK: Sam Rowe’s Hearts Unspoken 2011, Ice & Fire’s Asylum Monologues 2016 as well as Clare Summerskill’s Rights of Passage 2016. It is hoped that this paper will shed light on some little-documented approaches to both migrant and verbatim theatre and contribute to current discussions surrounding political performances in the 21st century.

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**THE VOYAGE**: A TRANSgressive DOCUMENTARY THEATRE OF MIGRATION TO SIAM

The recurring pattern of how the successful coups d'état in Thailand since 1930s to the latest one abrogate existing constitutions, then via State Apparatus create the systems of beliefs, values, and attitudes in civil society to believe in the value of "Thainess" as homogeneous cultural entity, has created a fully hegemonic ruling. Many scholars have pointed out that such creation was a product of systematic suppression of other ethnic and cultural identities by the mainstream Bangkok or Central Siamese rulers. The construction of "Thai race" has "Thai-ified" people with different ethnicities and cultures resulting in the negation of their histories and cultures in the tapestry of national history. Consequently, the ethnic reading of the official history of Thailand, aside from the great contributions of different monarchies, reveals very little about the contributions of other ethnic groups despite the fact that the Siamese kingdom has had complex histories of migration of different ethnicities for the past seven hundred years. Setting against this socio-political backdrop, The Voyage, an original documentary theatre production, directed by Parichat Jungwiwatpanop, performed at Bangkok Arts and Culture center during September 1-3, 2017, divulged actors’ authentic family histories relating to the ancestral migrations and how they had overcome different adversities ranging from wars, economic hardships, sociopolitical turmoils, to cultural struggles, before they fully belong to the "Thai" citizenship today. The production reveals not only the suppressed histories of the marginalized, it also offers an original mode of theatrical presentation with unique aesthetics that hybridized the hyper-real of the four actors telling of their own personal and family-related stories with devised theatricality. I argue that The Voyage took dominance a transgressive space for the long forgotten histories that were considered inferior or subordinate to the Thai culture, giving new paradigm to the notion of historiography and nation-building.

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Documentary Theatre, Devised Performance, History of Migrants, Migration, Historiography
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MIGRATION, PERFORMANCE AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION: WHEN SOCIAL POLICY MEETS PERFORMANCE PRACTICE

This paper examines the relationship between migration, performance and intercultural dialogue as social policy in the European Union since the late 2000s. It is currently enjoying a second wave of prominence with several recently published reports by the European Union explicitly highlighting the relationship between intercultural dialogue’s transformational possibilities and the role of the arts. Crucially, in both European social policy and performance theory today, interculturalism is increasingly used to mean an embodied practice and site of encounter that strategically multiplies rather than binarizing or reifying cultural differences between individuals and within groups. For social interculturalism, the end game is a democratically and mutually negotiated “social cohesion” which would allow ethnic majority and minority ethnic residents of European Union member states including recent migrants from a range of backgrounds and statuses including that of refugees to “live together as equals in dignity” on scales ranging from the local to the supranational. This broad aim for EU practices of intercultural dialogue appears to extend and concretise Ric Knowles’ critical hope for a new theatrical interculturalism that might capture “processual, performative reconstructions of subjectivities” by individuals, particularly those from minority ethnic communities, as he outlines through his Toronto-based case studies in “Performing the Intercultural City.” But how does the imagined operation of this practice at the scale of the European Union within the “performative ecologies” of diverse locations complicate these utopian imaginings and instead reveal the inequalities that this performative conception of intercultural dialogue might not only conceal but sustain? To answer this question, I will briefly profile the work of three European theatre companies who describe their work as theatrical interculturalism and use it as a means of practising and furthering intercultural dialogue: Kloppend Hert Belgium, Terra Nova Productions Northern Ireland, and Outlandish Theatre Platform Republic of Ireland.

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UNTIL WE BELONG TO OURSELVES AGAIN: NATIVISM AND MIGRATION IN CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH HISTORY PLAYS

The constitutional, economic and cultural crises into which the UK has been plunged in the wake of the 2016 vote to leave the European Union have led several commentators to invoke the phrase ‘national nervous breakdown’. In such a context, every history play staged at a national flagship venue in 2017 was likely to be seen through the lens of Brexit, and interpreted as a state-of-the-nation play. Two productions in the Autumn of that year, however, made such readings inevitable: Boudica by Tristan Bernays at Shakespeare’s Globe, and Saint George and the Dragon by Rory Mullarkey on the National’s Olivier stage. These productions revisited the legends of Boudica, Queen of the Iceni, symbol of British resistance to imperial Rome, and of England’s patron saint. The issue of migration played a key role in the EU referendum campaign. In this paper, I compare the treatment of migration in both plays. Bernays’ Boudica presents a ‘nativist’ rebellion which has serious consequences for the Roman migrants who have made their lives in Britain. Mullarkey’s Saint George, meanwhile, presents English history as myth, where the only person who emigrates and immigrates is George himself. When the society that the play depicts makes material progress but seems to become rotten from the inside, Mullarkey’s framework means that migrants cannot be blamed in the production’s rhetoric, they both do not exist, but have also always lived there. In the second part of the paper, I draw attention to other plays in the same season at these theatres, that seem to offer useful side-light on the migration. D.C Moore’s Common at the National, and Tanika Gupta’s Lions and Tigers at the Globe’s Sam Wanamaker Playhouse point to the history of the English ruling class as inflectors of forced migration, rather than plucky defenders of their native soil.

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“WHERE WOULD YOU BE BETTER THAN HERE”: “CASTAÑUELA 70” AND EUROPEAN TOURS FOR SPANISH EMIGRANTS

In 1970, a small production of independent theater premiered in Teatro de la Comedia in Madrid. Castañuela 70 was a successful musical theater piece that played to a full house for two and a half months. However, the play suffered censorship while it was running. Castañuela 70 dealt with emigration, a reality that affected three million Spaniards and Franco’s dictatorship tried to hide. The troupe took risks making visible the suppressions and introduced back some of the banned elements, to the point that there was a daily police report that registered the discrepancies of the performance compared to the play. For instance, banned lyrics were not sang, but hummed, and disapproved props were simply crossed out. Ultimately Castañuela 70 was shut down and the troupe embarked on a European tour for Spanish immigrants that showcased the play as it was suppressed by censorship. My paper propose a re-assessment of this play with my findings from archival research and interviews with troupe members that helped me to reconstruct the elements that were introduced in this tour and the reception by an audience of Spanish immigrants in Europe. I argue that this theatrical event is a clear example of people’s agency in conquering liberties. The paper concludes with an analysis of its main elements, to the point that there was a constant negotiation of meaning that ultimately connected individuals with democratic aspirations in Spain and abroad.

Key Words
tours; immigrant audiences; Spain; dictatorship; political performance

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MODERN TRAGEDIES: EUROPEAN THEATRE AND THE CONTEMPORARY REFUGEE CRISIS

Partly as a result of the inflammable situation in Syria and Iraq, in 2018 the world is facing an unprecedented number of refugees, a fact that has precipitated a climate of profound social and cultural instability and trauma. For many European theatre artists, direct engagement seems a one-way road for addressing what may very well be the material of modern tragedy. The various immigration and asylum-seeking controversies have problematized the issue of representing individual stories within a crisis of collective calamity for the most part due to failed neoliberal politics. Today, the political becomes an experience within the theatre, an event and a participatory cry for change against the dynamics of power in our globalized world. This paper interrogates European theatre’s response to the refugee issue, examining instances of practice that invite spectators to reflect on the notion of “crisis” as a state of liminality and displacement quite opposed to the Aristotelian sense of catharsis and resolution. The work of Berlin-based Rimini Protokoll is exemplary in exploring crisis through intermedial forms. British pop-up Good Chance Theatre, which was originally set up in a Calais refugee camp, supports vibrant theatre communities where artists work alongside refugees. Equally committed to exploring the human rights stories through performance is London-based Ice and Fire company See Asylum Monologues and Dialogues in 2007 and My Skype Family in 2015. Many theatres—with Germany being at the forefront—have introduced policies and cultural programming to actively support the refugee communities and raise awareness and tolerance. In the afflicted periphery of the European South, and most notably in Greece, emergent forms of practice not least as documentary and verbatim theatre and broader educational activities have also been responding to what the country considers a devastating destabilization of every kind of identity border.

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PERFORMING THE UNFORESEEABLE: A CONVERSATION

If it is now a matter of responding and of taking responsibilities, then we do so necessarily, as always, in situations we neither choose nor control, by responding to unforeseeable appeals, that is, to appeals from/of the other that are addressed to us even before we decide on them. p. 595

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BEING HEARD MIGHT PROVE FATAL: PERFORMING MEMORY-LISTENING IN A HOST COUNTRY

Being Heard Might Prove Fatal is a sound installation and creation-research project that I am currently undertaking at Concordia University Montreal, Quebec, Canada in collaboration with a refugee family of Colombian origin and sound artist Barry Prophet. During an oral history interview at a recording studio, members of the family shared with us memories of their violent past in rural Colombia. The memories relate to the events in 2002 that led directly to Canadas decision to grant them refugee status in 2004. They were hiding in a room just next to the guerrilla that was looking for them to kill them. The mother a widow-survivor, her five children, and two more people a total of nine had to keep absolutely still and quiet for an entire night, for being heard might have proven fatal. In small groups of nine people, the listener-participants will be invited to be still and in silence for a few minutes inside a small booth that echoes the original hiding place, and to listen to a 15-20-minute treated version of selected fragments of their testimony while in the booth. Surface transducer speakers and microphones inside the booth will place listener-participants in an aural and acoustic situation that highlights the struggle for a group in such a circumstance for not making any sound and not being heard. Tests with a range of listeners/participants including other Colombian refugees in Canada, refugees from other countries, Canadian citizens, immigration officers, and members of charities addressing refugees issues, amongst others, will be conducted between April and June 2018. What ethical considerations are raised by such practice and, more broadly, by post-conflict performances of memory? What does listening to refugee stories do when it takes place in a host country? What content to choose? How can we build a safe space for listener-participants of this kind of experience so as to enable them to then share their own memories of a violent past if they wish to do so? The proposed paper will report on the findings of this experiment, through notions of listening and post-conflict memory.

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CARE, RESISTANCE AND SOLIDARITY IN PHOSPHOROUS THEATRE’S DEAR HOME OFFICE

Care, Resistance and Solidarity in Phosphorous Theatre’s Dear Home Office Amanda Stuart Fisher
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As a result of recent conflicts across the world, large numbers of migrants have had to leave their homes to seek refuge in European countries. In 2015, over a million refugees arrived in the European Union, of which ‘90,000 were considered unaccompanied minors seeking asylum’ Sedmark, Sauer, Gomik 2017:1. As governments struggled to find the resources and political will to accommodate these refugees, so a rise in xenophobic and nationalist politics has led to a hardening of public’s attitudes towards migration. Here, the unaccompanied minor occupies an uneasy position. While, on the one hand, child refugees elicit sympathy from the public, unaccompanied minor migrants, typically young men aged 14 – 17, are often viewed with suspicion, regarded as being potentially duplicitous, even dangerous. Theatre that addresses itself to unaccompanied migrant minors is it itself inevitably ‘implicated with, and troubled by, [the] power relations’ Cox 2014:27 of state asylum processes and the societal attitudes these produce. It can also potentially humanise our encounters with migrants and reveal new and more complex migrant subjectivities. More than this, by performing solidarity and care for the other, theatre can resist the politics of suspicion that frame debates about unaccompanied migrant minors, inviting a new ‘poetics’ of hospitality Derrida 2000 and allowing new structures of ethico-political responsibility to emerge. In Dear Home Office by the recently formed UK based Phosphorous Theatre, unaccompanied minors share the stage with the company’s director and their key worker, performing what Joan Tronto might describe as a mode of ‘caring with’ unaccompanied minors. Tronto posits ‘caring with’ as a new ‘democratic ideal’ 2015 and in Dear Home Office, I argue, performed care invites us to rethink ourselves in relation to unaccompanied migrant minors, re-imaging new models of citizenship and communal responsibility.

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PERFORMANCE, PROTEST AND THE SECOND PACIFIC SOLUTION, AUSTRALIA 2012—

Since October 2012, Australia has implemented a suite of policies that could collectively be called the Second Pacific Solution. Like the first Pacific Solution, which ran from 2001 to 2007, these policies involve interdiction boat turnbacks, mandatory detention the immediate and indefinite detention of asylum seekers who arrive by boat, and offshore processing asylum seekers are transferred to Papua New Guinea and Nauru while their refugee claims are being processed. Unlike the first Pacific Solution, however, there is little scholarship on this work. Whereas the performances produced over the past five years. Unlike the first Pacific Solution, the artistic and activist response has been vociferous and I have now identified more than 70 performances and installations produced over the past five years. Unlike the first Pacific Solution, this paper offers an overview of this work, and the six major trends that define it: 1 the reanimation of earlier genres, especially documentary, without revision 2 the reanimation and revision of fourth wave genres, including performed oral history 3 the waning of previously major genres, such as performance art 4 the strengthening of previously minor genres, such as comedy 5 the strengthening of inter-generational responses, including those who were detained at the turn of the millennium and 6 the appearance of new genres, including mobile performances, live art and web series.

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PERFORMING THE THRESHOLD: COMMUNITY, HOSPITALITY AND THE FUTURE

This paper will take a lateral approach to the conference theme. Intrinsic to thinking about migrants’ migration is a response to movement, and that response takes shape in conjunction with ideas of belonging, duty and futurity. Conceptually, I want probe the challenges of Jean-Luc Nancy’s understanding of community as Being-with, contingent, relational and unfinished, Jacques Derrida’s Of Hospitality 2000 and Brian Massumi’s The Politics of Affect 2015. Both Derrida and Massumi elaborate on the threshold, but in very different ways. For Derrida, the threshold becomes, as Mireia Aragay puts it, “a figure or site for the bestowing on hospitality its utopian potential” Of Precariousness 21 Whereas for Massumi, thresholds are also markers of potential, but are conceived in terms of “a body’s ability to affect or be affected – its charge of affect – [which] isn’t something fixed” The Politics of Affect 4. I would like to analyse the theatrical potential of such notions of boundary work through the affective textures of three recent plays: David Greig’s The Suppliant Women 2015, an adaptation of Aeschylus’s The Suppliants 463BC in which the Danaids are represented as asylum seekers Lucy Kirkwood’s The Children 2017 and that was the motivating force of anger, an extreme act of protest and its consequences. I will attend to the ways in which these plays invite reflection upon the nature of community and the individual, and upon stasis/apathy versus movement/engagement/attachment through images of corporeality and vulnerability.

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HOW TO PLAY OURSELVES: DEVISING COSMOPOLITANISM IN “THE GOOD HOUSE OF HAPPINESS”

Pan Pan Theatre’s The Good House of Happiness, an adaptation of Bertolt Brecht’s The Good Person of Szechwan, premiered in the Dublin Theatre Festival in 2017. With an almost full amateur Asian cast, the play attempts to address immigration, racism, cultural differences, sexism and other serious issues in contemporary Irish society. This paper studies the creative process of the production, in which cast members were invited to discuss the themes of the original play and their own current lives in the increasingly cosmopolitan city of Dublin. The conversations were recorded and then turned into an organic part of the dramatic adaptation. However, its way in editing the text, creating characters and adopting cultural signifiers revealed some political problems while giving voice to the characters/cast members themselves in the play. The paradoxical devising method, which mixed verbatim theatre and conventional playwriting, is analysed, in order to identify the situation of critical cosmopolitanism in Gerald Delanty’s sense. By reflecting on how the “normative transformation from the encounter with the Other” is enabled, I argue that the play may shed light upon how theatre could play an important role in dealing ethical problems in migration, as theatre can rehearse for the revolution Augusto Boal.

Key Words  
Cosmopolitanism, migration, devised theatre, Brecht, Pan Pan Theatre
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• POPULAR ENTERTAINMENTS
**Bijou Fernandez: Child-Actor and Celebrity in the Age of Mass Production**

In 1887 ten-year-old Bijou Fernandez was contracted for seven years by prominent New York manager/director Augustin Daly. She was the daughter of actress Emily Fernandez who had appeared in many Daly productions and eventually became ‘perhaps the best-known woman theatrical broker in [the United States]’. Bijou was in the public eye from at least 1884, starring in May Blossom by Belasco at Manhattan's Madison Square Theatre and Niblo's Garden 1884-85. Her fame during the 1880s would appear to flow from her mother's position in the increasingly networked entertainment industry, but her status as a child celebrity was boosted by portrait photographer Napoleon Sarony who photographed the little girl every week for a year. As cultural artifacts in high circulation, Sarony’s theatrical postcards of Bijou Fernandez commodified her as perhaps the first child celebrity in the age of mass production and rendered a photographic record of the child star unmatched by the turn of the century. Bijou Fernandez’s roles in commercial productions of ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’ Daly’s, 1888 and ‘The Comedy of Errors’ Star Theatre Broadway, 1885 position her in the historical line of precocious Infant Phenomena since the early 19th century. But Fernandez’s consistent employment in New York’s commercial theatres, her repertoire that traversed high-brow Shakespeare and popular favorites, and her status as a celebrity within popular mediated culture, denote changes in the business of commercial entertainments and attitudes to child entertainers. This paper examines the childhood career of Bijou Fernandez through the lenses of repertoire, biography, and the popular visual record. Arguing that Fernandez was different from earlier 19th-century child prodigies such as Master Betty, William Grossmith, and Bateman sisters, this paper proposes Fernandez’s childhood career contributed to the extraordinary increase in child actors seeking to enter New York City’s entertainment industry by the end of the century.

**Key Words**

child actors, New York theatres, 19th century, celebrity

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The Dalrays were Ray Pritchard and Trevor Fowler, an acrobatic comedy duo from Adelaide, who first appeared at Melbourne’s Tivoli Theatre in the pantomime, Goody Two Shoes, in 1956. That engagement marks the beginning of an ongoing association, recorded in correspondence over the Tivoli’s last decade. The Dalrays returned to the Tivoli to perform with Shirley Bassey 1957, in a revival pantomime 1957 and in Funfiesta 1958. They toured with Max Reddy’s revue 1957, appeared at Brisbane’s Theatre Royal 1958 and returned twice in the 1960s to appear at the Tivoli. Their correspondence is most notable, however, as a record of extensive international touring to engagements in East Asia, Western Europe, the Middle East and the United States from December 1958 to June 1966. The Dalrays’ correspondence in the Tivoli collection at the State Library of Victoria offers a detailed record of two jet-setting entertainers, juggling opportunities on the hop with the logistics of international travel, booking agents, contracts and costs. The correspondence also reveals the success of a new breed of entrepreneurs in weaving regional agents and touring entertainers into business networks spanning Asia and the Pacific. Regionally prominent among these was the Hungarian-born Tibor Rudas, whose enterprise at exporting Australian entertainers into East Asian markets eclipsed the Tivoli circuit and enabled him to shift operations from Sydney to Las Vegas in the mid-1960s. This presentation applies methods of data visualisation to analyse the entrepreneurial networks that propelled The Dalrays into global circulation and integrated entertainment from Australia into the Asia-Pacific region.

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EMBODYING RACE, DEFINING CULTURE: RACIAL/ETHNIC IMPERSONATION AND IMMIGRANT IDENTITY IN AMERICAN VAUDEVILLE

Between the 1880s and the 1920s, American vaudeville evolved from a more “refined” version of variety into the first national entertainment industry. In the rhetoric of vaudeville impresarios, the mission was achieved by advertising their touring acts as free from lewdness, centrally supervised, and consistently replicated across theatre circuits. Such a national “homogenizing” project, however, was not reflected in the performances on stage. In fact, vaudeville acts were left to the artists to design, and they took liberties especially when adjusting to the tastes of the diverse audiences they met on tour. This agency on the performers’ part was especially evident in their subversions of stereotypical racial/ethnic representations, and even more so when the artists were immigrants faced with immigrant audiences. American vaudeville thrived as immigration from Europe and China peaked 1884-1924: immigrants became assiduous spectators, and the bulk of the work force in vaudeville until Ellis Island’s gates closed in 1924. The histories of American immigration, racial/ethnic representation, and the vaudeville industry run parallel and are deeply related. My paper builds upon these often overlooked connections to prove vaudeville’s role as the immigrants’ open platform – and racial/ethnic performance as their preferred stage device – used to embody their hyphenated identities. More effectively than racial/ethnic impersonations by white American-born artists, immigrant performers highlight a tension between the validation of ethnic origins – interpolating between authentic and stereotypical depictions – and the blurring of racial/ethnic boundaries. By foregrounding this tension, I anticipate that my paper will reveal how “Americanization” cannot be reduced to assimilation, but involves a continuous redrafting of racial borders and representations.

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“UNSKILLED THEATRE WORKERS”?: SHOWGIRLS AT THE WINDMILL THEATRE

The Windmill Theatre in London produced 341 editions of its ‘Revueville’ between 1932 and 1964, entertaining a mainly male audience with comic sketches and musical items, including static nude tableaux and skimpily clad female dancers. Recent academic interest has set the Windmill within its social and historical context as a Soho institution implicated in censorship and contemporary representations of female sexuality but it pays scant attention to the voice of the female performer. ‘Windmill Girls’ had ‘rudimentary skills’ according to Judith Walcowitz without defining criteria or evidence. The Windmill has large archival resources, including at the Theatre Collection of the Victoria and Albert Museum. My current oral history project — The Professional Lives of Dancers at the Windmill Theatre — archives the voices of surviving dancers. Press releases from 1947 – 1962 in the V&A Collections profiling new ‘Windmill Girls’ have given me mini-biographies of another 230 performers. These combined resources offer a new perspective on the notion of the ‘unskilled theatre worker’ which I will examine in this paper. I have been able to look at ages, previous training and previous work both on and off stage. While many had no previous theatre experience, and may have picked up dance skills opportunistically at dance halls, others had already been touring professionally in their mid-teens. The evidence points at a crucial ‘ecology’ operating at local and provincial level, networking dancing schools with amateur and professional performance opportunities. The typically uninspiring jobs for girls leaving school are highlighted in many cases, offering adequate motives for a young woman with the right personality and looks to aspire to the Windmill stage. Reference Walcowitz, Judith 2012 ‘Windmill Theatre’, in Nights Out: Life in Cosmopolitan London, New Haven and London: Yale University Press Kindle edition, loc. 6004

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POPULAR PERFORMANCE AND THE OMNIVORE: THE SHIFTING CULTURAL TERRAIN

Writing in 1965, Susan Sontag identified an important change taking place in modern culture. Rooted in the experiences of mid-twentieth century life and assisted by the development of new technologies, this change – a ‘new sensibility’, she called it – was increasingly rendering the ‘Matthew Arnold idea of culture’ obsolete and weakening the very idea of ‘high’ and ‘low’ art categories (p. 302). By the 1990s, this shift and capitalism’s global expansion had re-formed social habits of cultural consumption, as well as attitudes and prejudices regarding social class that had been traditionally associated with the consumption of high and low forms of art. In an important study published in 1992, the American sociologist Richard Peterson showed that one’s social status could no longer be so easily determined by the type of culture an individual consumed, but instead by how much culture – high and low – they consumed. Cultural ‘omnivores’, as Peterson termed them, participate in and know many forms of culture, from popular music to opera, and as a consequence typically enjoy higher social standing. By contrast, the cultural ‘univore’, those who participate in fewer cultural activities, possess lower cultural capital and consequently have a lower social status. As well as re-defining the terms of the low/high culture/class debate, the cultural shift that has been taking place over the last half century, and Peterson’s assessment of it, has important aesthetic consequences. While it was once unheard of for artists working in elite aesthetic modes to draw upon popular sources, in the current cultural environment, this has become commonplace. Popular forms of culture are no longer considered ignorant, taboo or vulgar: they are widely consumed, appreciated and appropriated into other cultural forms. In this paper, I explore this cultural shift in relation to contemporary theatre and performance. In particular, I will consider how the popular has been and is being drawn upon, and into, Western stage practices, as well as the aesthetic consequences of an omnivorous audience for art more generally.

Key Words
Popular performance, popular culture, capitalism, contemporary theatre

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RURAL POPULAR CULTURE OR POPULAR RURAL CULTURE?

Rural aspects has been a dominant feature in popular culture for a long time. Ideas about the rural can be found in a vast range of popular genres, from TV shows, commercials, Hollywood blockbusters, to theatre and entertainment. The paper looks at some ideas associate with the rural, from within the last hundred years. The aim is to track changes and developments in how the rural has been depicted and used. What can, for example, popular culture tell us about different views on rural aspects? Has the idea of the rural and how the rural has been depicted changed, and in that case, how can that change be discussed and interpreted? The paper will argue that the rural within popular culture has gone from being a symbol of a nostalgic past to an important factor in the accelerating world. The paper looks at processes of globalization and medialization in order to be able to problematize the intersection between the rural as something geographical, and the rural as something sociocultural. The paper will adopt a tentative approach to rural popular culture and popular rural culture in order to track, describe and question different views on the rural within popular culture. The primary empirical material will be Swedish theatre performances that comments on rural aspects or uphold ideas about the rural, from the beginning of the twentieth century until today.

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DIALOGUES BETWEEN POPULAR ENTERTAINMENT AND MODERN THEATER IN THE STAGING OF THE PLAY “VEM BUSCAR-ME QUE AINDA SOU TEU”, FROM CARLOS ALBERTO SOFFREDINI, BY THE MAMBEMBE THEATER GROUP BRAZIL

The purpose of this paper is to analyze the material collected by the author PhD student in Performing Arts about the staging of the play VemBuscar-me que AindaSouTeu, written by the playwright Carlos Alberto Sofiafredini, and presented by “Grupo de Teatro Mambembe” Mambembe Theater Group in 1979. Throughout the observation of photographs, reviews, and artist’s interviews, it intendeds to demonstrate how this show was built by using Brazilian popular theater procedures and techniques. These procedures were recreated by the theater group, originating a groundbreaking theater language. Carlos Alberto Sofiafredini 1939–2001 was a Brazilian playwright and stage director who worked in the São Paulo theater scene from the end of the 1960s to the year of his death. Author of a very expressive work within the context of the modern national theater, his aesthetic project was consciously elaborated from the research of the traditional popular artistic manifestations. The play VemBuscar-me que AindaSouTeu was written between 1978 and 1979 and can be considered the poetic synthesis of the years of Sofiafredini’s research about the forms of Brazilian popular theater. The plot is based on the day-to-day life of a itinerant circus-theater company, which presents melodramas, revues and music hall. This paper aims to investigate the importance of those popular theater shows as basis of the construction of a modern playwriting.

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IRISH LANGUAGE PANTOMIMES AT THE ABBEY: HOW POPULAR ENTERTAINMENTS LED TO A RENAISSANCE IN IRISH THEATRE

This paper will argue that the Irish language pantomimes staged at the Abbey, the National Theatre of Ireland throughout the 1940s and 50s led to a revolution in staging methods in Ireland. These pantomimes intended to aid the State’s revival of the Irish language took the form of popular Christmas entertainments that presented ancient Irish myths in the Irish language via a performance style that mixed the conventions of the British pantomime and the Broadway musical. They were popular with patrons but despised by critics and denounced by subsequent scholarship as a low point in the history of Irish theatre. However, the primary writer and director tasked to stage these entertainments was Tomás Mac Anna, who would go on to become the first artistic director of the Abbey, win a tony award and is credited as bringing a new international experimentalism to the theatre contributing to what has been termed a ‘Second Renaissance’ Murray in Irish theatre. Mac Anna always claimed that it was his work on the pantomimes that taught him everything about directing and design. The demands of these entertainments meant that he had to learn how to stage scenes with large casts and become expert at transitions to several locations whilst also incorporating choreography and song into his productions. The pantomimes schooled Mac Anna in a type of staging that was in direct contrast to the naturalistic style employed in the production of the Abbey’s signature realistic dramas of peasant life. This paper will re-examine the wealth of materials prompt scripts, letters, images, designs now available on these pantomimes through the Abbey Theatre Digital Archive at NUI Galway to support the argument that these popular entertainments helped to usher in a new era in Irish theatre.

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Key Words
Processus de création, Training, Conscience de lacteur

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“RESEARCH – CREATION / EDUCATION” PROCESSES FOCUSED TOWARDS SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

This talk is the result of the different findings in educational research from my work at the BA in Performing Arts at the National Pedagogical University in Bogotá, Colombia, in the seminar “Process and Methodologies of Creation”. In the seminar, using the methodologies of Research – Creation / Education, which is itself a newly developed category for the class that links scenic arts, pedagogy, academic research and community-based projects, students learn to generate their own creative processes. In accordance, by using the languages of performing arts, the students create and develop projects that seek to make social changes and transformations with communities that have very specific needs. In that way, the creative process can be attached to the betterment of the aforementioned communities. The seminar, which applies learning methodologies of problem-based and significant learning, becomes then a laboratory where the students can construct their own projects with the guide of the facilitator, allowing a horizontal space of learning where all the participants are able to research about the problems and needs in the communities of their own choosing. All the results of these developed projects and learning processes are then collected in a ‘Modellbuch’: a research method that allows the participant to reflect upon a piece whilst shaping it. In that way, this talk explains and exposes how the creative process can be articulated within the context of the communities’ problems, and the different kinds of methodologies that can be applied, pointing to the results of the artistic research project called “Voices and bodies of the community and its researchers” of which I take part of.

Key Words
Applied Theatre Artistic Research Creation Processes Performing Arts Learning Methodologies “Research – Creation / Education” Social and Community Projects
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LE SYSTÈME DE CRÉATION D’ENRIQUE DIAZ: LE SPECTACLE “OTRO” ET SES FRONTIÈRES FLOUES

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ELEKTRA IN THE LOWER DEPTHS? LOOKING FOR HOFMANNSTHALS INSPIRATIONS IN THE THEATRE OF HIS TIME
It is well known that the ultimate motivation for Hugo von Hofmannsthal to write his Elektra 1903 was the guest performance of Kleines Theater in Vienna of The Lower Depths and the subsequent meeting with Max Reinhardt and Gertrud Eysoldt. However, to suggest anything more than that Hofmannsthal got to know an excellent company, a new style of directing and an outstanding actress seems to be too eccentric. What can the realistic Lower Depths and mythologizing Elektra have in common? In my paper I try to read Elektra in the terms of the traces of Eysoldts creative individuality in the Hofmannsthals work, and her Nastja in The Lower Depths is crucial in understanding what the writer could see before writing his own heroine. The task is even more intriguing because of the fact that, due to the ensemble character of the performance, the Eysoldts role in The Lower Depths was not often described in detail either in the reviews or in theatre historiography... This material will contextualize what Hofmannsthal, Eysoldt, Reinhardt and others wrote on the creative process which resulted in one of the crucial productions of the early 20th century. In this sense, the interactions between Hofmannsthal and Reinhardt seem to have been already studied sufficiently I see my aim in voicing also Eysoldt in this dialogue which may crucially change the picture.

Key Words
gendering theatre history, actress, Gertrud Eysoldt

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This essay aims to be a reflective report on the creation processes of “The Impossible”, a performance with emphasis on the collective actor-creation. “The Impossible” has been inspired by a long lineage of theatre traditions, as practiced by Jacques Lecoq for example, exploring questions of identity, gender, race, and belonging in predominantly immigrant communities. Theoretically, “The Impossible” plays with Jean-Luc Nancy’s notion of “entre nous” and his ideas on freedom, community and the “I”, and their correlation with “being-with” as established in his exploration of “être singulier pluriel”. Delving into unspoken memories of performers, each of “The Impossible” actors enacts the impossibility of telling, embarking on a journey towards healing and transformation. The text of the performance is informed through a collaborative process of telling and co-writing. A process that troubles the notion of the “other” by allowing performers to be the “other” and thus defying it at the same time. By performing everyday life realities, the play triggers both individual and collective to emerge. The “uprooted” then begins to live in the liminal space of tensions between the familiar and the unknown, the native and the foreign, us and them. The promenade scenography of this multimedia performance allows the liminality of the memories of the “displaced”, the “uprooted”, the “other” to invite the spectator to become a part of the process of transformation. This essay thus aims to offer other ways of thinking about the process of creating Theatre by looking at how “The Impossible” became a possibility for telling, healing, and transforming, at once within the space of the performance, the body of the performer, and the interaction with the spectator.

Key Words: processus de creation, multimedia performance, gender and identity

**CollecTive CreateRion of “ThE IMPOSSIBLe”, TheSiE oF TellInG, healInG and transForMaTion in PerformInG the VoICES oF The communiTy**

The digital visualization of the creative process in the performing arts has become necessary, given the extremely rapid progress of digital humanities and the need for wide dissemination of knowledge, beyond geographical, temporal and material limitations. The achievements in the growing domain of digital humanities greatly facilitate the documentation and processing of archival material, through the elaboration, inter alia, of models for databases and search tools, which support post-analysis. Due to the great variety of creative processes involved in the performing arts, genetic research must possess the necessary means for the documentation, collection and management of an enormous amount of information, produced during all the stages of creation. In the proposed paper we will investigate possible combinations of theatre genetics with new technologies, leading to the widening of knowledge, addressed to the international academic community, as well as to artists and the general public. The quest for an implemented methodology of digital visualization will be examined. Additionally, the difficulties and conflicts with which the researcher is confronted will be further discussed. Finally, we will attempt to raise questions such as the possible ways in which a holistic and integrated model of genetic analysis of performance may be created and implemented, starting from the documentation of creative material, the recording of training and rehearsals, and, as a final stage, the digital visualization of the creative process.

**Key Words:** creative process digital visualization performing arts theatre genetics documentation
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QUAND REGARDER, CEST CRÉER

La génétique du spectacle a jusqu’à lors très peu pris en compte la question du spectateur alors que se développe un art relationnel qui l’inclut de parfois dans le processus de création. Comme le dit Josette Féral, « ces formes expérientielles, qui relèvent parfois de cet art relationnel dont parlait Nicolas Bourriaud, nous obligent à envisager autrement la génétique ou, tout du moins, posent des questions intéressantes à la génétique puisqu’elle déplace la création du côté du spectateur. Aucune recherche génétique, à ma connaissance, n’a été envisagée en ce sens. » Il s’agira donc, dans le cadre de cette communication, d’exposer les hypothèses de recherche qui seront développées dans le cadre du projet européen ARGOS, qui réunit des chercheurs, des étudiants, des médiateurs culturels et des artistes dans le cadre d’une nouvelle communauté de regards réunis par l’observation de processus de création européens Portugal, Grèce, Belgique, Italie, France. L’espace de la répétition, défini comme protégé et intime, hors de l’espace public, peut-il être investi par des personnes “extérieures” ? Et si oui, quelle place “active” pour un « spectateur » dans le processus ? Comment alors appréhender les savoirs de chacune de ces catégories de regards ? Comment établir des dispositifs dynamiques permettant le partage des savoirs ? Après avoir défini des modalités diversifiées de l’observation, nous nous demanderons quelle fonction a alors le « regardeur » au sein du processus de création : quels échanges entre les regards et l’équipe artistique ? Qu’apportent-ils ? Quelles traces du processus sont-elles créées par les regards ? Comment construire la mémoire commune d’une expérience affective, émotionnelle et culturelle ? En d’autres termes, observer est-il créer ?

Key Words
Génétique du spectacle, observation, spectateur
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LA RÉINVENTION DE LA FORME SCÉNIQUE DANS LE THÉÂTRE DE LA TRANSITION POLITIQUE CHILIENNE

La présentation vise à montrer comment l’analyse des processus de création des spectacles s’est avérée l’outil principal permettant de comprendre la portée du renouveau théâtral dans le Chili de la transition politique 1990 -1994. Cette analyse nous a permis d’examiner le phénomène théâtral de l’intérieur, en se rapprochant de ce que voulaient faire les artistes, de leurs propres poétiques et de leurs méthodes. C’est une perspective qui permet de dégager les éléments communs à tous les spectacles qui ont été importants durant cette période. L’analyse des processus de création révèle les enjeux et la nature du phénomène théâtral dans son ensemble, ce qui aurait été impossible avec une approche thématique ou idéologique, par exemple.

Key Words
Processus de création, théâtre chilien, transition politique

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FROM ACT TO ACTING. THE USE OF TRAINING TECHNIQUES IN THE CREATIVE PROCESS OF JAN FABRE

In this paper I argue that a genuine understanding of creative processes in theatre and dance can only be acquired by examining at least five constitutive stages: conception, audition, training, rehearsal, and performance. Furthermore, genetic research on these stages needs to be buttressed by two central axes: while documentation both tangible and intangible is the micro-axe enabling genetic studies by providing primary resources, also the macro-axe of context needs to be accounted for, as for example institutional conditions determine to a large extent the development of creative processes. More specifically I will look into the use of specific training methods and their relation to the creative process. The stage of trainings this paper will focus on does not concern the education offered in conservatoires, drama schools, etc., but those training methodologies that artists have developed throughout their career in order to prepare their performers for rehearsals. In the history of theatre and dance, various artists such as Konstantin Stanislavski, Jerzy Grotowski, Rudolf von Laban, or Steve Paxton have developed specific training techniques in accordance with their artistic poetics. Contemporary artists such as Jan Fabre or Meg Stuart continue this tradition by developing exercises that ought to adapt the performer’s body and mind-set to the specific requirements of an artist’s oeuvre. We will look into the training method of the Belgian theatre director Jan Fabre which he developed throughout his whole career. The method consists of 25 exercises that are meant to prepare the performer. What are the basic principles of Fabre’s guiding-lines, and how do they relate to his artistic oeuvre?

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creative process / training method / Jan Fabre
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OBJECT-BICHO / OBJECT-BODY: AESTHETIC PROCEDURES BETWEEN PERFORMANCE, VISUAL ARTS AND AUDIENCE

This paper aims to study the aesthetic procedures in a contemporary scene of dance creations that problematize the frontiers between the performing arts and shifts fixed places from both the artists and the public. To this reflection, I bring the performance “La Bête” 2005 from the brazilian dancer Wagner Schwartz, presented in 2017, on the exhibition 35º Panorama da arte brasileira, in the Museum of Modern Art of São Paulo MAM. This performance was targeted of public demonstrations that point out discursive polarities in the Brazilian socio-political landscape and question the legitimacy of the country’s artistic institutions. The performance has as an aesthetic procedure a direct relationship with the work “Bichos” 1960 from the brazilian artist Lygia Clark. Schwartz, naked, manipulates a replica of Clark’s object-bicho repeating the same gesture that the artist proposed in the 60s and subsequently invites the public to manipulate his object-body throughout the performance. Both propositions approaches a relational aesthetic Bourriaud, 2001 and point to a shift in the usual commonplace, that may assume other positions inside the performative action. Nonetheless, certain displacements of theatrical conventions still generates the feeling of strangeness between the real-fiction in the scene Fischer-Lichte, 2007. Thus, the same work represented may turn visible aesthetic-political conflicts in the community that receives it. This experience invites us to think how the artistic gesture reflects the socio-historical moment of one community, transfiguring a daily body into a political act.

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Working Groups

- QUEER FUTURES
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THE QUEER SIDE OF PAKISTAN

We are collaborating on an exciting new project that aims to construct a genealogy of queer theatre and performance in Pakistan 1947-present. Taking as a point of departure Sedgwick’s exhortation to deconstruct binary categories of sexuality, we aim to move beyond straight/homo sexual categories of analysis to build an archive of the performative in Pakistan and its diaspora attentive to sex and gender expressiveness in multiple registers, genres and levels of complexity. Some questions we aim to explore are: Some questions we aim to explore are: 1. how queerness is evolving as an analytic category of understanding, naming and living in a Muslim state that is becoming increasingly hostile towards all “minorities” whose very existence challenges the religious status quo and 2. to what degree the internet has become a migratory performative of survival and solidarity, allowing us to trace a genealogy of queer theatre produced not only in Pakistan, but also in its diaspora.

Key Words
queer, political, performance, history, genealogy, Pakistan

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DISRUPTING THE SCENE: RE-IMAGINING THE THEATRICAL TRANSITION FOR A QUEER DRAMATURGY

Disrupting the scene: Re-imagining the theatrical transition for a queer dramaturgy When you’re acting in a play, and the director says “can you try that transition again?” and you say, “Again?” and The Rest Of Me Floats, Outbox Theatre. 2017 In a normative theatre-making process, the transition acts as the connective tissue between developed scenes. Traditionally transitions taking place in darkness, as the set changes and props are removed and reconfigured—indicating time passing or being re-arranged. Working as the director on Outbox Theatre’s And The Rest Of Me Floats, I began to re-imagine the place and time of the transition. This interdisciplinary, devised play was based around the autobiographies of seven gender diverse performers. The gender identity and expression of the performers were in flux, mostly identifying as trans or as having transitioned, and, therefore, the dramaturgy followed suit. What happens when the transition becomes central to the making process and the scenes interrupt the transition? This paper shares video, imagery and insights from the making and performance process that riff around the multitude of meanings stemming from transition. Devising a choreography that embodies, re-creates, and subverts Judith Butler’s theory of the heteronormative matrix 1990, created a framework in which a queer dramaturgy was composed. Swerving causal, linear narratives that see trans bodies victimised, in trauma and in danger, the company look to queer utopias Muñoz 2010 to reject realism and embrace shifting identities and forms.

Key Words
Queer, Dramaturgy, Transition, Directing, Temporality
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GOING FERAL: QUEERLY DE-DOMESTICATING THE INSTITUTION AND RUNNING WILD

Going Feral: queerly de-domesticating the institution and running wild. This paper is written from the position of the queer-identifying theatre practitioner-scholar and interrogates their relationship to the institutions of theatre, funding bodies, festivals and the academy. The queer-identified artist, like the queer-identified researcher, is always functioning in a deeply ambivalent position. What does it mean, when one of the fundamental principles of queer is that it sets itself up against what is normative, for this queer-identified person to exist within, be paid or salaried within, or seek approval from, one or more of these institutions? What happens to their queerness? The parallels between theatre and the academy are close and multiple I suggest this is particularly so around the field of queer Practice as Research PaR. The chapter examines a recent example of the author’s PaR work on HIV and AIDS in performance, GL RY/WHoLE Belfast, 2016, to argue that the uncomfortably-placed queer artist-scholar might appropriate a feral modus operandi in order to radically de-domesticate the domesticating strictures and privileges of these institutions. In other words, to take the money and knowledge and run wild. It places this in relationship to ‘queer superstar’ Taylor Mac’s recent 24 hours of performance at the Melbourne International Arts Festival 2017.

Key Words
feral pedagogies feral dramaturgies queer and the mainstream

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SPEAKING ACROSS BORDERS. CONNECTING INTERNATIONAL QUEER PERFORMANCE

Given the position that queer performance is intimately related to the context and community in which is occurs, a question begs how, then, might we begin to describe the ways in which local queer performance is connected to other queernesses outside of its direct vision? Starting from a desire to find a way of connecting queer work internationally without colonising or hegemonising it, this paper tentatively describes the structures and discourses that we might develop to connect diverse queer performance practices. Through thinking about the practices of drag, this paper begins the discussion with the description of the ways in which queer performance practice is connected to the local. This connection with the local conditions of its production holds specific resonances to the communities in which the work is presented. However, in an ever increasingly fluid context, those localnesses are not as clearly delineated as they might seem. Indeed, queer performance is often international in flavour, migrates across geographical and genre boundaries and is pluralistically resilient to fixity. This is the central problem of the paper. Once setting up the issue at hand, the discussion explores some potential ways of connecting work without disregarding the deep connections it has with the local. The paper describes the beginnings of the exploration of these discourses and settles on two initial ideas: queer performance’s transnationality as offering a strategy to articulate queer performance as both/and – in the local and simultaneously relating to elsewhere and ideas of queer kinship as a way of articulating the cognate relationship local queer performance might have with internationality/transnationality/the global. The paper finishes by looking to other aspects of the problem that further complicates the issues at hand, particularly the relationship to queer performance history that in itself circulates in the work of queer performance around the world.

Key Words
Queer Theatre, Drag Performance
This paper explores the figure of the trans migrant in Frances Poet’s play Adam 2017 through Jasbir Puar’s notion of homonationalism and Thibaut Raboin’s more recent work on the promise of ‘hap.

Key Words
trans, queer, asylum, homonationalism, National Theatre Scotland

MIGRANT SEXUALITY: THE CURIOUS AFFAIR OF PERFORMING IDENTITIES IN URBAN SPACES IN INDIA

This paper aims at investigating the complex relationship between migration and sexuality. The author uses migrant in its broadest root sense which implies any movement and shifting of location and any experience of new conditions and forms. These movements criss-cross between different kinds of urban living arrangements, as people dwell in formations as dissimilar to each other as nuclear families, college hostels, pavement communities, individual flats and slums. To be enclosed in one’s own space or to have an entire ownership over the discretionary use of that space is not a given.

Key Words
migration, sexuality, urban spaces
TRANSONALISM IN JO CLIFFORD’S SWAN SONG, EVE 2017

Finding a way to speak with a woman’s voice for some transwomen has been described as an act of ‘identity migration’. As part of their ‘journey’, some transwomen go to great lengths to perform or ‘pass’ vocally as a woman. Some take extensive vocal training to support them in arriving at a place where they feel congruent with themselves (Mills and Stoneham 2017). But in performing a feminine sounding voice, into what wider cultural and psychic territories associated with ‘women’s voices’ do transwomen venture? How do gendered aesthetic choices express identity in performance spaces? And how can feminist, queer and cultural studies scholarship converge to explore this process? Feminist scholars have called attention to the exclusion of the sonorous qualities of women’s voices from the rational and logocentric male public sphere (Dunn and Jones 1994, Love 2002, Cavarero 2005).

Queer scholarship theorises nonchronormative orchestrations of time that subvert the practices to support the voices of care experienced young people and as a means of participatory action research and evaluation.

Key Words
voice transwoman queer feminism song
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PERFORMING QUEER BODIES IN PERSIAN CULTURE: CENSORSHIP AND DISSIMULATION

This piece shows partial results of the research “Interdiction and Cultural Production: censorship on cinema and theater at Islamic Republic of Iran”, conducted with the financial aid of Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo São Paulo Research Aid Foundation, FAPESP and University of São Paulo, Brazil. At the beginning, it was supposed to investigate the censorship processes in Iran. Methodologically, the option was to concentrate in cinema and theater interdictions and analyze established cultural patterns, ways of resistance and institutional relations among artists and the official censorship. The main source of information was a set of interviews with Iranian artists as well as government authorities and, furthermore, it included documental, iconographic and AV researches. It was not supposed to investigate queer bodies because, for a western researcher that has never been to Iran, it was unthinkable to have the opportunity to find a queer culture under the theocratic government. In fact, it was a big surprise to meet a theater director that took me to a not-so-hidden scene of queer parties with specific places of sociability. This presentation is about queer bodies in Teheran, considering from Richard Schechner’s broad and inclusive concept of performance up to theater and performance art experiences. Besides, it analyses the governmental censorship related to these bodies in performative arts. On the other hand, it leads to a reflection on the cultural aspects of sexuality and interdiction in contemporary Iran theater and performance art. It highlights dissimulation as a constitutive feature of Iranian culture that enables the emergence of queer bodies under a repressive state.

Key Words
Performance Queer Iran Persian Culture Iranian Theater

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AND THERE’S NO WAY TO KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN: MIGRATING POWER IN SPLIT BRITCHES’ “UNEXPLODED ORDNANCES UXO”

In a makeshift War Room, a selected Council of Elders are invited to discuss the situation backgrounded by 59-minute countdown. Part performance, part debate, Split Britches Unexploded Ordnances UXO was conceived as a daring new protocol for public discussion Split Britches, 2018. Re-appropriating Dr Strangeloves 1964 Kubrick aesthetic and imminent nuclear attack, Madame President Lois Weaver and a bombastic General Peggy Shaw invite the oldest members of the audience to discuss current global issues within the allotted timeframe. This paper considers how queer performance engages with political, social and global power. Drawing on the work of Jose Munoz and Jill Dolan, I consider how the situation room performance model engages with and applies concepts of the utopic. In particular, how shifting responsibility from the performer to the audience – the official figurehead to the public – has the potential to destabilise normative structures of power, even if only momentarily. By examining the critical stakes of Weaver and Shaw’s performance of heightened hyper-masculine roles as lesbian performers, this paper considers how the migration of power can be understood as a feminist performance strategy.

Key Words
Queer
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STOP RELYING ON [THOSE BODIES]: LOCAL DRAG PERFORMANCE & MIGRATING DRAG PRACTICES

In the wake of the ever-growing popularity of RuPaul’s Drag Race Logo TV, 2009, an American television series in which drag performers compete for the title of America’s Next Drag Superstar, drag is increasingly considered in homogenised forms across international boundaries. Furthermore, it is often argued by established drag performers in the UK that younger performers only learn their drag via Drag Race, not through local drag traditions or more individuated exchanges between performers. This paper considers how these drag practices are considered to have migrated from the US to other countries in a unilateral flow. Paying attention to the ways in which these drag practices might move, and be moved, across international boundaries, this paper explores what diversities in form, content, style, practice, bodies, and so on get ironed out in the popularisation of drag performance in a post-Drag Race world. This exploration is tempered by a focus on what local practices and resistances remain in the wake of these more global forces, whilst engaging with critiques of the local/global binary in the wake of contemporary work surrounding queer international relations Weber, 2016. Starting from the particular US phenomenon of audiences “tipping” drag performers by handing them dollar bills during their acts, this paper explores one performance that plays with, critiques, and potentially gets folded into this US practice. This paper returns to the body of the performer and insists on an understanding of what emerges on stage as a fertile ground for understanding what hybrid practices can and do emerge when quotidian forms such as drag are illuminated by the bright lights of popular culture.

Key Words
queer performance, drag, global/local

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WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET: VISUALITY, EROTICS AND THE DISRUPTIVE TRANS- BODY

Resisting the continuing cultural swing in which assimilation into the privatized and conservative mainstream has become the goal of LGBT activism, this presentation argues for the radical erotics of the un-assimilatable Trans* Body in performance. I suggest constituting transsexuals not as a class or problematic third gender, but rather as a genre—a set of embodied texts whose potential for productive disruption of structured sexualities and spectra of desire has yet to be explored. -Sandy Stone The Empire Strikes Back, A Post-Transsexual Manifesto 1991 In this paper I offer a potential “erotics of trans- bodies in performance. This has elements of a manifesto. It is an exhortation for LBGTQ+ performance makers and audiences to resist the pull toward homo-and-trans-normative identity politics and instead, while continuing to fight against violent discriminatory systems, to nurture radical and pleasurable practices that dismantle normative notions and experiences of genders and sexualities. I define my tools and terms and the current ways I am thinking about Trans-, performance, pleasure and desire, haptic visuality and a potential erotics of Trans*- bodies in performance. I offer some examples of these erotic performances looking at my own work and that of the self proclaimed “Transgender Terrorist” Rose Wood and I conclude by posing some questions on how about how we might disseminate these erotics, in the hopes of creating a widening network of pleasurable performance activism.

Key Words
body, dance, queer, transgender, trans, transsexual, Foucault, Deleuze and Guattari, performance, erotics, Laura U Marks, Susan Stryker, Sandy Stone
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GHOSTLY MIGRATIONS, MEMORY AND KINSHIP IN DICKIE BEAU’S “RE-MEMBER ME”

A chorus of overlapping voices announce the opening of Dickie Beau’s Re-Member Me - ‘I remember ... I cant remember ... If he remembers ... I’ve forgotten ... one of the many things I’ve forgotten ... probably provoked by memory ... Must I remember?’ Resounding like a ghostly incantation at the Almeida Theatre in 2017, from no obvious source, the words evoke a séance, in which the voices of deceased or long-standing players in UK theatre are conjured in the present, channeled through Beau’s distinctive lip-synched performance, to query the compulsory invocation of the past, including that inferred by the production’s own title. These figures’ comments have been cut from recorded interviews, some conducted by Beau himself, as they reflect on their careers, in particular the experience of playing Hamlet or watching the play performed. This paper examines how memory constructs queer history and theatrical kinship in Beau’s production directed by Jan-Willem Van Den Bosch, such that remembrance is as much about narrating the past, and letting past voices filter through the present, as it is about assembling absent bodies, while preparing for the departure of those present. In Beau’s production, migration might be approached as the movement of voices, memories, gossip, anecdotes and souls within theatre traditions, passing among the bodies of actors living and dead, and the roles they have and have not performed.

Key Words
queer - migration - memory - kinship
Working Groups

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WHEN “BECKETT ON FILM” MIGRATED TO TELEVISION

The UK television channel, Channel 4, invested in the production of ‘Beckett on Film’ 2001, a project to produce screen versions of all Beckett’s theatre plays. The films were shown in cinemas internationally, in London and New York, but had always been intended to migrate to the television medium. In 2001 Channel 4 scheduled the ‘Beckett on Film’ adaptations one or two at a time in the early or late evening, for a general family audience, but their timing bore no obvious relation to the channel’s normal programming pattern. The uncertain relationship between the plays and the rest of the channel’s output, and the unconventional pattern of scheduling, contributed to small audience numbers and confusion about which viewers the plays were aimed at. Then ‘Beckett on Film’ migrated again, and in 2004 the plays were scheduled as educational broadcasts for schools television, on weekday mornings. They were aimed at secondary school children studying Beckett’s plays in the English or Drama syllabus. Published listings noted the age group for which each drama was intended, to help teachers or parents. ‘Beckett on Film’ had become a resource for study. This paper analyses how this process of migration between media and between types of audience happened, and why it is significant. The paper will argue that these migrations destabilise ‘Beckett on Film’ as an object of analysis, but the paper will also evaluate the extent to which Beckett’s work had the capacity to address multiple audiences and fulfil different cultural roles in the processes of its migrations.

Key Words
Beckett television film adaptation audience schedule

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SAMUEL BECKETT AND “BORDER THINKING”

A suspicion of unities marked the intellectual development of Samuel Beckett, and his biography and working practices bear out the boundary-crossing nature of his achievement: both novelist and playwright in both French and English, his legacy increasingly crosses the global landscape without much regard for political borders. Instead, in geographic, linguistic, and philosophical terms, Samuel Beckett’s oeuvre reveals the persistent and the porous nature of the boundary itself, initiating a form of dialectic “border thinking” that marks his artistic approach. Looking at histories of performance practices across different cultures, this research examines the resulting tension in the work of Samuel Beckett, especially his work for the theatre, between strict or mathematically precise delineations — strips, striations, boxes, and containers — and the rhizomatic profusion of possible meanings or methodologies as actors, directors, designers, and dramaturgs read “between the lines.” The philosophical dimension of Beckett’s affection for playing along the boundaries of concepts and ideas — whether through parodies of Pythagoras and Descartes, extensions of Dante and Schopenhauer, or through an ongoing fascination with paradox itself — are also brought to bear on whether a form of “border thinking” marks modernism itself. Finally, drawing on the practice-as-research work of the Samuel Beckett Laboratory in “Mapping Beckett,” a workshop conducted at the 2018 between. Among the Beckett Laboratory’s projects, this paper also initiates a discussion of whether “border thinking” marks the development of a newly “interwoven” intercultural dimension that may inform the next stage of international Beckett Studies and the future activities/publications of the Samuel Beckett Working Group of IFTR.

Key Words
Samuel Beckett, Borders, Interdisciplinary, Intercultural, Practice-as-Research
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RESTLESSNESS, WANDERLUST AND MIGRATION IN ENGAME

Restlessness, Wanderlust and Migration in Endgame The idea of the raft is already present in the first two-act preliminary version of Fin de partie, an undated, unpublished manuscript held in the Beckett Manuscript Collection of the University of Reading under the reference number MS 1660. The raft, mentioned multiple times in the play, satisfies A’s longing to be elsewhere, the thought of B following his orders and making a raft for him. Likewise, B welcomes the opportunity of such a job: in Act I, he even promises to start it at once in the hope that A would sail out by himself and be miles away next day. A’s departure would save B the trouble of having to go away himself. In Fin de partie, however, the presence of the raft is greatly reduced, but Clov’s desire to leave the shelter and its live and dead inhabitants remains a key issue throughout. My paper also explores counter-movements in the play, namely the arrival of the man on a Christmas Eve in Hamm’s unfinished story, a stranger, the only survivor of an unspecified cataclysm who approaches Hamm to ask for some bread for his child, crawling on his belly – definitely outside his comfort zone, fully in Hamm’s power, far away from his home to which there is no return. This will lead us to the arcane topic of Clov’s origin – his arrival in Hamm’s shelter to become an exploited household slave.

Key Words
Fin de partie, restlessness, migration, raft, away, stranger

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EXTRATERRITORIAL BECKETT

George Steiner coined a concept that has been widely used in Literary Studies: the extraterritorial condition. The critic and philosopher developed it in Extraterritorial. Papers on Literature and the Language Revolution 1971, a work in which he reflects on notions such as criticism, language and estrangement. The “Language Revolution” in the subtitle refers to the profound crisis of language which occurred in Central Europe in the first third of the 20th century and that was experienced in the arts as the “failure of words”. According to Steiner, the emergence of a linguistic pluralism and the “lack of a homeland” in some writers, such as Beckett, Nabokov or Borges, was part of this language revolution. Beyond the strictly linguistic field, today the extraterritorial category suggests global migratory movements and the constant displacement of the modern subject, in Steiner’s words, as “a strategy of permanent exile”. In 1937 Samuel Beckett wrote his famous letter to Axel Kaun and also during this decade he was impressed by Fritz Mauthner. In this sense, through these two threads, one can follow Becketts tendency towards the “literatur des unworts” [sic], which will affect not only his works, but also his self-translation and bilingualism. Precisely in this period Beckett began to write in French to guarantee the effect of estrangement and radical insecurity provided by a language that is not one’s own. His writing in French is austere and attenuated, thus assuming a voluntary linguistic exile for, as Beckett himself said, “le besoin dêtre mal armé”.

Key Words
estrangement, exile, homelessness, linguistics, bilingualism
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TRANSLATING BECKETT IN DIFFERENT CULTURES

This paper aims to examine what it means to translate Beckett’s drama in the context of different cultures. According to Routledge Encyclopedia of Translation Studies, “‘cultural translation’ is counterposed to a ‘linguistic’ or ‘grammatical’ translation that is limited in scope to the sentences on the page. It raises complex technical issues: how to deal with features like dialect and heteroglossia, literary allusions, culturally specific items such as food or architecture, or further-reaching differences in the assumed contextual knowledge that surrounds the text and gives it meaning” (Sturge 67). Translating Beckett’s drama in a different language and different culture requires and enables translators, directors, actors, and audiences to leave the original text and migrate into a new theatrical environment. As suggested by Bandia, the “context of migration, by its very nature, evokes translation and bilingualism as a fundamental condition of being. Translation therefore partakes of the cultural representation of otherness as a primordial instrument” (Bandia 283). This paper clarifies the definition of ‘Beckett’s theatre between migration and stasis’ that transcends cultural boundaries.

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Key Words
foreignization, domestication, cultural translation

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PERFORMING BECKETT IN DIFFERENT MEDIAS IN SERBIA

In a very rich „love story” between Beckett’s work and Serbian audience, there are some inevita ble cornerstones. Since the first translation of Waiting for Godot in 1953, until nowadays, Beckett has been performed not only on stage the famous clandestine performance of Godot in Belgrade in 1954, among many others, but also on Radio Belgrade All That Fall in 1961 and Television. With his radio drama Words and Music there started a broadcasting of the Third Programme of Radio Belgrade in 1965. Unfortunately, there are no traces left of the emitted television programme in the sixties, so the first reliable proofs of Beckett’s presence in this media are from the seventies. Together with his books translated into Serbian novels, stories, plays, poems, essays, we can say that Beckett’s mostly spiritual „migrations” into other cultures mostly since he was our host in 1958, when he spent a few weeks of his holidays during summer were very successful in the case of the Serbian one. Since he himself was a voluntary migrant from one culture to another, and from one language to another, and from an outsider became a worldly famous writer, Beckett was familiar with the migrant experience of being poor and anonymous. Those feelings are giving to his work a universal message that could be understood worldwide much easier than one might think. So, in our paper we will try to trace Beckett’s metamorphosis in different medias in Serbia, and his rise in our culture, during all those decades.

Key Words
Beckett, Serbia, medias, radio, television, spiritual migration
Working Groups

• SCENOGRAPHY
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THE RADICAL WITCH: DECADENCE AND THE SCENOGRAPHIC BODY IN LAUREN BARRI HOLSTEIN’S “NOTORIOUS”

Shortly after the closure of IFTR 2017, an effigy of Judith Butler was burned in São Paulo by protestors shouting ‘burn the witch’. They were responding to her participation in a conference she co-convened, falsely assuming that she would be addressing her ‘gender ideology’ as a feminist lesbian. Whilst at the IFTR conference, myself and colleagues found a statue of Robert Baden-Powell – the founder of the Boy Scout movement – in São Paulo’s Praca Republica. This seemed anachronistic save for the ongoing presence of Boy Scouts in Brazil, but in hindsight his statue foreshadowed the effigy burning. As John R. Reed notes, ‘Baden-Powell organized his Boy Scout movement expressly to counter the decadence he perceived in English Society’ Reed 1985: 3. Reed is referring to an understanding of decadence as a ‘falling away’ from normative stasis, particularly a moral failing. This understanding is what resonates with calls to ‘burn the witch’, as Butler’s presence in São Paulo was understood by the protestors to be symbolic of declining moral integrity. Troubled by these events, but also inspired by recent theatre practice, this paper considers the witch as a harbinger of decadence. However, I will be arguing that decadence can be reclaimed as a means of resisting deeply embedded sexist and misogynistic normativity by exploring a recent performance by Lauren Barri Holstein called Notorious 2017, which opened in the UK the same day as the Butler protests. The scenographic body plays an essential role in Notorious, presenting the witch as an agent of decadence. Focusing on the uses of props and costume that clothe or penetrate Holstein’s body, and framing two core features of the decadent body – decay and excess – as movements away from normative stasis, this paper addresses Notorious as an uncompromising reflection of the global pressures faced by feminism today.

Key Words
Decadence, stasis, scenographic body, feminism, Lauren Barri Holstein

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COSTUMING THE OTHER: AESTHETIC AND MORAL INTERPLAYS OF THE EXOTIC COSTUME IN THE LATE EIGHTEENH CENTURY

The second half of the eighteenth century saw a rather turbulent development of the theatre costumes, influenced by the ‘Enlightened’ aesthetic debate about art and theatre as well as by the changing social climate. The rococo fashion met the growing demands for historical and geographical authenticity, which started to be slowly applied on the costume stage. In my presentation I would like to focus on the construction of the exotic characters that appeared on the stage of the French opera and ballet, designed mainly by the prolific dessinateur Louis-René Boquet 1717-1814. Turks, Indians, Chinese, but also Norwegians, Polish or Provençales were considered as the exotic other for the French court society and stylised in a specific manner. Especially in the case of the silent ballets, the costume was the most functional element when it came to defining the provenience of the character function called by costume historian Anna Verdier the ‘dramaturgical efficiency’, in the same time it worked as an eye-catching decoration of the stage and as a sexually provoking image. I will explore the models that served or might have served to Boquet when creating these polyvalent costumes, combining traditional stereotyping strategies with more “authentic” elements. Which images and objects where taken as models for the designer? How were they adapted for stage and why? Through analysis and comparison of the sources and Boquet’s designs, I will consider the specific aesthetic and moral implication of these various medias, connecting them to the growing European interest for the exotic goods, and finally focus on the exotic dance costume as such.

Key Words
exotic costume eighteenth-century France ballet opera
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WHERE THE FUTURE TAKES PLACE: VIBRANT MATTER, POWER GEOMETRY AND ARTIST EVENT MAKING

What drives this presentation is my desire to encounter and identify the ways that artists use spaces and materials to perform with social, political and environmental implications. This research merges the study of scenography and site specific performance to identify a new poetic modality of performance production. In applying what Doreen Massey calls power geometry 2005 and what Jane Bennett calls vibrant matter 2010 to performance making and artistic events that arise out of ecological concerns, cultural critique and a postcolonial impulses, I hope to articulate what I see as an emergent form of performance and event making poetics. By viewing vibrant matter and power geometry through an expanded definition of scenography, one that accounts for landscape, site specificity and live locations of place, I consider the ways artistic works which take place in these environments activate transformative spatial ontologies to form poetic, post-progress and decolonizing spatial encounters. Scenography, as one way to think through human-environment relations, provides a rich discourse in which the spatial and ontological are linked. The themes of nation, identity and migration as they relate to land-based performance and ecology are inherent within Massey and Bennett’s propositions as they both include notions of place and space through time and material. I identify three case studies where artist-led projects demonstrate this theoretical and poetic proposition. These sites of inquiry consist of: Alana Bartol’s work with oil fields in Alberta Canada, titled Orphan Well Adoption Agency 2017, the indigenous artist collective Postcommodity, whose work Repellent Fence 2015 activates indigenous aesthetics, politics and technologies along the Mexican-American border wall, and the work of Ivan Puig and Andrés Padilla Domene titled, SEFT -1 2014, a nomadic project that works historiographically with disused train systems across Mexico. I will explore how these works use event making, spatiality and material attunement to shift ontological, epistemological and historical narratives by activating notions of power geometry and vibrant matter.

Key Words  scenography, interdisciplinary performance, post-progress

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TEXTILE POETRY AND EXPERIMENTAL COSTUMES

This paper aims to discuss how embroidery and the poetic manipulation of textiles can create different narratives and new results when used as basis to the creation of costumes. In this presentation, we will report on the process and final results of the workshops which were carried out with the undergraduate students in Textiles and Fashion - mainly of the 2nd and 3rd year - during the Costume and Scenography class, taught by Prof. Dr. Fausto Viana, at USP. Students had to create a costume based on Matéi Visniec’s play The body of a woman as a battlefield in the Bosnian war. This costume had a peculiarity: it should be both part of the set panels of 2,00m x 1,40m and act independently on the body of the actors. The creation of the costume should involve embroidery as a ritualistic tool for the actor to be in contact with the costume. We chose this play because it opens wide discussion on gender roles, not only discussing the situation of women in war contexts, but also in daily life, raising topics such as gender violence and the position of women in society.

Key Words  costume, costume design, embroidery, textile poetry
Cuddington: An ongoing photography project

The public park is a paradigmatic element of suburbia: a meeting point of the rural and the urban, a constructed landscape that provides a civil amenity to the local residents. Cuddington is my ongoing project to photograph Cuddington Park, in the outer suburbs of south-west London, an attempt to investigate the complex layers and interconnections, unfolding over time, that the public park represents. The surrounding housing was built in the 1920s and 1930s during the inter-war expansion of London. These suburbs were built commercially but promoted utopian ideals, offering a new middle class of railway commuters the opportunity to live in a ‘natural’ environment of tree-lined roads, grass verges, private gardens and public parks, away from the pollution and cramped conditions of the 19th Century inner suburbs and city centre. The new housing was built on farmland, and the public park is both a relic of the previous, rural, landscape and a newly constructed and regulated space for leisure activities. Today, the park is used for walking dogs, informal sports and children’s play, as well as serving as a habitat for wildlife. In my photography project, I am investigating the park’s multiple natures, at once a rural-agricultural landscape, a constructed, idealised landscape in play, as well as serving as a habitat for wildlife. In my photography project, I am investigating the park’s multiple natures, at once a rural-agricultural landscape, a constructed, idealised landscape in the fashion of the 18th Century landscape architects, and an extension of the domestic suburban garden: a shifting landscape reflecting societal changes. I want to approach the park by referencing representations of landscape in the visual arts, but also by considering it scenographically: as a place of habitation. Residents enact their leisure activities, but the park’s boundary also connects the public realm with the private ‘backstage’ space of the rear gardens that back onto the park. Fences, shrubs and trees ensure a carefully calibrated level of visibility, with houses overlooking the neatly constructed public park, and park-goers able to glimpse the more-or-less orderly domestic zone in turn. http://www.photoscenography.org.uk/cuddington

Key Words
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This paper discusses different modes of presenting the geopolitical humanitarian crisis of conflict migration, with particular focus on spatial experimentation. It focuses on two productions: “Le dernier Caravansérail” 2005 by the Théâtre du Soleil and “Evros Walk Water 1&2” 2017 by Rimini Protokoll. Both of these pieces are collective works created by important European avant-garde directors, Ariane Mnouchkine and Daniel Wetzel respectively. They respond to the post-2000 refugee crisis in distinctly dramatic and scenographic terms. The transformations of performative spaces were created in the first work by Guy-Claude François, in spectacularly theatrical and epic style, and in second example by Adrianos Zacharias and Magda Plevraki, who combine a highly intimate approach with an immersive and interactive form of theatre. Both productions allow audiences to reflect on and contextualize individual and collective experiences of forced displacement and of increasing multiculturalism within European societies. In analyzing these these works, I emphasize how scenography becomes a vehicle of communication for highly visceral and emotional experiences, intended to appeal to highly heterogeneous audiences. I show how diverse spatial solutions and recent performative practices negotiate socio-cultural issue, ultimately looking to affect social and political understanding. However, I also suggest that spectacular scenography constantly threatens to undermine these socio-political aspects of contemporary theatre. Ultimately, this paper demonstrates how contemporary scenography responds to the processes of dehumanization and helps to shape the theatre as a social force and inter-subjective space.

Key Words
scenography, Ariane Mnouchkine, Théâtre du Soleil, Daniel Wetzel, Rimini Protokoll
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OUT OF THE COMFORT ZONE- FACING WITH THE OTHERS

I would like to introduce an experimental project from the scenographic perspective, that uses the participatory theatre form. Being the scenographer, this was both an aesthetic and conceptual challenge. Scenography design traditionally doesn’t take place in participatory theatre because of its site-specific and participatory character. Regarding its scenic minimalism in the aesthetic sense, this kind of theatre doesn’t belong to traditional theatre. The aim of design, performance space and atmosphere are to involve audiences to express their opinions in the offered topic. The main focus of the performance is the question of migration conceptually, this is a phenomenon forcefully dividing modern European society. After consulting with several experts and having group workshops - examining our personal motives of this topic – we decided that we wanted to deal with fear. Fear to leave our comfort zone and fear of meeting with unknown Others. Hence, we searched for situations where we could examine otherness from several sides. Our starting point was: I’m strange for you and you’re strange for me: we are feeling the same. The Comfort zone – our performance’s title - after a long search, became a story of two young couples. One couple lives in Syria, Aleppo the other in Hungary, not far from the Southern border, in a small village. Time has come for each to quit their comfort zone unexpectedly, they have to take a look in the others’ life, and make a decision. Our aim was to open a temporary border crossing for those spectators who are willing to think about this topic. We and we didn’t want to force the spectators to choose either side, we just wanted to have a discussion together about the topic. Lastly, I would like to show videos about the productions and summarise some feedback from spectators from different venues.

Key Words
features of participatory theatre, participatory theatre project presentation

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THE IMAGE OF A HASSID IN THE WORKS OF TADEUSZ KANTOR AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE MIGRATION OF THE SIGN FROM THE DRAWING, THROUGH THE THEATER TO THE LIVING MONUMENT

Tadeusz Kantor Polish director, painter, scenographer in the world known for his performances with the Cricot 2 Theater Dead class, Wielopole, Wielopole, died in Krakow on December 8, 1990. Since then, every year the actors Cricot 2 commemorate the death of Kantors standing as living monuments at the former seat Archive Cricot 2 in Kanonicza street in Cracow. With their gesture, the actors refer to the old parateatrical form called tableau vivant. The presented layout is based on the drawings of Tadeusz Kantor, who often depicted two Hasidim carrying the board as a metaphor for the gesture of the last salvation. Hasidim appeared also in the performances of the Cricot 2, their tribute was also a board. I am interested in the migration and deformation of the plastic sign, which has become something else in the drawing, something else in the theater and something else on the street in Cracow after the death of Kantor.

Key Words
Tadeusz Kantor, Hassid, Polish art
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SCENOGRAFIC PRACTICES FOR RECLAIMING SUBJECTIVITY THROUGH PERFORMING SPACE – CASE “PEOPLE’S ARCHITECTURE”

My paper approaches migration as a political, humanitarian and cultural issue - and more specifically, in terms of the spatio-scenographic practices of inclusion related to the subjectification of the political migrant figure within the public sphere. I will look at inclusive vs exclusive interventional scenographic strategies through an exemplary case called Peoples Architecture, as well as through my own perspective as an artist-activist-researcher in the frame of the Right To Live peaceful standing demonstration, run by a community of asylum seekers since February 2017 in the heart of the capital of Finland, Helsinki. Peoples Architecture Helsinki was a project for building a temporary dwelling in Helsinki city center. In autumn 2017 the Taiwanese architect HSIEH Ying-Chun launched an open invitation to the citizens to participate and take responsibility of building a transitory shelter. The architects invitation was responded by over thirty asylum seekers, who have an ongoing project of their own perspective as an artist-activist-researcher in the frame of the Right To Live peaceful standing demonstration, run by a community of asylum seekers since February 2017 in the heart of the capital of Finland, Helsinki. Peoples Architecture Helsinki was a project for building a temporary dwelling in Helsinki city center. In autumn 2017 the Taiwanese architect HSIEH Ying-Chun launched an open invitation to the citizens to participate and take responsibility of building a transitory shelter. The architects invitation was responded by over thirty asylum seekers, who have an ongoing project of their own going on elsewhere in the city center - namely, the Right To Live standing demonstration that has since its commencement gathered a large community of supporting citizens and peaceful pro-open-border activists together. The already one-year-long collective human rights stage, what the Right To Live is, has been operated by the asylum seekers themselves, and is thus an excellent example of ranciérean equality at-work at the very core of Jacque Rancières elaboration of the concept of equality lies the question concerning subjectification, which, in everyday terms means taking things at ones own hands and refusing to submit to being categorised as excluded or other. The underlying yet powerful spatial connotations and dimensions play a significant role in the process of politization. I am looking at the case of Peoples Architecture Helsinki through addressing the performativity of space through this particular case in terms of scenographic practices of reclaiming space. In a ranciérean frame, in terms of equality, what is at stake is a process of reclaiming political subjectivity through space, spatial acts and spatialisation. Following the ranciérean line of thought, I will argue that it is the migrants, the stateless, or the sans-papier, who can truly challenge the borders of the community and its political consensus, through constituting as political actors. In Peoples Architecture the porosity of the borderline between us and others was performed as dissolved, in a space that we can call a dissensual space - a shared space of disagreement in which very different cultural normalcies and contradictory mindsets can come to an encountering.

Key Words
migration, inclusive vs exclusive scenographiuc practices, public space, performative act, politics of space

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MIGRATION OF HERITAGE THEATRE TECHNOLOGY TO CONTEMPORARY PERFORMANCE SPACES

This presentation intends to inspire scenographers, theatre architects and engineers by heritage theatre technology: historic theatre machinery as afflatus for reintroducing this in essence basic and relatively cheap technology into contemporary scenography and theatrical accommodation. An overview of different historic techniques leads to proposals how to use and adapt this versatile technology for present-day performance. Existing theatres as well as “multifunctional spaces” can take profit of the migration of this long time underestimated technology into contemporary use.

Key Words
Scenography, heritage, theatre technology
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SCENOGRAPHIC STRATEGIES IN TRACING POST-WAR DOMESTIC MISE-EN-SCENE IN THE FORMER SFR YUGOSLAVIA

Scenography is increasingly perceived as an open-ended structure, continually extending into diverse yet entwined fields of spatial and cultural practice and discourse. These interlaced fields mainly refer to three-dimensional forms of artistic and expressive spatial practice, that variously inscribe the core notions of theatricality, mise-en-scene, narrative, transformation, action, and performativity. This paper explores scenography as both a discipline that is concerned with visual and spatial investigation, and as a transformative conceptual force. It presents a setting in which a scenographic method is applied as an inversion of common scenographic frameworks, and is established from a forensic standpoint. Such scenographic perspective positions war-torn domestic interiors as starting points – interpreting them as abandoned mise-en-scenes inscribed with layers of spatial narratives, traces of time, and tangible remnants of past violence and trauma. In this inverted context, found war-ravaged domestic interiors are seen as scenographic afterimages of violent acts, and emerge as principal physical remnants of a collective traumatic narrative. The presented investigation is accompanied by a series of photographic artefacts, which remain from a physical and conceptual investigation of the aftermath of ethnic conflicts in the former SFR Yugoslavia “TRAVEL 2011-2014. Through the presentation of these artefacts, the paper aims to demonstrate that scenographic strategies hold the capacity to redefine the abandoned mise-en-scenes as critical tools for comprehending history. Insignia of violence and trauma is inscribed in all of the captured dwellings. Through the acts of scenographic ‘decoding’ in terms of spatial and visual exploration and interpretation, the material and immaterial testimony of discovered sites becomes the prime witness to a collectively lived traumatic past.

Key Words
scenography, performance, war, trauma, space, domestic, home, interior, forensic, mie-en-scene, artefact, aftermath, performance, violence, narrative, remnants, monuments

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DESIGNING AUDIENCE EXPERIENCE FOR MOBILE PERFORMANCE: ATMOSPHERES, ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGICAL AGENCY

This paper emerges from work undertaken in collaboration with academics at University of Miami and as part of the Leeds Institute of Teaching Excellence’s LITE Creativity and the Mobile Phone Fellowship with Dr Maria Kapsali. It focuses on issues arising from the creation of two public performance projects staged in historic houses and their grounds in April 2017 and May 2018 in which a scenographic sensibility was central to the creation of both live and digital performances. The digital performances were both experienced via mobile phone screens which Dorita Hannah suggests re-cast spectators as participants and creates scenarios which can facilitate a new reflexive or critical engagement with performance material 2017. Through the mobile phone screen, the realm of scenography is expanded beyond the frame of the stage and these ubiquitous devices consequently offer the potential for new interactions and exchanges to emerge: “the screen has become an extension of the body and lived space as well as a contemporary site for re-iterating or challenging world views.” 2017: 40 What might this mean for making contemporary performance? Arnold Aronson also notes the tensions between the live performance and the screen and wonders if scenographic concepts need rethinking: “Can virtual space or non-dimensional space have power?” 2008: 29 Through examples from two site-specific performances in heritage contexts in which the audience were central to the design and experience of the work, this paper will attempt to address these emerging concerns for scenographic and wider performance practices. Estate 360° 2018 an experimental film delivered via the smartphone screen and VR headset. Temple Newsam House Leeds, UK provides the location for an environmental performance on the site of the First World War Auxiliary Hospital. The durational performance will be augmented through a digital artefact, accessed via smartphone and triggered through GPS location.

Key Words
Scenography, Digital Performance, Audience, Mobile Phone, Augmented Reality
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THROUGH FIGARO’S DREAM: SCENOGRAFHY AS MIGRATION TO CHILDREN’S CREATIVE MINDS AND SOCIAL WORLDS

By exploring scenography, children achieve a more extensive understanding of theatre as an aesthetic, collaborative, and ‘designed’ adventure. This paper analyses the structure, the implementation and the results of a scenography-led activity within the large-scale EU-funded educational and artistic research project “Interactive Opera at Primary Schools” led by Greek National Opera GNO, during which GNO toured to over 150 public schools 2012-2015. The project included a new professional staging of Rossini’s The Barber of Seville as a stimulus for schoolchildren to interact actively and creatively with an opera performance, becoming co-creators of the final outcome presented on stage. Here, the term ‘interactive’ does not refer to technological means but to the children’s active participation in the making of the opera in direct interaction/collaboration with the artists-professionals who migrated from their conventional work environment. The children’s contribution affected the design of the performance sets, props and costumes and made each individual performance different from the next. Enthused by the narrative and the characters of the Barber of Seville and Rossini’s life, the schoolchildren involved in the design and making of a side drop, which complemented the scenic synthesis on stage. This paper focuses on this specific element, assigned to an interlude scene entitled “Figaro’s Dream”. Invited to imagine what Figaro might be dreaming, interpreted and often filtered through their own dreams, the schoolchildren drew it on a calico surface. This paper provides an evaluation of the produced artworks from a content analysis perspective, discussing the themes that emerged from a compositional analysis perspective, discussing patterns, colours, materials and techniques used and from a sociological perspective, focusing particularly on the evidence of the children’s collaboration working as a team with a common goal. Through scenographic thinking, the visualisation of Figaro’s Dream enhanced children’s creative expression, cultural interaction and social integration.

Key Words
scenography, children, opera, creative expression, cultural interaction, social integration

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EXHAUSTION AND CREATION: THE OBJECT AS A POWER DEVICE IN THE IMAGE- UPRISING

This study proposes to extend the discussion beyond the relation object, body and space in the theater adopting theatricality as scenic practice CABALLERO, 2010 in the expression of the set of scenic modalities - including those not systematized by the theatrical taxonomy - as performances and the uprising in which the object - inanimate materials - acts in relation to the body and space as enhancing device for imagination in the composition of images of confrontation in events of the social sphere beyond specifically artistic. The analysis is based on the photographic records and essays organized by the art historian Didi-Huberman in Uprisings 2017 in which the author weaves a diachronic narrative of the theme from examples organized in thematic groups that intercalate from artistic works to events of popular resistance. Such displacement of the gaze is, however, due to the adoption of theoretical practice as an imaginative exercise of uprising as opposed to the weakening of global democracy. Thus, transposing the denomination scenic practices to another context and discipline suggests the use of the notion of immigration from an aesthetic perspective of displacement from the concept of theatricality to the event in the social sphere emerged from the willpower of subjugated bodies. Adopting as a reading operator the deleuzian concept of exhaustion DELEUZE, 2010, in which the author refers to the visual and sound image as a way of exhausting the possible due to its dissipative condition in which the exhausted is in the condition of subject and space dilated, incapable of action. According to Didi-Huberman it is in this condition of death instinct that the desire power is established in the unleashing of elements, materialized in surfaces and architectures that potentiate the imagination through the transitive state of the object. That is, given the real condition of the impediment of acting establishes the desire for imagination and the triggering of possibilities.

Key Words
object, exhaustion, image-uprising
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SCENOGRAPHIC BODY IN SHIFTING SCENOGRAPHY: WHO WOULD BE GOD IN BOSNIA?

Using the artistic concept of Who would be God in Bosnia?, a work by Monika Ponjavić, as its premise, this paper will attempt, aside from introducing and describing the term scene design in the context of the theatre, performance and exhibition discourse, to reevaluate the role and position of scenography in contemporary theater art, as well as in art in general. The idea behind this work emerged from the question - is it possible for theatrical, but also other art works to be presented in an exhibition space, even when they are not necessarily intended for such presentation, and is there a point in striving to such a concept, questioning further what actual use does art itself have of it? The concept in question is an open artistic concept, based on the theory which has its final product as its premise. The methodology mentioned here constitutes of such process in which the production of a play, performance, staging an exhibition, and all the accompanying elements of which it will be consisted, would actually happen simultaneously and with a clear intent. The work strives to explore questions dealing with multiple aspects of performance art, history, culture, religion and other areas of human activity and existence, whilst being treated through a production that transcends the traditional perception of space in the context of performing arts, considering that it is predefined as a work that has the capacity of being staged in a theater, as well as in found, public space or a museum, using body and scenography as its principal tools.

Key Words
body, performance as research, scenography, space, text

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AESTHETIC SHIFTS: ONLINE IMAGE TOOLS, FILTER BUBBLES AND CONTEMPORARY PERFORMANCE DESIGN

As digital technologies increasingly extend into our lives, there is a need to understand how the technically-mediated subjectivities of theatre practitioners impact on theatre-making practices, even in performances that do not explicitly engage with the digital. Taking the theme of migration in its broadest sense as a shift in practice, I will explore how digital tools used as part of the creative process in scenography create a shift in theatre aesthetics. Specifically, this paper will focus on the use of online image tools for visual research in performance design: how has this created a shift not only in scenographic practice but in the aesthetics of contemporary performance design? Online platforms for searching for and sharing images such as Google image search and Pinterest mean that algorithmic processes are intervening into scenographic practices. Google image search personalises its results according to the location, previous searches and browser history of the user. Similarly, image sharing platform Pinterest uses a visual search function to show users images that are visually similar to the ones they have already looked at. The term ‘filter bubble’ has emerged to describe the impact of such algorithms on politics. In this paper I build on existing scholarship on the impact of these filter bubbles on visual culture, discussing this specifically in relation to scenography. Through a series of case studies and interviews with practicing performance designers, this provocation will explore how algorithmic image tools intervene into the creative process of scenography, on the one hand providing designers with instant access to a vast array of images, and on the other hand perpetuating aesthetic preferences through filter bubbles. I will trace the impact of these technologies on outcomes in performance design, investigating how the circulation of particular kinds of photographic, cinematic and digital images affect the aesthetics of live performance.

Key Words
scenography, digital, online, image, aesthetic
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RUSSIAN STAGE DESIGN IN INTER-WAR CZECHOSLOVAKIA: A BEAUTIFUL INVASION OF THE EAST

After 1918, President T. Masaryk invited thousands of refugees from the Russian Empire beaten by civil war to the newly-established Czechoslovak Republic. They were able to study and develop their profession in Czechoslovakia on the basis of a document called the Russian Assistance Event. In particular, a significant intellectual center of Russian emigration, including scientists, physicians, writers, artists, was formed in Prague. One of the fields in which Russian emigrants particularly applied was theater, scenography. The text of the contribution follows this line, which includes both artists whose base was outside Czechoslovakia, but for Czechoslovak theaters they worked abundantly Ivan Bilibine, Nikolai Benois, Xenia Bogouslavskaya, as well as artists who permanently Nikolai Zarecki, Mikhail Romberg in Czechoslovakia.

Key Words  
russian emigration-Czech theatre-scenography-Czechoslovakia-civil war-1920s, 1930s

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ANTONIO JOSE, THE POET AND THE INQUISITION: A COSTUME DESIGN PROJECT

This paper aims to discuss how an 18th century costume can be used as the basis of work for very experimental approaches to the same theatrical text. Based on the play Antonio Jose, the poet and the inquisition a play written in the 19th century about the Jewish-Brazilian dramaturg Antonio Jose, students were challenged to create and draw six costumes and produce one based on their conceptions of the play, some very radical, contemporary and imaginative. The project was developed with students from the University of Sao Paulo, involving fashion and drama students.

Key Words  
costume, costume design, embroidery, textile poetry
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DRAFT C FLATNESS AND DEPTH - THE PLAY

For this new work I propose an event with a particular demographic: 'Goodness only knows why or how many elderly actors have been gathered together, on the platform, and in the auditorium, or what system of attraction or coercion has been used. Perhaps a rumour went round the pubs and retirement homes. Perhaps a lifelong habit of saying yes has brought them together or the very last time.' Congregating hopefully in the foyer, this ill-disciplined crew carrying various disabilities work their way through the spaces of a conventional theatre, resisting attempts of the management to impose order and of the youthful director to impose meaning on their impulsive ramblings. Drawing on my contribution Flatness and Depth: Reflections in The Potentials of Spaces ed. Alison Oddey and Christine White, and reflecting in part the progress of my own work from carefully scripted plays to less predictable perambulatory events, this imagined disruptive journey may share certain properties with the shadowy procession of William Kentridge's ‘The Refusal of Time’ - though in this case the shadowy figures will be three-dimensional and their voices will be loud and clear. By placing images of Walks undertaken in recent years, beside drawings of the old Masters, and showing photos and architectural plans of the Hampstead Theatre alongside sound extracts from the proposed play, I aim to provide a kind of visual and aural map for the new work, useful in itself for provoking discussion and criticism around it, and also offering a model for how such events, in which the activation of the audience plays an increasingly important role, could be imagined and communicated to prospective participants and stakeholders in the future.

Key Words
Flatness and Depth
Working Groups

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GRASPING THE MOMENT: THE EPHEMERAL NATURE OF NON-THEATRE PERFORMANCE SPACES

This paper addresses the issues of instability and a fragile state of non-theatre performance spaces. In a context of the overall flow of architecture within the turbulent social, cultural and political circumstances that surround it, we want to address the importance of grasping the moment in the idea of exploiting potentials of creative engagement with non-theatre spaces – especially when the goals of such endeavours surpass the sole production of an artwork, and become an inevitable step in a chain of events, aiming towards establishment of a specific cultural identity, in which both architecture and theatre play an important role. Through the case study of The Hempt House in Novi Sad, Serbia, the paper deals with the process of detecting its co-performative potentials, through the stages leading towards a participatory initiative that would result in the opening of the Hempt Museum in 2021. Following the changes in the perception of the location, through a series of site-specific, ephemeral spatial interventions, in a three-year span of actions, the fundamentals were set for developing a site-based theatre performance, as the final station towards reaching the initiative’s goals. In the end, we will discuss the events that followed, contributing to the fate of its implementation. In such a process, there is an inevitable and vibrant fluctuation between the architectural space and the performative actions, which constantly shapes and re-shapes the relationships between space, narrative and time. How can we generate a new cultural requisite that results in a joint professional and public action, through spatial agency? How can theatre act as an agent, shaping public opinion, broadening and deepening the awareness of a specific site with a significant relevance in the history of a city? Through what kind of performative actions, interdisciplinary methods and processes can theatre bring to life an architectural space? What is the potential of the physical space in devising a performance?

Key Words
site-specific performance, ephemeral, non-theatre space, spatial agency, participatory initiative, Hempt house, social environment

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THEATRICAL SPACE AS EXTENSION OF THE SCENOGRAPHY OF A PERFORMANCE

Theatrical space as extension of the scenography of a performance. This paper will question and analyse the importance and relevance of the theatrical space as crucial part of the performative act. As an architect, my main interest is how to use a given theatrical space, and through a specific case study I will emphasise the connection between the built environment, the theater itself, and the ephemeral theatrical performance. The theater, as neutral it can be, if intertwined with the performances, could generate a whole new understanding of what a construction’s characteristics can offer. Spectator’s senses and perception are triggered through the way of usage of the existent space. My ongoing research is focused on the extended spatial understanding of the built environment, the theatre. Specific researchers are already mentioning scenography as a ‘prostheses’ of a spectacle, but seeking the importance of the spatial characteristics of the theatrical space, could form a greater use of the given, existing theaters. My case study, where I am a creator set-designer and audience in the same time is ‘Nina, or the fragility of stuffed seagulls’ by MateiVisniec, directed by Sardar Tagirovsky at Figura Studio Theatre, held in a multifunctional theatrical venue in Gheorgheni, Romania. This experiment exemplifies our struggle of a spatial transmission of the screenplay, the affect on audience and how scenography and space can operate with them, and not only.

Key Words
theatrical space way of usage perception spatial understanding scenography
PERFORMING FICTION AND UNSETTLING REALITY

The city is a place of ever-increasing privatisation, where participation and the ‘rights to the city’ as envisaged by philosopher and sociologist Henri Lefebvre, are mediated by a neoliberal agenda within the dominance of capitalism. While city dwellers seek out public space for some sense of democratically represented reality, it is often socio-politically constructed fiction that adds complexity to the public realm. This paper suggests that deliberately theatricalised acts of fiction slip between the cracks of so-called reality and suggest an alternative symbolic order that unsettles authority, creating sites for public mobility amidst rising homelessness and migrating economic classes. Theatre is founded on shared fiction to form empathic bonds. Many of these techniques are now adopted by political representatives, institutions and individuals, embracing ‘fictional facts’ in pursuit of mobility. The durational performance Baby, where are the fine things you promised me? mobilises the symbol of home as a miniature Victorian (colonial) cottage, inhabited on the footpath amid a ballooning population of those who can no longer afford to live in a home, mimicking and miniaturisation of the socialist dream as theatrical fiction as resistance. The Floating Theatre treats theatre architecture as mobilised dream space. Floating on water, the performance programme slides to and fro on a flood of sound, light, water and earth. Such programmes may also provide strategic examples of how fiction can resist power and enact alternative realities. -

This paper will explore expanded notions of architecture in performance in relation to new materialist theories of entangled and intra-active bodies and spaces. A central concern is how examples of design, and interdisciplinary forms of practice, respond to shifting materialities, environments and conditions, as a result of climate change. This eco-critical perspective aims to engage with the material effects of climate change, and how this impacts displaced humans and nonhumans around the globe, drawing on Rosi Braidotti’s Nomadic Philosophy and Serpil Opperman’s theorisation of ‘Migrant Ecologies’, to consider how different forms of architecture and spatial practices are emerging in response to environmental change. Another key consideration is how performance theory and applied concepts of architecture, reveal how different methodologies are also embedded in these processes, for example cartography, which Braidotti describes as, “a theoretically based and politically informed reading of the process of relation” Braidotti 2011: 4. Questions around cartography are crucial for investigating the relationship between methodology and potential approaches to reconfiguring boundaries regarding practice, research and sites of performance encounter. This approach to performance and architecture is embedded in an investigation into materiality and vitality that extends beyond and through the human, beginning with modes of relationality. Peg Rawes proposes a theory of ‘poetic biopolitics’ for considering how, “Material and poetic languages of life, generated by performative and spatial art practices, are brought into proximity with feminist and post-structuralist philosophy and are deliberately used to suggest transversal modes of expression between disciplines, people, places and environment” Rawes 2016: 3. Rawes highlights a feminist method that builds on a ‘politics of location’, which is crucial for how this paper will investigate the relationship between bodies, site and practice, in a range of examples that reveal the complex entanglement between geopolitics and migrant ecologies.

Key Words
migrant ecologies, architecture, feminist philosophy, biopolitics, geopolitics, nomadic theory

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**HOME OF CULTURE IN RAVNOSELO: ARCHITECTURE, TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT**

Homes of Culture[1] are specific cultural institutions, which were established in accordance with political, ideological and moral aspiration at the space of Ex-Yugoslavia, in urban as well as in rural context. These kind of cultural centres had multiple and different functions, primarily related to arts, education and entertainment programs. They all shared the fact that they meet the cultural needs of a local community. Programs of such architectural objects supported decentralisation strategies of culture and art, as well as their own production, while today they infrequently feature unusual and atypical contents for this typology group.[2]

Through the case study of the Home of Culture in RavnoSelo, the paper deals with the functions of such objects in the present time, namely the challenges related to architectural programming and design challenges in creating new cultural institutions above all in rural environments. Home of Culture in RavnoSelo has burned down in March 2016 and since then it is out of function. It is in very bad construction state and it requires serious and comprehensive engineering interventions that would imply reconstructing and upgrading an existing building, equipping it with new stage technology, as well as creating a new polyvalent institution.

Key words: homes of cultures, scene design, scenic architecture, stage technology

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Is there an “Architectonic Turn” happening in some contemporary theatre praxis?, What is the role architecture plays in some theatre projects?, why there are always more architects collaborating with theatre makers or directly making theatrical projects?, why is the term immersive or projects with some of its characteristics so popular these days both in the- atre, art and architecture? There is a rise of projects in different disciplines (architecture, theatre and art) that share very similar characteristics?, are we perhaps witnessing the birth of a new interdisciplinary in which building elements are at the core?, Is there is no doubt that ex- ists an increasing presence of built elements at the core and not as secondary elements in contemporary theatre. Are built elements enough for us to speak of the influence from archi- tecture in theatre?, or on the contrary there is finally the obligation for architects to admit that theatre has unappealable influenced their discipline in a way that makes it difficult to distin- guish what they create from what theatre makers produce? In many from the analysed exam- ples there is a common use of the space from both the creators and the participants who also co-participate in their creation, and both groups shape a temporary community with their own rules. These rules are slightly different as the ones operating at reality, and therefore these shared spaces might serve as the perfect place to test different ways of being together, a com- munity of different singularities who do not melt their perspectives. Could these models for

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life in community utopically not be governed by the capitalistic logic? Some of these theaters attempt to transform the way people participate and to acknowledge the single spectator through individual encounters. These are experiences structured by taking individuals into account and putting into praxis strategies for communication and manipulation that are direct and personalized, so their audiences are not addressed as collections of people. At the same time the tendency to customize the experience at participatory events is sometimes inheriting the worst defects from the neoliberal market’s strategies. Is the non static, free walkable, explorative, and spatial character of these created surroundings maybe preventing the public body or group of visitors to share an experience they can together reflect on?, Can these intensive individual experiences, create that allow reflexion and critical distance articulating collective experiences?, Or is the breaking of the fourth wall and proscenium stage a situation in which the participant is unable to take a critical distance and therefore experience theatre intellectually and not only through affects?, How can a group of individuals absorbed in a performance reach the mutual accord needed to form a community? Architecture transforms abstract knowledge into concretions that can be experienced by the senses. As such, architectural projects produce concrete models in which aesthetics, politics, and economics can be read in specific constructs and spatial situations. What happens to the liminal projects between architecture and theatre?

Key words
community, architecture, participation, immersive, politics

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MIGRATING SPACE-RELATED PERFORMATIVE PRACTICES OF PERCEPTION AND SUBJECTIVATION: LOUVRE ABU DHABI

In November 2017 Louvre Abu Dhabi opened its doors with the claim of “bringing different cultures together”. Not only is this a conceptual idea representing the close collaboration with Louvre Paris concerning name, exhibitions, training and education but it also materialized in the museum building, designed by the French star-architect Jean Nouvel and inspired by the architecture and traditions of the Arab world. Similarly, in a totally different context, Gordon Matta-Clark’s work Conical Intersect 1975, as a ‘western’ example of installation-based architectural performance art, calls on comparable and intensified challenging conceptions of space. In the course of the so called material as well as practice turns, architecture has become a performative object of research. It has ceased to be regarded as a static and self-contained entity, but rather its materiality is conceived to depend on relational practices of performative space- and situation-building arrangements. At the same time the materiality of architectural artifacts gains a status—beyond a mere object of perception—as an interactive partner with agency: architecture and the body emerge co-constitutively in an aesthetic process. Considering the up-to-date relevance of aesthetic space phenomena, I would like to face the question, how the sensual experience of materiality in the spatial situations of Louvre Abu Dhabi and Conical Intersect have a direct corporeal impact on subject constitution beyond the realm of cognitive ascription or discourse. I would like to suggest an ANT-led approach to the experiencing of the performative materiality of spaces and its impact on the materiality of the body of the recipient in order to explain how and why subjectivity can be understood as a non-discursive culturally divergent and intersubjective effect of space. Obviously, the performance of migrating space conceptions is of special interest here.

Key Words
materiality of space, spatial performativity, Actor-Network-Theory, subject constitution, embodied mind
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SECTION 37 AND THEATRE ARCHITECTURE IN TORONTO

This paper will examine the two most recently-built theatre spaces in the city of Toronto: the Theatre Centre’s Arts Hub 2014, and Crow’s Theatre’s Crowsnest 2017, in order to discuss how their construction is the product of the current housing price boom, and what impact these interactions with the real-estate market have had on these companies’ practice. These two facilities are the most recent in a spate of new theatre builds made possible by the confluence of rising housing prices, and Section 37 of the Ontario Planning Act. This section allows municipalities to grant zoning concessions that allow developers to build taller and higher-density condominium buildings, in exchange for the payment of monetary sums or the dedication of physical space to community infrastructure. This has resulted in partnerships between real-estate developers and theatre companies to build theatres into, or around, their real-estate projects. These new theatres have significantly increased the capacity and profile of both companies, and have provided Toronto with four new performance spaces. However, these spaces have been shaped as much by the needs of the developments they are part of, as by the theatrical needs of their parent companies. At the same time, these partnerships have tied the Theatre Centre and Crow’s Theatre to the logic of the real-estate market, to the development strategies of Toronto’s municipal wards, and to the fortunes of their developer partners. This paper will ask how has this changed the theatres being built in Toronto, and will question what the implications are for theatre practice in Toronto.

Key Words
Architecture, Real-Estate, Section 37, Toronto, Theatre Centre, Crows Theatre

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A CLEAR CUT: DANCE, ARCHITECTURE AND ECOLOGICAL AESTHETICS

This paper will outline the rationale and context for an artistic research project I am developing with dancer Simon Whitehead for a forest location near the border between the counties of Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion in South West Wales. Titled A Clear Cut, the project will explore how the process of designing, building and using an architectural structure - a space for dance - can generate cultural dialogues around experiences of ecological change. A Clear Cut is intended as a response, in part, to the clear felling of the large industrial softwood plantation forests that are a feature of the uplands of Wales. These forests, planted between the two world wars to provide strategic reserves of timber, were imposed on local farmers and communities with little or no consultation, radically changing landscapes into monotonous rows of conifers. When clear felled the forest vanishes, profoundly impacting natural and social ecosystems. The idea of a space for dance, designed and built from available materials and energy self-sufficient, serves as an extension of Whiteheads ecologically attuned performance practice which has involved the corporeal exploration of landscape through walking, an engagement with animals and their habitats and, more recently, an examination of the interwoven ecologies of his village, Abercych see Lavery and Whitehead 2012. In Abercych, Whitehead, with partner Stirling Steward, has established a programme of artistic residencies, with visiting artists showing the work they generate to village residents, often in the context of a Twn-path, a form of Welsh barn dance. It is at a location close to Abercych that we propose locating this project in a patch of forest currently being clear felled. Here, inspired by Lawrence Halprins Dance Deck 1954, London Fieldworks treehouse studio Outlandia 2010 and Owen Griffiths TŷUnnos 2017 we will respond to the clearing of the forest with a performative process of orienting, spacing and building to creating a structure for dance that operates as a central focus of activity and dialogue within a forest in transition.

Key Words
dance, architecture, ecology
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CITY, MIGRATION AND IMPERMANENT SPACES OF PERFORMANCE IN BRAZILIAN THEATRE

This paper aims to discuss examples of migration and re-adaptation of texts for Brazilian reality, as well as to emphasize the city itself as a theatrical space, both as a representation and as a space for performance. An example of migration would be the play In the Jungle of Cities, written by Berthold Brecht about Chicago in 1912. Its text deals with the struggle between two men witnessing the decay of a family which had moved from the countryside to the ‘jungle’ of the big city. In 1969, the director of Teatro Oficina, Zé Celso, moved and adapted the text to the city of São Paulo during the military dictatorship, a semi-destroyed city due to the construction of many high roads. Teatro Oficina, with a set by Lina Bo Bardi containing a garbage-covered backdrop and a stage-in-the-round, became a stimulus for avant-garde practice, establishing a perspective that reaffirmed the spirit of the arts in the second half of the twentieth century. In Aderbal Freire’s productions, after the ‘political opening’ of 1985, historical architecture and the city became stages, due to the cultural policies of the time that stimulated the interface between the theatre and works for the conservation of cultural heritage. At a third moment, already entering the 21st century, Teatro da Vertigem worked with spaces full of collective memories and history, places that overflow meaning. Real spaces, not only specific to the scenarios, with vestiges of present and past, that test the limit between reality and fiction, city and theatre. The analysis of the production BR3, conceived by Antônio Araújo, director of Grupo da Vertigem, shows that the city is neither scenery nor theme, the city itself is the theatre of an unequal society and the lack of care caused by poverty and savage capitalism.

Key Words
Impermanent Theatrical Spaces Migration of texts Brazilian Theatre

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POST-WAR FORCED MIGRATIONS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. SITE-SPECIFIC PERFORMANCES

Polish contemporary performances presenting the past in the border region of Lower Silesia often focus on the issues of forced migrations after World War II. The map of Poland was drawn by the politicians’ decisions taken during the Yalta and Potsdam Conferences. Poles “recovered” the western territories severely destroyed during the war. The result was a displacement of about 3 million people - the forbidden subject of public discussion during the communist regime. The discussed performances: “Transfer!” 2006 and “Lemko” 2007 present the architecture of two different sites, such as Wrocław Contemporary Theatre and a place in Zakaczawie – neglected district of Legnica. The second site had been a former German variety in thirties, abandoned after the war. In “Transfer!” a joint Polish - German production directed by Jan Klata, the main element of set design is a high metal construction resembling a bridge which is used by professionals who portray the protagonists of the Yalta: Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt. These scenes are based on caricatures. The politicians’ elaborate statements are interwoven with the Witnesses’ simple testimony. “Witnesses of history” are nine elderly amateurs, Poles and Germans who experienced first-hand events of 1945-47 and their selected statements were compiled into a script. They use simple plastic chairs and create imaginative world of transport: destroyed stations, trains, cattle wagons. The stage floor is covered with a thick layer of soil, symbolizing the old and new homelands. Performance „Lemko” concerns forced migration of Lemko ethnic group ordered by Polish communist government in 1947. The transferees lost their property and cultural identity. Some of them moved to the village near Legnica. Performance of Jacek Glomb is shown in two-levels stage: the upper one is the ancestors’ seat the lower one – the house and the village.

Key Words
Performing history, Site-specific theatre, forced migration, Central Europe, Lower Silesia
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THE NATIONAL THEATRE, OSLO, NORWAY - REHABILITATION AND DISCOURSE

The National Theatre, Oslo, architect Henrik Bull, opened 1899, home of Henrik Ibsen’s plays, is a monumental baroque theatre venue containing three stages the main stage, the amphitheatre and the painter’s workshop. As art institutions merge into larger units and relocate to the new harbour area, the National Theatre, centrally located between the Royal Palace, the University and the Parliament and served by the National Theatre Station and the National Theatre metro stations, is one of few remaining art institutions within the original representational inner city. In 2012, the Norwegian Government decided to rehabilitate and modernise with a fifty year perspective. So far: rich and uplifting feasibility studies Report on the possibilities of the redevelopment of the existing theatre and the new development of a complementary building BlueNode Theatre Consultants & Engineers, 2014, The Concept Report Terramar AS, Oslo Economics AS and Snaphetta AS, 2014, and Evaluation of the Concept Report Metter AS and Møreforskning AS, 2015 - and very disappointing decision-making: Spring 2017, the Government supported a downscaled rehabilitation that supports technical upgrade of the main stage only, and no audience facility upgrade. Opposed to the prevailing understanding of rehabilitation as a primarily technical and neutral concept, and taking a critical discourse analysis of preservation, rehabilitation and restoration ideology as a point of departure, I propose to explore and outline rehabilitation of theatre architecture as a re-situating in public space. The concept thinks together institutional mandate, architecture and a complex notion of publicness. Further, it pursues a rehabilitation concept closer to architectural re-interpretation and innovation. Lastly, it shifts focus from the inside to the context through notions as distribution, porousness, transparency, perforation. My argument is that this way of thinking makes possible an architectural and urban presence in line with the National Theatres’s institutional mandate.

Key Words
The Norwegian National Theatre, Architectural rehabilitation, Rehabilitation ideology

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PLAYING IN SPACE: WORKING WITH PATTERNS OF MOBILITY AND STASIS THROUGH ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND THEATRICAL IMPROVISATION

This paper discusses an experiment with participatory architectural design processes and improvisatory theatre processes to explore the impact of stasis and mobility on spatial construction and daily life. I draw on a workshop series run by myself that combines University of Cape Town landscape architect, Julian Raxworthy’s model for emergent design with exercises from the United Kingdom’s Frantic Assembly. Raxworthy’s model uses the embodied interaction of participants in a gridded space to propose spatial designs, where the Frantic Assembly exercises facilitate the proposal of actions and movement through which story and meaning emerge. In the workshop series I ask participants to draw on the patterns of mobility and stasis in their own lives as the material to inform their movements in Raxworthy’s participatory design exercise and their movement proposals in the Frantic Assembly prompts. All the work takes place in the same gridded space allowing for an emergent spatial design and narrative construction, correlating the two. The improvisation of daily life and the improvisation of theatre become pronounced as distinctly spatial practices. Drama is articulated through spatial relationships and the dramas of daily life shape the use of daily space. The paper propose that theatre improvisation might inform and detail Raxworthy’s participatory design model. Conversely, I suggest that Raxworthy’s improvisations around daily use to find functional daily design inform and detail physical theatre improvisatory process like that of Frantic Assembly’s. Finally I argue that the combination of participatory design and Frantic Assembly’s improvisatory theatre form become allusive tools for working with the impact of migration of mobility and stasis on daily life and on spatial construction. Ideally I would like to propose I deliver the paper in a conventional presentation format within the Theatre Architecture Working Group, but that I also run a practical session through the Performance-As-Research working group.

Key Words
Theatre, space, participatory design, improvisation, narrative, the everyday
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PHONEHOME: AN INSTALLATION STAGING ARCHITECTURE A/PART

Constructs a communication mechanism from electronic components found around its hosts’ house. Exemplifying a stranger in a strange land - exiled from its own home - the detained alien hailing from beyond the known world is yearning to make connection and return to a familiar realm. 35 years later we inhabit an age where countless humans are forced to leave their homelands and seek asylum elsewhere: finding themselves defined as ‘aliens’ and confined in unhomely refugee camps and detention centres environments that epitomise alienating and spatially reductive experiences: barely containers for a bare-life. This paper presents and discusses PhoneHome an exhibition designed and curated by Dorita Hannah with Shauna Janssen and Joanne Kinniburgh, which was created for Chile’s 2017 Architecture & Urbanism Biennial. Responding to the call for Unpostponable Dialogues, the project contemplates the contemporary condition of being alien and architecture’s complicity in detaining bodies via the smartphone as an object that, for many, stands in for home: forming an innate body extension, which situates, documents, transcends and resists a life lived in exile. The installation replicates a ubiquitous refugee cabin in miniature, within which mobile phones are embedded their screens playing videos that engage with the pervasive geo-cultural, geo-mythical and geo-political issues of our time and architecture’s problematic role in housing those without home - bedded their screens playing videos that engage with the pervasive geo-cultural, geo-mythical and geo-political issues of our time and architecture’s problematic role in housing those without home - bedded their screens playing videos that engage with the pervasive geo-cultural, geo-mythical and geo-political issues of our time and architecture’s problematic role in housing those without home - bedded their screens playing videos that engage with the pervasive geo-cultural, geo-mythical and geo-political issues of our time and architecture’s problematic role in housing those without home - bedded their screens playing videos that engage with the pervasive geo-cultural, geo-mythical and geo-political issues of our time and architecture’s problematic role in housing those without home - bedded their screens playing videos that engage with the pervasive geo-cultural, geo-mythical and geo-political issues of our time and architecture’s problematic role in housing those without home.

Key Words
- detention
- migration
- architecture
- design
- installation
- exhibition

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The paper will present a 12 month programme of research, artistic and place-making activities in the main square of Athens, Greece by Ohipezoume Theatre Company under the general title UrbanDig_Omonia (2016-2017) [https://www.urbandigproject.org/omonia]. The programme focused on the diminishing public space of Omonia Square, which is occupied mainly by immigrant population, in an attempt to address questions such as “What makes Omonia a square?” “What could make Omonia a better square for the people who use it and the market around it?” “What is the importance of its public space?” The paper will focus on the site-specific performance given on and around Omonia square, in a mobile space of performance par excellence. The performance (included in the Athens and Epidaurus Festival, June 2017) was inspired by the needs of Omonia people and addresses issues of exclusion, containment and Otherness. The analysis will explore the encounter of mobile, moving bodies and urban architecture, the construction of community and identity through the UrbanDig_Omonia project as well as the way such activities leave traces on the public space. Rather than viewing the UrbanDig_Omonia as an isolated moment of the current artistic practice in Greece, it will attempt to place it in the wider context of exploring the urban and public space through artistic means in a country in crisis.

Key words
- mobility
- Otherness
- community
- identity
- urban space
- site-specific performance
Theatre architecture shapes space, builds the boundaries between what is public and what is private, what is ours and what is foreign. The way architecture builds the relationship between viewers and between viewer and actor, the theatre space and the public space, expresses ideas common to a specific community. Theater venues can become a variable and open field of discussion and participation, joint search, creation of values. Open to differences, the non-exclusive public community can be supported and can exist at different degrees, extending this notion to wider configurations. How is it combined in different theatre halls? We will try to grasp if this border between actor and spectator is indeed broken or if it has other locations, and can exist at different degrees, extending this notion to wider configurations.

BOUNDARIES BETWEEN ACTOR AND SPECTATOR: THE SPACE AT STAKE / POMMERAT & SOYER’S ‘CA IRA. FIN DE LOUIS 1: THE FOURTH WALL QUESTIONED

Created in 2015, director Joël Pommerats show Ca ira Fin de Louis 1 has been a big success in France and worldwide. This contemporary political fiction is inspired by the constitution of the National Assembly during the 1789 French Revolution, founding history of French society but also participating to universal ideas. The show is not a book adaptation but a text written while the rehearsal, supported by historical documentation. Then, success is not only about writing and playing, it might be due to how to incorporate the audience into this adventure. Participatory show? Immersive show? Subversive show? Political show? The present study proposes to approach the theme Theater Nation Identity: between migration and stasis by this show, in trying to decipher the scenographic and spatial devices in order to bring out the tensions and the situations of distensions. The lighting designer Eric Soyer, who collaborates in all the shows of Joël Pommerat - Compagnie Louis Brouillard, sculpts space with light and plays with contrasts and dazzling situations. In the scenographies he developed for the previous shows, the boundary between the seats and the stage was clearly affirmed: the audience was plunged into absolute darkness for the changes of scene, the luminous focus was carried on a defined area of the plateau. In Ca ira Fin de Louis 1, the spectators seemed to be included in the scenographic device, an option that might suggest the bursting of the fourth wall between the stage and the audience, this invisible screen often located at the stage level. Did it really? How is it combined in different theatre halls? We will try to grasp if this border between actor and spectator is indeed broken or if it has other locations, and can exist at different degrees, extending this notion to wider configurations.

Key Words
fourth wall, Pommerat, Soyer, assembly, participative, distance
INDIAN DANCE AND THEATRICAL SPACES: A COMPLEX MIGRATORY DIALOGUE

This paper is an attempt to foreground the connect between the different theatrical performance spaces built and natural and the numerous typologies of dance presentations in India. Beginning with the earliest references to dance in treatises to the modern day it seeks to highlight the possibilities that these myriad dance traditions have resulted as a consequence of the migration of not just content but a physical transportation of the art form from one spatial setting to another. ‘Classicism’ as seen in the early 20th century was when the traditions migrated to different spatial edifices and statues have been ‘attacked’ by graffiti, and this has been denounced by the majority of the press and media. However, in this paper, I focus on Renault’s ruined building and I argue that the abandoned building acts as a stage where graffiti artists found shelter and where the visitor or ‘urban explorer’ as Tim Edensor would put it is invited to experience ruination and art otherwise. Among crumbling walls and debris, colourful graffiti invite the viewer to alter his view on the meaning of ruined spaces. For my discussion, I employ a combination of a materialist and a performative analysis in a materialist approach, I identify restrictions and preconceptions placed upon ruined spaces, whereas in a performative approach, I focus on how ruined spaces attract alternative artistic spatial practices such as graffiti contributing to the production of a performative space.

Key Words

Natya mandapas, classicalism, migration, site specific, theatre

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PRESENCING COLLECTIONS: A MIGRATION EXHIBITION PROJECT FOR A REGIONAL AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM

The museum has traditionally been a place that contributes to the construction and communication of narratives about cultural heritage, identity, community and place. Migration narratives, in particular, have been critiqued for constructing hegemonic narrative representations within a multicultural context. The staging of such narratives through exhibitions often produce all-encompassing, harmonised narratives and so conceal differences and the reality of conflict and dissent. Alternatively, conditions are being considered that offer counter-hegemonic narratives as expressions of difference and plurality, and to also provide an opportunity for reflection. This paper discusses scenographic exhibition strategies for the critical engagement with hegemonic and counter-hegemonic narratives and presents a migration exhibition project for a regional Australian museum. The premise for the project lies in an understanding that migration is a natural manifestation of humanity – the flow of people, things and ideas which have occurred in the past as well as today, and that traces of this manifestation can be recognized in our contemporary environment, in artefacts, sites of significance, everyday practices. The museum’s collections serve as a starting point to generate and present multiple historical and contemporary migration narratives as a way to connect to the community’s everyday context. Engagement processes are suggested that identify counter-hegemonic narratives and presents a migration exhibition project for a regional Australian museum.

Key Words
Scenography, Exhibition Design, Site-Specific, Museum Studies

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DISCONNECT – RECONNECT

“Disconnect - reconnect” examines the relationship between body and costume. “Disconnect - Reconnect” introduces an idea of a multi-person performative costume as a possibility for relating to the Other from a perspective of being in between an individual and a collective body. Identifying the Other as a conceptual base of intersubjectivity, of the relations among people in an ethical and social-political perspective. In this frame, the multi-person costume becomes a performative site to investigate power dynamics of a collective moving body. This presentation invites participants to wear (or to watch others wear) and explore a multi-person costume and to reflect on the effect on their bodies. The multi-person costumes attaches several bodies in different body areas to each other in the landscape of crocheted lyca material on and in between the bodies. In wearing the wearer’s perception is forces not only to focus on the individual body but also on the collective body experiences of the spatial dimension of the costume. The experience of wearing the costume is affected by and dependent upon the relationship to the Other(s). In the wearing does the multi-person costume trigger a disconnection to the individual body, does the costume trigger tension between the individuals, and/or is the individual body re-connected through or even transformed by the experience of the collective body? The presentation “Disconnect - Reconnect” is a part of Charlotte Østergaard’s current artistic research project “In Dialogue with Material”. The project examines how bodily experiments and experiences can part of the costume designers tool box with an aim to develop methods that equates aesthetic expression and sensory qualities/experiences of costume in the design process.

Key words
performative costume design
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THEATRE ON BORDER AREAS

In September 2014, the Performing Arts Centre Vaba Lava Open Space was opened as a new creative space for the performatve arts in Tallinn, Estonia. Formerly a Baltic Railway Factory founded at the turn of the century, Vaba Lava is now one of the venues of the Telliskivi Creative City, a 2 5000 m2 creative hub for over 200 businesses, companies and NGOs. It is situated in the neighborhood of Kalamaja, a rapidly developing urban district with a potential of becoming a future cultural centre of Tallinn. In November 2018, the second venue is going to be launched in Narva, in the former military factory complex Baltiets. Narva is a border town with Russia, which has historically been under both Swedish and Russian rule. Narva is located in socially and economically deprived area, which is populated by Russian minority community. Narva, which is over 95% Russian-speaking, is the third largest town in Estonia. Eastern Virumaa has comparatively high unemployment, poverty and crime rate. The project launched by Vaba Lava Open Space aims to revitalize Narva’s cultural life by opening a black-box style venue in the former factory complex Baltiets. The new venue will provide performing space for local theatre companies, and will also provide an opportunity to present guest performances by both Estonian repertoire theatres and independent companies as well as theatre and dance companies from Russia, Western Europe and Nordic countries. The new space will be also used for festivals, concerts, seminars, workshops, master classes etc. Estonian Government has acknowledged the utter necessity to strengthen the cultural identity, improve the socio-economic conditions as well as cultural and cross-cultural opportunities for inhabitants of the border areas including Narva. In my presentation I am going to focus on following issues: how to revitalize factories of Soviet time, how to launch new theatre venues and how culture can help to integrate minorities of society?

Key Words
Factories of Soviet time, border areas and theatre

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PATTERNS OF EXPERIENCE: THEATRE AND URBAN LIFE

A city, more than bricks and mortar, is life that takes place in it. The fabric of everyday lives within their space/time frameworks and carrying their socio-cultural meanings, were referred to by Christopher Alexander as patterns. Patterns are archetypes: similar physical configurations that foster alike life situations and are likely to be found in different cultures and times. Still, in any specific context a pattern bears its singular realization, providing for a unique urban experience. But what is this specific urban life experience for a given city at a given time? This paper offers the theatre as a medium to unfold the unique experience of a selected urban space/time. It will focus on a case study in Tel-Aviv, a city of migrants and migration. Characterized by ‘patterns’ of local physical and climatic conditions, Tel Aviv has accommodated a diversity of people, who live within a structured tension between here and there and between the city’s aspiration to grow into an anonymous, global hub versus the intensive, localized neighborhood life. In the 1970s, city of balconies was a Tel-Aviv major patterns, a concise expression of a unique, quotidian urban experience. This is clearly expressed in the theater of Hanoch Levin - the renown Israeli playwright and director. His play ‘Krum’ follows the protagonist, returning to his neighborhood after a failed attempt to realize his dreams overseas. ‘Krum’ performed three times in Israel 1974, 2000, 2017, and eight times throughout Europe, in 2000 - 2013. Reading urban life of ‘Tel Aviv through different ‘Krum’ performances in different time segments, reveals the radical change in the urban experience over the span of forty years. The paper suggests that similar reading of different productions of a selected play, might illuminate the metamorphosing urban experiences of any city.

Key Words
Urban Life, Fiction-Reality, Image of the City, Scenography, Patterns of events
PERFORMATIVE ARCHITECTURES - BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE

Architecture requires movement and interaction with the body to be understood. In this inter-relationship, buildings and public space are better understood as ‘performative conditions’ – “acting on us and activated by us.” (Petrescu 2007) Bringing together concepts of performativity from visual/ live-art, feminist theories and performance studies, this paper aims to foreground spatial knowledge accumulated through embodied/tactile forms, asking what can such ‘performative research’ bring to the understanding and production of architecture and urban politics? In visual, live-art and theatre practice, many people/groups are working between concepts of art, architecture and performance; where ‘performative research’ is well known (Haseman 2006; Harvie 2009; Nelson 2013; Rufford 2016/18; Hannah 2015/18) Simultaneously, within architectural practice and theory, the idea of the performative has become prevalent, however, the term is still readily conflated with performance or material technologies rather than a ‘site of group co-ordination in space over time’ (Jackson 2011).

I am a practice led researcher working with live art in public space, researching how performative methodologies differ from conventional architecture practice and what kind of spaces they produce. Focusing on concepts from performance studies, alongside interventions from my practice within a non-functioning market building in Celje Slovenia, and informed by the 'situated knowledges' of Braidotti, Barad and Haraway, this paper will explore what is at stake when substantiating performative approaches in the context of ‘quantifiable’ forms of spatial knowledge production. Focusing on performative methodologies as dramatizations of shared concerns around regeneration processes affecting migrational/generational exclusion and sedimentation of public space, this paper will explore critiques around iterative productions of spatial subjectivities in relation to ‘intra-action’ (Barad 2003). Ultimately, this paper will ask to what degree different groups who inhabit cities/public spaces through performative actions produce new ways of knowing and further, what potential these performative practices, situated in everyday politics, have for alternate models of practice-based knowledge production in architecture.

Key Words
performativity architecture public space feminism
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GRASPING THE MOMENT: THE EPHEMERAL NATURE OF NON-THEATRE PERFORMANCE SPACES

This paper addresses the issues of instability and a fragile state of non-theatre performance spaces. In a context of the overall flow of architecture within the turbulent social, cultural and political circumstances that surround it, we want to address the importance of grasping the moment in the idea of exploiting potentials of creative engagement with non-theatre spaces – especially when the goals of such endeavours surpass the sole production of an artwork, and become an inevitable step in a chain of events, aiming towards establishment of a specific cultural identity, in which both architecture and theatre play an important role. Through the case study of The Hempt House in Novi Sad, Serbia, the paper deals with the process of detecting its co-performative potentials, through the stages that lead towards a participatory initiative that would result in the opening of the Hempt Museum in 2021. Following the changes in the perception of the location, through a series of site-specific, ephemeral spatial interventions, in a three-year span of actions, the fundamentals were set for developing a site-based theatre performance, as the final station towards reaching the initiative’s goals. Lastly, we will discuss the events that followed, contributing to the fate of its implementation. In such a process, there is an inevitable and vibrant fluctuation between the architectural space and the performative actions, which constantly shapes and re-shapes the relationships between space, narrative and time. How can we generate a new cultural requisite that results in a joint professional and public action, through spatial agency? How can theatre act as an agent, shaping public opinion, broadening and deepening the awareness of a specific site with a significant relevance in the history of a city? Through what kind of performative actions, interdisciplinary methods and processes can theatre bring to life an architectural space? What is the potential of the physical space in devising a performance?

Key Words
site-specific performance, ephemeral, non-theatre space, spatial agency, participatory initiative, Hempt house, social environment
Working Groups

• Theatrical Event
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PERFORMANCE IN THE NATIONAL CONTEXT: CANADA 150

2017 marked the 150th anniversary of Canada’s Confederation – an occasion that the Canadian Government sought to celebrate as ‘Canada 150’ with events throughout the year and from coast to coast, and rumored to have involved a Can. $0.5 billion budget commitment. From the outset, Canada 150 was contentious since, for many Canadians, these festivities were tantamount to revelling in the colonization and genocide of Indigenous peoples and their cultures. Through the examination of popular performance events staged in Canada’s capital city, Ottawa, during 2017, I will pry open the variety of contexts in which these events were produced and the discourses that promoted, engaged and/or critiqued them. At the same time as these performances aimed to reproduce the national context that they were intended to celebrate both for Canadian and tourist audiences, the contexts in which they were received were, at least in some cases, more explicitly political, aesthetic and/or popular. I am interested, then, in contested terminologies: how an asserted critical language can be challenged by unexpected and countervailing frameworks in which performances take place and are understood.

Key Words
performance, nation, terminology, production, reception

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STRATEGIES OF POWER AND PROTEST

In his book, the Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere, Jürgen Habermas shows the how the public sphere is situated in the space between civil society and the state, and how it brought about the shift of power ‘for’ the people to that ‘by’ the people. The public sphere implies a certain self-consciousness of a public sector that is voiced through critical discourse by means of a pen, or more importantly, through cultural or spectacular manifestations. The type, form and extent of these manifestations is determined by the social context and the political environment in which they take place. This paper will focus on manifestations of protest and rebellion and analyse the negotiation of power between the protesters and the political forces they are pitting themselves against. Starting out from Chantal Mouffe’s rejection of the unified subject, the paper will examine the relationship between de-centring ‘which prevents the fixation of a set of positions around a preconstituted point’ and its natural and opposite consequence: the institution of nodal points, and the way this affects power relations. It will also examine the strategies of power that are applied through the staging of theatrical events, following Christopher Balme’s claim that the public nature of theatre makes it a ‘natural object of political control’. It will try to discuss the language used within and with regard to these theatrical contexts, and to what extent it determines the type of performance and spectacle that is shown. Through different case studies, the paper will observe the protest mechanisms that are used in public events, and contrast them to more restricted, private environments.

Key Words
public sphere, protest, politics, control
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CONTENTS FOR UNDERSTANDING THEATRICAL EVENTS. THE ROLE OF REAL WORLD KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WITH FICTIVE WORLDS FOR ENGAGING WITH THEATRE.

For understanding theatrical events we apply not only our knowledge of the real world places, times, people and events and what is impossible in that world but also our experience with stories, fictional worlds and aesthetics. The mental models and schemata that we use to construct meaning function as so many contexts in which we apprehend and evaluate the theatrical event. The cognitive processes by which we bring these contexts into play can be subsumed under four headings: comparing does the performance resemble in some way the world and/or fictions that I know?, anticipating formulating hypotheses about how events will unroll, modifying changing ones ideas about the world and/or fictional structures and achieving overcoming the challenges presented by the theatrical event. So, when dealing with theatrical performances spectators are constantly processing them within at least two contexts: their perception of the real world and their experiences with stories, theatre and art. The paper will not only address the question how these two contexts and their interplay are necessary preconditions for our assessment of theatrical performances, but will also explore how more or less forgetting these contexts accounts for feelings of immersion and identification.

Key Words
Cognition possible worlds theory immersion identification

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THE CALL AGAINST LOW QUALITY AND IMMORALITY AT ALBERT RANFT’S THEATRES IN STOCKHOLM 1921.

I will exam the turbulence that was started by the premiere of Mikhail Artsybashev’s Jealousy in March 1921. In the Christian daily paper Svenska morgonbladet published the 6th April the headline was “Albert Ranft – a front man for theatre decadence”. The daily paper was connected to the Free Church movement, and reported also about a private investigation of the public entertainment in Stockholm and its low standard of morality. The attack and the investigation was reported about in several other daily papers, and often not in support of Ranft. In the same time he was also criticized for being too much of a businessman and that his repertoire not could be considered as high art. The question was even object for a debate in the Parliament. Of interest is that the main critic Per Lindberg that accused Ranft for holding a love artistic quality, had produced the same play two years earlier. During this time the theatre field was reaching the level of an autonomous field in Bourdieu’s sense, and this made it possible to accuse one of the fields rulers for no longer keep up the standard. This is what Bourdieu describe as a struggle on the field, and there alliances are built up in this case the Royal Dramatic Theatre and Per Lindberg. But they did also build alliances outside the field with guardians of morality. From this standpoint it is possible to see the context through Bourdieu’s lens. Five years after this struggle the empire of Ranft had collapsed and the field of theatre was redesigned.

Key Words
High art, Bourdieu, Morality, Theatre organization
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MEANING MAKING OF LIVE THEATRE PERFORMANCE AMONG YOUNG AUDIENCES: THEATRE RECEPTION MODES APPLIED BY KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

The aim of the research was to increase the understanding of the experience and meaning making of kindergarten children age 5-6 in a live theatre performance. The findings of this research enrich the knowledge upon cultural and emotional worlds of kindergarten children. Few universities around the world offer programs in children's theatre. Few researchers focus their research on Theatre for Young Audience. We lack knowledge about audiences of kindergarten age, and their reception of a live performance therefore, these findings contribute to the literature of theatre and culture studies. The research is located in three arenas of culture studies: theatre for young children, reception of theatre performances and theatrical communication. The aesthetic-qualitative research with 24 children was conducted in Israel. Participants attended two professional theatre performances. Four Qualitative tools were accommodated and applied: observations in the theatre hall, theatre talks after performances, drawing the experience and personal interviews. Data was analysed using theme analysis. In researches with children, consent is required from parents, educational institute and board of education. I also asked the children for their consent, and insured them they can leave at any time. The findings present reception modes that kindergarten children use in order to make meaning of a performance: 1 Social-Cultural baggage children possess 2 Emotional baggage emerges from participating in the performance 3 Cognitive baggage derives from previous knowledge and current event. This research enlightens the amity and necessity of live theatre performances for very young children in society at the 21st century.

Key Words
Theatre for young audience, Reception, Meaning making, Kindergarten children, aesthetic-qualitative research

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THE EXPLANATORY VALUE OF CONTEXTS

In most books on theatre history, each chapter on a new epoch or century is introduced by an overview of the societal, political, technical and intellectual advances that characterises the period in question. Such-like introductions are supposed to serve as a ‘background’ of historical innovations, necessary for the understanding of the artistic developments of theatre and performance. What is the explanatory value of such background chapters? In contrast to these general chapters on contemporaneity, arguments are established that describe the cause of particular theatrical events: because A happened, B was possible. I see the description of general, contemporary events, on the one hand, and the causal explanation of particular events, on the other hand, as extreme positions in the range of contexts that are assumed to explain a theatrical event. There is an obvious risk that the general ‘background’ is interpreted as a causal argument for why something happened in a certain period, and there are similar risks that causal explanations are expanded to general observations. Therefore I would like to propose some further distinctions concerning the use of various contexts in order to discuss their explanatory value of theatrical events. Instead of asking what various contexts are, my main question will be: what can a context do? How is a context related to theatrical fields, theatrical playing and playing culture?

Key Words
Context, explanation, causality, event
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From Page to Stage – and Back. Text as Context of Theatrical Events

Literary texts and theatrical performances have a complex relationship, which differs depending on the definition of text and the view on the functions of theatre. By conceptualising the dramatic text as context of the performance the paper explores different forms of this relationship: a. The performance as a transfer from page to stage, which is considered to be true to the text b. The performance as an interpretation of the text highlighting certain aspects of the text c. The performance as a postulate using the text as a resource d. The performance as a critical examination of the text or even opponent to the text approaching the text with suspicion e. The performance as an experience of alterity focusing on the otherness of the text. The paper aims for a model of the relationship between text and performance, which can be used to describe and analyse, how theatre practitioners, playwrights, spectators and critics understand the text-performance-relationship. The presentation discusses the following hypothesis: The discourse about the relationship between text and performance is less about literature and theatre, but it negotiates the function of theatre in society. By analysing the discourse on the text-performance-relationship theatre scholars are enabled to reflect the underlying discourse on the function of theatre.

Key Words
Drama, Text, Performance, Dramaturgy

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Mizrahi Autobiographical Performance

The article deals with three Mizrahi autobiographical performances in Israel, which construct Mizrahi identity in different ways. Mizrahi Jews are literally Easterners or Orientals, and the term refers to Jews and their descendants originating in the Muslim and Arab countries. Most of them immigrated to Israel during the 1950s, and they make up about half the population of Israel, but yet their ethnic identity and culture are considered outside the dominant Israeli Western cultural orientation. Inherent in the autobiographical narrative underlying these three performances, Mizrahi identity is enhanced by displaying real elements: physical virtuosity, the preparation and serving of food, and the use of official documentation and family records in performance. The acting modes and the focus on real elements in the autobiographical performance display the Mizrahi identity not only in opposition to the cultural stereotypes with social oppression of the Mizrahi population in Israel, but also, in most cases, position the Mizrahi identity as an alternative and assertive one.

Key Words
autobiographical performance, acting modes, Israeli theatre, Jewish theatre, Mizrahi identity, ethnicity
**HOW CAN AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS INFLUENCE THE CONTEXTS OF THEATRICAL EVENT?**

Audience development as a concept combines “financial, artistic, social and educational aspects of institutional efforts in order to address the audience in new ways” Lindelof 2015. Many European theatres introduce audience development projects to their programmes due to their common problems: the decrease of audience numbers and the increase of their age. Often their motivation is strengthened by marketing goals of the institution selling more tickets and cultural policy goals including diverse audiences. What is being overlooked is the theatrical event understood as a complex social and aesthetic phenomenon. Lindelof calls it “a blind spot” of audience development. My research project looks at audience development from the three points of view: marketing, cultural policy and theatrical event. In this paper I will focus on theatrical event and its context, which plays a significant role both for the presentation and perception of the performance. I will focus on the contexts of the spectator and use Martin and Sauter’s 1995 differentiation between theatrical and non-theatrical contexts, including development of this concept Sauter 2008. I am interested in how audience development projects can influence the contexts of theatrical event. In my paper I will focus on audience development, theatre talks, theatrical event, context

**Key Words**

audience development, theatre talks, theatrical event, context

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**SET THEORY IN THEATRE: PHILOSOPHY AS AN EVENT**

My paper examines theatre that employs mathematical set theory to illuminate thought as a reality. As a scientific influence set theory is one cultural context of theatre Gibson 2006. It reveals an alternative view of reality in relation to everyday realism. It illuminates not physical action on stage, but rather hidden movement of thought in problem solving. A confrontation of these two levels cause ruptures in everyday life and onstage as thought’s realm illuminates there stop-overs, deadlocks, dimensions of finitude and infinity and contradictions its dramaturgy is problem solving see Berto 2009 Rokem 2016. Language creates thought’s problems Benjamin 1916 Fenves 2011. Some theatre makers philosophy seems to be that set theoretic problems are reality that theatre can represent. Philosophy is a horizon that defines how we perceive reality, while a rupture caused by a new philosophy is an event see Zizek 2014. My research interest is to theorize above confrontation of these levels. I define problem solving as finite and infinite. Problems like taking a boot off in Samuel Beckett’s Waiting for Godot 1949 are finite, yet ontological and epistemological problems of Estragon and Vladimir that ensue endless pondering are infinite. I will derive from set theoretic patterns in Kafka’s literature what kind of action illuminates thinking that never achieves a goal Steinsaltz 1992 Knudsen 2017. In Sophocles’ Antigone Antigone and Creon employ contradictory models of justice, which proves that justice as an important context of human society has not been defined properly. Onstage the finite level is expressed through vivid action and problem solving, the infinite level through motionlessness and silence: in Beckett’s plays and in Shakespeare’s Hamlet the protagonists’ motionlessness and silence generate fierce discussion and a rupture. I will eventually examine above dramaturgies in contemporary productions of Estonian Theatre NO99’s Filth 2015 and Unified Estonia 2010.

**Key Words**

set theory, philosophy, thought, action, problem solving, dramaturgy, finitude, infinity
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AFFECTIVE FRAMING OF THE THEATRICAL EVENT – A PHENOMENOLOGICAL APPROACH TO JÜRGEN KRUSE’S “LEONCE AND LENA”

The theatrical event may be, from a phenomenological view, conceived as a dialogical process in the interspace of stage and audience, that consists in an onstage action framed by the contexts attributed by the spectators – to constitute meaning. In Jürgen Kruse’s 2016 version of Georg Büchner’s Leonce and Lena, a neat additional character called “Lady Büchner”, invented by the director for the mise-en-scène, is writing throughout the play on sheets of paper which after a few lines she throws to the ground. It stays obscure what the actress is writing and what it means in the comedy’s context. Only much later, someone picks up one of those sheets and reads the famous phrase of Kubrick’s Shining “all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy” – typed by the mad protagonist over and over again. This retroactive meaning production can be discussed in the terms of Frederic Tygstrup’s situational, relational, and corporeal affective space concept where affectivity is conceived as a spontaneous, complex, multi-layered temporal-spacial phenomenon. Related to the issue of migration – conceived, for its spatial and temporal dimensions, as a structural phenomenon of the theatrical event, rather than a content-related one, unexpected theatrical events can be seen as “migrating” into the play, changing and widening a given context. The paper discusses the consequences for the theatrical event and its corresponding affective space, using Michel de Certeau’s space concept of transforming a place into a space by human agency, and Goffman’s frame theory as a background.

Key Words
Affectivity, affective space, Jürgen Kruse, frame theory, theatrical event, phenomenology
Working Groups

- Translation, Adaptation and Dramaturgy
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**MIGRATIONS OF THE LION KING: THE FIRST 20 YEARS ON STAGE**

In 1997, avant-garde director and designer Julie Taymor led a team of international artists with virtually no commercial theatre experience to create what would eventually become the most recognizable and profitable live productions in theatre history.

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**ADAPTING TO THE TIMES: MARVIN’S ROOM AND MEDICINE THEN AND NOW**

The migratory route traversed by all humans is the passage from life to death. Some experience an abrupt arrival at the border others wander, experiencing the migration as a long, meandering trek across a landscape lacking legible boundaries. For many, the condition of travel is medicalized, with the sojourner understanding her situation in terms of current scientific knowledge controlled by authority figures. Such knowledge typically determines the actual care palliative, aggressive, chemical, homeopathic and help prosthetic, prescription, psychotherapeutic, everyday available at the end, the latter inflected by government policies, personal assets, and popular prejudice. This paper considers dramaturgical challenges to understanding the production and reception history of Scott McPherson’s 1990 Marvin’s Room, which won the New York Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Play in 1992 twenty-five years later closed quickly on Broadway after receiving decidedly mixed reviews.

The play treats the vicissitudes and ultimate coming-together-in-need of an extended family with limited means, two of whose members are terminally ill, a third of whom is in the “dotty” stages of early dementia, with a fourth who has been in psychiatric lockdown. In 1992, the New York Times hailed the work as “one of the funniest plays of this year as well as one of the wisest and most moving” Frank Rich. But the 2017 reviewers shrugged, seeing in “yesterday’s clear-eyed reflection on life’s blessings and blights . . . today’s saggy, sentimental Lifetime movie manqué” and noting the failures of its “long-ago vantage” to deliver any emotional punch. How can twenty-seven years be so very long ago? Or, in today’s lightning-speed technology innovations, how could it not be? What changes in popular awareness of disease and decline—primarily underwritten by the aging Baby Boom cohort—trouble this depiction of family rapprochement, making it both legible and illegible across generations and geographies?

**Key Words**

Dramaturgy, medical, dementia
ETHICS, AGENCY, AND THE ‘OTHER’: PLAYS RESISTING TRANSLATION

"Nura-Da Nura-Da Nura-Da Nura Nura Da". The Secret River, by Andrew Bovell, begins with a scene of Indigenous domesticity and a mourning call to country. Only some in the audience may have understood the language being spoken, but few Australian audiences would have doubted that they were about to see violent expropriation rendered theatrically. The Secret River, the multi-award winning novel by Kate Grenville, is internationally acknowledged as one of the most significant contemporary works of place and language to Indigenous Australians. Examining the proposition that the English language sections could be translated and the Dharug language sections should not, I argue there are playtexts that resist translation. Using the instance of River, this paper explores broader theoretical reflections on the ethics and agency of translating Indigeneity.

Key Words
translation adaptation agency

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ECOLOGICAL HOMOLOGIES: BETWEEN METAPHORICAL MIGRATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXTENSION

This paper proposes to present theatrical productions as performative phenomena functioning as ecologies – i.e. evolving environments in a constant interaction with other environments, technologies, and cultural contexts an interaction which itself accordingly allows for differences while operating simultaneously through metaphorical migration and technological interconnectedness. Foregrounding the interaction and interpenetration of multiple signifiers and signifying systems, the ecology angle presents theatre as an artistic platform at once limited in space and time while elusive and multidimensional, and thus arguably far more representative of human cognition than one-dimensional, 'single-track' artistic texts. Starting from the reasoned hypothesis that ‘reality’ as perceived through the lens of human cognition is complexly entangled, inaccessible in an absolute sense, yet materialized at the same time, and hence only partially accessible via a collage of myriad constituents, this paper will rely on the advances achieved by the TAD working group in defining dramaturgy as the coordination of a creation’s conceptual coherence. Interestingly, a first element that strikes when studying practitioners of this kind of thinking and creating is the recurrence of homology between text, stage, and space – a phenomenon which in theatre practice translates into what Gabriella Giannachi and Nick Kaye have called an "ecology of relationships" 2010. For with today’s tendency towards stimulating “process conscious[ess]” Trencsényi & Cochrane, 2014, theatre making has gradually expanded from the traditional hermeneutics of understanding, interpreting, and representing a text, to understanding, interpreting, and negotiating between different cultural and signifying systems. Re-routing connotations from a text-based linear progression of sorts to a technology-induced sense of simultaneity as organizing principle, the study of said ‘ecological homologies’ should allow to study the epistemologically troubling tensions between received conceptions of ‘meaning’ and an increasing awareness of the processes that bring them about – a brittle balance, in short, between materialized complexity and processual logic.

Key Words
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LONGING AND BELONGING THROUGH MIGRATION: DRAMATURGICAL CONCEPTS OF ALTERITY IN PHILOSOPHY AND THEATRE

This paper examines how philosophy may critically contribute towards discussing and understanding the concepts and percepts of identity and alterity, in the context of the ongoing massive surge of migration across the globe. Drawing on concepts from philosophical works by Brian Massumi Para-bles for the Virtual: Movement, Affect, Sensation, 2002, Gilles Deleuze & Felix Guattari A Thousand Plateaux, 1980 What is Philosophy, 1991, Luce Irigaray An Ethics of Difference, 1993, and Jacques Derrida On Hospitality, 1996, I will investigate how different dramaturgical techniques, utilized in particular dramatic texts, interrogate notions of identity, alterity, empathy and hospitality. Plays examined include ancient dramaturgies such as Euripides’s Children of Heracles c.430 BCE Anglophone dramaturgies such as Harold Pinter’s Mountain Language 1988 and David Grieg’s Damascus 2007 as well as other contemporary pieces such as Migraaants! 2016 by Romanian-French writer Matei Visniec, The Golden Dragon 2009 by German playwright Roland Schimmelpfennig, and Incendies 2002 by Lebanese-Canadian author Wajdi Mouawad. By addressing ethical-affective percepts such as empathy and hospitality in a theatre dealing with migration experiences, I will be linking social, cultural and physical globalized deracination to the rising imbalance in the distribution of wealth, and to shifts and abuses of poverty triggered by political and corporate unconcern and apathy towards the “minor” Other. —NOTE: I would like to be considered for a working-group sponsored open panel

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THEATRALITY AND IN TRANSLATION

Thinking about theatricality as the irreducible trait of a text that refuses to settle down into a unique translation onto stage matters, involves thinking about the relation between texts and multiplicities. Traditionally mediated by mimesis, the subordination of the singular to the general is problematized and questioned in postdramatic works. In postdramatic theatre text apparently loses its primary status, as there is a fundamental and inescapable alterity that haunts the articulation of the themes and other types of aesthetic structures and technical procedures. Sarah Kanes Crave, a play constituted by a musically orchestrated series of interruptions and resistances, is an extreme example of an apparently free play of signifiers, which seem to stand for a corruption of rationality, to point towards the dissolution of meaning, and to establish theatricality as an empty signifier. I would like to argue that postdramatic theatre theory, by privileging the idea that representation is always already a political act Lehmann 1999 manifests a tendency towards oversimplifying the contribution of context into the production of theatrical meaning, overlooking its instrumental role in manufacturing the artistic meaning. Using concepts created by Derrida analysis of the logosentric tradition, I will attempt to recuperate the reverberation of the contexts into the production of theatrical truth. Text and context relate to one another in Crave, conjuring the catastrophe of meaning and the collapse of a dominant and seemingly imperfect concept of world context that structured the expectation of theatrical meaning. The theatrical translation has to recuperate the dramaturgy of the work which overwhelms the confines of the textual and recuperates the resonances and resistances that structure the role of silence. No poem without accident, no poem that does not open itself like a wound, but no poem that is not also just as woundingDerrida in Kamuf 1991:233

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DRAMATURGY AND IMAGINATION

This paper will address the relevance of the concept of imagination to dramaturgy. Like dramaturgy is a discipline that looks both to the composition of the drama text, to the theatrical performance, and to the reception by the spectator, so is imagination a multifaceted concept with multiple interpretations. Especially recent theories of imagination seem relevant to the conference theme of what we experience, if the real and the unreal, sensation and imagination, in fact blend and can not be separated? Such questions are highly pertinent to the theatrical experience of the spectator and to the ways in which the drama text and performance dramaturgically anticipates, frames and structures this theatrical experience. The paper will accordingly be exploring analytical strategies for studying the ‘dramaturgy of imagination’, the imagination without limits, in the drama text.

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ENFORCING MUTATION: THE VIOLENCE OF ADAPTATION

This paper explores what we mean by ‘adaptation’ both in terms of positions claimed within Adaptation Studies as well as in relation to ideas of migration. It attempts to establish what we mean by ‘adaptation’ when discussing classic Greek tragedy in performance and to what extent terms such as translation, version, rewriting, re-imaging etc. can or indeed should be distinguished from one another. The juxtaposition of the canonical classical play with its contemporary theatrical reimaginings can contribute to as well as complicate notions of the so-called original and its adaptations. Is performance a related modality to adaptation, is the relationship between text and performance similar to that of source text and target text, or are other considerations necessary when discussing contemporary theatrical revisions of Greek plays? Can a relationship which involves a considerable degree of transcoding, updating, and/or re-contextualization, be legitimately described as adaptations or do we need to employ an alternative conceptualisation of the relationship between the classic text and the contemporary performance than that of adaptation, and thus invoke a more specific nomenclature? Addressing some of these questions, this paper investigates whether notions of performance of the classics and of adaptation are in a constructive relationship with each other.

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**Both Alike in Dignity - The Royal National, The Royal Court and the Precarious State of the Nation**

Theatres capacity to articulate the current state of a nation remains a critical and vital component in its ability to respond to the here and now, where the immediate and the present become re-presented in time and space affording opportunities for a shared experience of critical reflection. In the UK, its Royal National Theatre in London has risen as a central cultural hub offering a diverse programme of work that seeks to speak to the contemporary nation state in a variety of ways. Four kilometres west, the Royal Court Theatre stands as a national theatre of new writing where it, too, endeavours to offer a programme that articulates the contemporary context within the nation state. In this paper, I want to consider how these two national theatres, operating concurrently in the same city, approach issues of nationhood, identity and migration through their direct engagement with works from other countries where both translation and adaptation become engines that drive, maintain and sustain a national cultural machine. In a contemporary climate that has seen a newfound populism for the establishment of borders, walls, and new nationalisms, two questions therefore emerge - what role can these two national theatres play in provoking dialogue and disension? And, how can a national theatre become a pivotal force in provoking a sense of nationhood that eludes nationalism?

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**The Play is Getting in the Way of Me Explaining It: Negotiating the Borders of the Possible**

The naming of a text as seemingly unstageable or unadaptable can provoke an irresistible and creative response in makers as they negotiate the borders of the possible. It seems that the draw of a seemingly impossible task, the belief that everything can be staged, and/or a desire to encourage theatre to reach beyond limits continues to influence the ways in which theatrical adaptation evolves in both textual and performative terms. This paper focuses on Irish company Dead Centre’s Chekhov’s First Play 2015-17, their intra-medial adaptation of Chekhov’s Platonov frequently labelled as unstageable, and the company’s engagement with processes and principles of adaptation for the stage. 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ADAPTATION AS MIGRATION. MIGRATING STRUCTURES

When focusing on adaptation under the topic of migration it becomes obvious that migration is right at the core of adaptation. In metaphorical terms, adaptation is always a sort of wandering from one location to another whereby the ways are intertwined and the subject of wandering is changed through the influences of migration. The question that concerns adaptation and theatre is who or what wanders in which way and why. For example not only themes and content can move from one genre or form to another but thematic aspects and dramaturgical structures can be transferred without changing media and by staying within the same genre. Apart from adaptations based on form and content, structures and conditions of production and reception can be adapted as well. This becomes evident regarding examples of productions of ancient plays in contemporary theatre where change of media in definitions of adaptations. Therefore it is the thesis of the paper that not only Greek. Because the source and the final product are dramas there is a lack of the usual constitutive metaphor of whiteness in order to get her work seen and heard. Biohs SCHOOL GIRLS represents an important dramaturgical moment in the history of African female representation. School Girls Or, The African Mean Girls Play, by Jocelyn Bioh, is a dizzying rom through nasty-coming-of-age teen dramedy that pays homage to Tina Fey’s classic Mean Girls. Taking place in a Ghanaian girl’s boarding school during the 1980s, Bioh’s first full-length play addresses cruel, clique-ish competition among adolescent women using the template of the American genre, yet something fresh emerges. The story follows the queen of the school, Paulina Mameyaa Boafo as she vies to be named Miss Ghana and participate in the Miss Universe Pageant. While the comedic ending is not significantly surprising, there is a poignant and timely theme that emerges through the exploration of African beauty. Paulina wishes to be white so desperately that she dangerously bleaches her skin. When a fairer-skinned Ghanaian-American girl enrolls in the school, Paulina’s jealousy flares. The pageant recruiter clearly prefers the lighter skin and modern style of the new girl, Ericka Nabiyah Be, who is eventually chosen to represent the school. Bioh’s thematic exploration of beauty carries through to the end of the play as the girls watch the Miss Universe pageant on television and witness Ericka get passed over in favor of white women. Yet the real beauty in the play is captured within the community of support the young school women form that defies all expectations.

Key Words
adaptation, structures, conditions of production and reception, ancient Greek drama

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TEENAGE BORDERLINES: TINA FEY’S “MEAN GIRLS” AND JOCELYN BIOH’S “THE AFRICAN MEAN GIRLS PLAY”

Jocelyn Bioh, a Ghanaian-American playwright, takes on the tropes of the girls coming of age narrative in her play SCHOOL GIRLS or THE AFRICAN MEAN GIRLS PLAY. This play uses Tina Fey’s 2004 film MEAN GIRLS not as an adaptive platform, but as a strategy to get her work staged in New York. In fact, while Ms. Biohs Ghanaian play is brilliant and does draw on the cross-cultural stereotypes of teenage girls-clipes, bullying and hazing, SCHOOL GIRLS has very little to do with the Tina Fey original. This paper explores what Biohs play accomplishes along with the advertising and marketing strategy used by her, her agent and the theatre company who produced it. She had to use and perform inside a metaphor of whiteness in order to get her work seen and heard. Biohs SCHOOL GIRLS represents an important dramaturgical moment in the history of African female representation. School Girls Or, The African Mean Girls Play, by Jocelyn Bioh, is a dizzying rom through nasty-coming-of-age teen dramedy that pays homage to Tina Fey’s classic Mean Girls. Taking place in a Ghanaian girl’s boarding school during the 1980s, Bioh’s first full-length play addresses cruel, clique-ish competition among adolescent women using the template of the American genre, yet something fresh emerges. The story follows the queen of the school, Paulina Mameyaa Boafo as she vies to be named Miss Ghana and participate in the Miss Universe Pageant. While the comedic ending is not significantly surprising, there is a poignant and timely theme that emerges through the exploration of African beauty. Paulina wishes to be white so desperately that she dangerously bleaches her skin. When a fairer-skinned Ghanaian-American girl enrolls in the school, Paulina’s jealousy flares. The pageant recruiter clearly prefers the lighter skin and modern style of the new girl, Ericka Nabiyah Be, who is eventually chosen to represent the school. Bioh’s thematic exploration of beauty carries through to the end of the play as the girls watch the Miss Universe pageant on television and witness Ericka get passed over in favor of white women. Yet the real beauty in the play is captured within the community of support the young school women form that defies all expectations.

Key Words
Dramaturgy, Adaptation, Cross-Cultural Boundaries, Coming of age Narrative, African female narrative
This paper will look at the recent shifts in the theatrical landscape of the city of Berlin and its effects on repertoire and audiences of the capital. It understands dramaturgy as an institutional practice that influences and shapes the profile of and discourse around theatre institutions. Shifts in their make-up and policies have to be negotiated with and communicated to audiences in an attempt to create accessibility and facilitate an understanding of and potential identification with these institutions. After the much discussed new directorship of Turkish-German producer Shermin Langhoff as the head of the then so-called postmigrant theatre Maxim Gorki Theater at the beginning of season 2013/14, the recent nominations of Oliver Reese as artistic director of the Berliner Ensemble 2017/18 and especially of Chris Dercon at the Volksbühne 2017/18 gave new rise to heated discussions about the purpose and function of these artistic institutions within Berlin’s cultural landscape. Labelling Dercon a curatorial director instead of, so many argue, a truly artistic director like artist previous Intendant Frank Castorf, the new artistic directorship has trouble establishing itself within the capital’s landscape. Actors, directors and maybe even audiences are seeking their “Volksbühne” experience elsewhere, with, for example, many finding it at the rival institution Schaubühne Berlin. In reference to recent scholarship on institutional theory and by drawing on critical notions of cosmopolitanism, this paper seeks to analyse the discourse around these recent shifts in the German capital’s cultural landscape with a specific focus on dramaturgical challenges around repertoire building and potential audience migration.

Key Words
audiences, dramaturgy, institution, repertoire, cosmopolitanism

MIGRATING REPERTOIRES, MIGRATING AUDIENCES – THE CASE OF THE VOLKSBÜHNE BERLIN

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MIGRATION AND CULTURAL TRANSLATION: THE TRAVELS AND TRAVAILS OF EUGENE O’NEILL ON THE BULGARIAN STAGE

The paper discusses the uneven and winding journey of Eugene O’Neill to the Bulgarian stage under three different political regimes during the 20th century. Drawing on the critical discourses surrounding his Bulgarian productions as well as paratextual material, several major patterns can be observed: in the 1930s his drama was embraced enthusiastically by Bulgarian theatre-makers and audience for its modernist aesthetics and the novelty of Broadway during the peak years of the Cold War his works were dismissed by the communist censors as “marred with Freudianism, drug abuse, alcoholism, and too much experimentation,” whereas since the late 1970s - and especially after the fall of communism - his plays have been subject to more heterogeneous appropriations for the purpose of aesthetic renewal, cultural prestige, experimentation, and reflection on the anxieties of Bulgarian society. By looking at drama in translation not simply as migration of texts but as culturally translated practices, embedded in the real context of political and social conflicts, the paper discusses diverse ways of performing and creating otherness both on and off stage, as well as issues of representation of America and self-representation. Special attention is paid on the power relations enacted through translation and adaptation, raising significant questions: How can theatre as a “travelling structure” cross over or displace national boundaries? What can be been lost and gained in the movement and repositioning of dramatic works across space and time? Which themes and ideas from the ten O’Neill plays staged in Bulgaria have travelled best and which have been suppressed or re-accentuated? How did his symbols of disintegration, disillusionment and decay correlate with the communist symbols of enforced optimism? For its analysis the paper relies on drama reception theory as well as cultural translation theory.

Key Words
translation, migration, theatre as culturally translated practices, Eugene O’Neill, Bulgarian stage
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MIGRANT, THEATRE OF THE REAL, DRAMATURGY

Migration is as an act of movement whereby, to quote Peter Nyers writing about refugees, “bodies encounter and confront one another, ... developing relationships that constitute the myriad ways of being and living in the world” Rethinking Refugees x. Theatre is an exemplary site for staging such encounters and, since the Ancient Greeks, has staged the story of the migrant, the foreigner. Nyers argues that such encounters “are structured and performed is of intense political significance.” In a theatrical context those encounters are between not only representative bodies onstage, but also the bodies onstage and those in the auditorium. This paper examines the very different dramaturgical and theatrical strategies of two contemporary plays, both exponents of Theatre of the Real, that focus on the migrant and migration, and that understand migration to be necessarily relational and inherently performative. Be Longing 2012, 2015 is a verbatim play that tells stories of immigration in New Zealand and shows how “Kiwi” culture is seen through the eyes of migrants. Milo Rau’s Mitleid: Die Geschichte des MaschinengewehrsSchaubühne, 2016 is a semi-documentary play that takes its cue from the inundation of refugees into Europe during the summer of 2015, placing that crisis in a larger geo-political and historical context by shifting the focus to the Central African civil wars of the 1990s. Be Longing’s mise-en-scene involves a double signification between actor and character that parallels the experience of the immigrant, who resides between original and adopted homelands, and it seeks to bridge the gap between stage and auditorium, between “them” and “us”. Meanwhile, Mitleid, confronts audiences with that gap: its two separate narratives of witnessing and prominent use of live feed onto a large screen draw attention to the spectator’s gaze and to the spectator’s position as a performing witness.

Key Words
Migrant, Theatre of the Real, Dramaturgy
NIGERIAN CONTEMPORARY DANCE AND ITS DEFERENCE TO INDIGENOUS DANCE FORMS

African dance performances have entered a dynamic new phase as a result of the influence of globalization on culture and conversely, the impact of culture on globalization which is consequently referred to as African Contemporary Dance and this invariably has had its influence on the Nigerian dance theatre stage. The nature of the Nigerian contemporary dance is one that constantly solicits clarifications concerning its nomenclature, authenticity, components and techniques. As a formal Artistic category, contemporary dance has a rather unformulated origin. Although the field did not come to be so named until 1989s, the various techniques and ideologies that eventually melded to constitute the genre can be traced to a more distant past, to the United States in the 1950s, and such pioneer dancers/choreographers as Martha Graham, Merce Cunningham and Lester Horton. Today, the various innovations and departure from received dance forms initiated by these choreographers are exemplified in the radical and experimental nature of contemporary dance. What are the identifiable indigenous culture-specific characteristics of African contemporary dance within the styles akin to the prototype traditional dances? What are the key issues to be considered by an ‘African dance’ critic, analyst and choreographer in proposing a concrete argument for African contemporary dance? The objective is to establish a tradition that travels into every instance of contemporary dance across the globe; one which would clearly be implicated in our characterization of a contemporary African dance. This paper, using Qudus Onikeku’s Iwalewa, seeks to establish paradigms of Nigeria traditional dances within the framework of contemporary dance.

Key Words
Dance, Performance, Contemporary Dance and African Dance
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PERFORMING MADNESS IN RADIOCHEHRAZI: AN INQUIRY INTO OVERLAPPING POLITICS OF TRANSCONTINENTAL AND MAD IDENTITIES

I propose a short presentation on one of my case studies, Radiochehrazi, which I plan to further develop into the first chapter of my dissertation. Drawing on various concepts and theories in post-colonial theatre and performance studies, my presentation contextualizes and studies how these concepts are manifested in the performative gestures and strategies of this anonymous Iranian performance group in diaspora who used SoundCloud to podcast monthly narratives about the madness of three middle class Iranian intellectuals in a mental hospital. I will use this online performance as a case study to explore different strategies applied in order to create a piece that best reflects the artists’ relationship to the reality of their presence, culture, and space. Furthermore, I will tackle the following questions in regard to their performance: How does Radiochehrazi build a digital archival body that so heavily depends on embodiment? How does accessing this digital archive become the embodiment of such archive? How does its narrative engage the Iranian social memory and identity? How does accessing this digital archive become the embodiment of such archive? How does accessing this digital archive become the embodiment of such archive? How does accessing this digital archive become the embodiment of such archive? How does accessing this digital archive become the embodiment of such archive? How does accessing this digital archive become the embodiment of such archive?

Key Words
digital performance and embodiment hybridity, otherness and cultural identity, Middle East Iran and diaspora transnational cultural communication, performance and politics of social memory, globalization and information economies, feminist and post-colonial theory

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COMING “HERE” AND GOING “BACK” – TWO EXAMPLES OF STAGING MIGRATION IN 21ST-CENTURY GERMAN THEATER

„Are you scared we’ll take away your language? Are you scared we’ll take away your skin colour? [...] [Y]our tradition? [...] [Y]our religion? [...] [Y]our freedom? Your safety?” These are the questions the audience of SAFE PLACES by dramatist Falk Richter is confronted with by an international dancing ensemble which represents refugees seeking shelter in Europe. Meanwhile four German actors embody typical German debates, Europe herself and the abstract „Völkische Wir”, as well as Beatrix von Storch. The German – or western – fear of “the others” who “come here” is contrasted by hounded, haunting dancing which transcends the mere rational approach of the so-called “refugee crises”. At the same time Common Ground 2014 by Yael Ronen explores the memories of 5 actors whose lives were directly influenced by the Ex-Jugoslavia-war in the 1990’s. All of them are professional actors in German-language theatres and were brought together to go on a trip into the past, visiting their old homes and their old country – which no longer ex- ists. On stage, they tell their seemingly autobiographic stories through contrasting different real- ities and emotions. Pop cultural references and absurd situations seduce the audience to laugh, while at the same time being confronted with a war which threatens to fall into oblivion in Ger- many. My paper explores the different strategies of Falk Richters and Yael Ronans recent proj- ects. Both are highly successful in Germany and important parts of the theatrical consciousness. Therefore, it is important to question how they work and which image of migration they evoke.

Key Words
Falk Richter Yael Ronen migration war post-dramatic theatre
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MEDDAHLİK: A SMALL UNIVERSE

Meddahlık[2] was one of the popular genres of folk theatre prior to the advent of European-style theatre in Ottoman Empire. Meddah literally means panegyrist because the word comes from the Arabic verb “meth”, which means to praise. There is a prevalent view that Hassan Bin Sabit, an Arabian poet and one of the Sahahab[3], was the first meddah as a praiser of the prophet Muhammad, his family and caliphs.[4] But the usage of this word in the context of Turkey indicates a comedic storyteller. Nicholas N. Martinovitch addresses the role transition of meddah from panegyrist to storyteller and claims: ...when the Mohammedan clergy forbade any reference to the saints in the plays, Meddahs went over to secular themes; at first, to be sure, these were of panegyric character. It was only very gradually that the Meddahs developed into story-tellers...[5]

Even though meddahs moved to more secular themes with time and humor became an important part of their performances, the connection between meddahlık and Islam has not been broken. So it is no surprise that today meddah performances can be seen mostly during Ramadan in Turkey. By combining Islamic values and humor, meddahlık can potentially serve as a counter-resistance to the hegemonic ideas on Islamic culture being humorless and the demonization of Islam since 9/11. Moreover, meddahlık lends itself to the discussion of migration in theatre. Because the basis of meddah performances is a solo performer imitating multiple characters with different cultural backgrounds just by using few traditional props. This way meddah models the fluidity of identities and opens up possibilities for ambivalence and creation of new meanings.[6]

In my paper, I would like to discuss these points in more detail and support my discussion by showing examples from my meddah practice, which premiered in December 2017 in Berlin.[7]

Key Words
Meddah, Islam, Folk Theatre, Turkey

[1] Since meddah undertakes roles of many characters, animals and sometimes even objects in his stories, he was identified as a small universe bearing the contents of the whole world in Selim Hayrettin Gezgin, See Selim Hayrettin Gezgin, Türk Tanımı: Meddah, Karagöz, Orta Oyunu, (Istanbul: Karnay Kitabevi, 1942), 2.

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THE AFFECTIVE RHETORIC OF POP CULTURE IN CONTEMPORARY EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE: THE CASES OF THE WOOSTER GROUP, BIG ART GROUP, AND OLIVIER CHOI NiÈRE

This paper examines the transfer and recuperation of what I call an “affective rhetoric” specific to pop culture in contemporary experimental North-American theatre. It interrogates the presence and experience of pop culture within postdramatic shows from the 2000s, namely The Wooster Group’s House/Lights 1999, the Big Art Group’s SOS 2008, and Olivier Choinière’s Mommy 2013. These plays articulate what is now a common feature of contemporary legitimate theatre: the mixing of high and low culture. In particular, I analyze how they display and distribute forms images, sounds, acting, text, etc. according to two main axes: singularity/trouble for high culture and standardization/entertainment for pop culture. I then interrogate how the paradigm of singularity in art Heinich, 2014 and its presumed critical function Caillet, 2008 generate a certain affective mode – just as the value of standardization in popular culture Morin, 2008 and the expected entertainment Grossberg, 2014 create their own. The frontier between high art and popular entertainment is increasingly disappearing and even sometimes proclaimed to be dead. In contrast, in the works studied in this paper, such frontier reemerges through a cold affective rhetoric in the case of high art and through a warm affective rhetoric in pop culture’s case. In sum, based on an aesthetic analysis of the three pieces, this paper explores the dichotomy of these two different forms of affective rhetoric.

Key Words
Contemporary Theatre, Pop culture, Affect, Wooster Group, Big Art Group, Olivier Choinière
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PLANTS AND POLITICS: NASSIM SOLEIMANPOUR AND THE WORK OF THE ACTOR

One of the first things that most people learn about the work of playwright Nassim Soleimanpour is that it is performed by someone new every night. Each fresh performer has never seen the script before, and the secret of its contents are revealed to actor and spectator simultaneously, in the time of performance. In Nassim, Soleimanpour’s first new work since moving from Iran to Germany in 2013, he joins each new performer onstage, as well enlisting volunteers from the audience, to tell a story of his childhood. In this paper, I will engage recent triangulations of labor, affect, and temporality in performance theory (Schneider, 2011, Ridout, 2013, Palladini, 2017) to focus on the way in which the work of these onstage volunteers inspires unexpected affective responses in relation to the artist. The participation of the unprepared performer raises the specter of the theatrical “plant”, with attendant slippages around work and time in the theatre. This dynamic, I argue, plays out uniquely in relation to the labor of the circulating artist, as the border between social roles in the theatre are blurred.

Key Words
Work, Affect, Circulation, Iran

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MIGRATION, ETHNICITY AND IDENTITY CONFLICTS: LOOKING AT RABHA COMMUNITY THEATRE OF ASSAM

The proposed paper is looking at Migration in the context of Assam and the conflicts between micro communities, the migrants viz-a-viz local tribal communities with the Rabha tribe as my specific example. Migrations for labour are complex economic, social and cultural issues but potential spaces of violence when they are woven with religious and caste identities. Assam, the eastern state of India shares a border with neighbouring Bangladesh and since the partition of India and Pakistan, of which Bangladesh was Eastern Pakistan 1947, there have been large scale migrations from Bangladesh. This has created tensions and conflicts between the migrant labour and the local tribal populations. The tribal people in certain sense belong to the lower castes scheduled tribes as categorized by the colonial census. With the coming of the Hindu right wing government at both the national and state level in 2014 and 2016 and trying to create modifications to the citizenship laws of the country to create a vote bank particularly from the ‘Hindu’ migrants from Bangladesh, the tension in Assam has worsened in the last few years. On the 31st of December 2017, the first draft of National Citizen’s register NRC has been declared creating new tensions among the migrants and indigenous people of Assam, whose name are not included into the draft. In this paper I want to look at two tribal theatre group belongs to Rabha community of Assam, which are addressing the above questions of migration, ethnicity and identity with newer aesthetics. While ‘Badungduppa’ theatre group critiques the state’s position and the emergence of identity conflicts in contrast to the migrants, the other theatre group ‘Dapoon’ connecting to global issues of identity, of the dwarf in a society creates more metaphorical references. I want to look at both these examples from Jeremy Cover’s idea of performing identity and Baz Kershaw’s concept of politics of performance in relation to environment and demography.

Key Words
migration, identity, theatre, assam, conflicts
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BESIDE ONESELF. CONFIGURATIONS OF PLAYERS AND PUPPETS IN CONTEMPORARY PUPPETRY

The description and analysis of the stage relationship between puppeteers and their objects is of vital importance for a deeper understanding of visible manipulation, the predominant technique in contemporary puppetry where the puppeteer is interacting visible next to / over / under / besides the puppet or object on stage. Drawing on theories of acting and methods of theatre analysis, this presentation will investigate how, in contradistinction to conventional acting as a corporeal practice predicated on the human body alone, puppetry produces fictional characters in the interplay between puppeteer and object. This interplay necessarily entails the de-prioritization of the human body as the pre-eminent signifier of the theatrical sign system, and the emphasis of the ‘action force’ Veltrusky of puppets and objects – their inherent potential to act – similar to the in theories of New Materialism described agency, as the presentation will demonstrate with reference to select theatrical productions from 2000 to 2017 such as Gisèle Vienne’s Jerk 2007 or Blind Summit Theatre’s The Table 2011. How can the emergence of the fictional character out of this interplay be described? And how is the co-presence of man and object related to the self-referentiality of the visible manipulation?

Key Words
Puppetry, Puppet and Object Theatre, Contemporary Theatre, Theatre Analysis

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THE CYBORG SPECTATOR: BLURRING CORPOREAL BOUNDARIES IN INTERMEDIAL THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE

This paper explores questions of embodied spectatorship in intermedial theatre and performance. Specifically, it asks how intermedial spectatorship can be described as a cyborgian experience, in which the corporeal boundaries between the spectator and the technological design become blurred. Building on Jennifer Parker-Starbuck’s concept of cyborg theatre - first introduced in her seminal study Cyborg Theatre. Corporeal/ Technological Intersections in Multimedia Theatre and Performance 2011 - I will argue that not only the relationship between performer and technology can be described as cyborgian (Parker-Starbuck, 2011), but also the relationship between technology and the spectator. I suggest that intermedial performance invites a visceral journey in which the body of the spectator is physically affected by, and affectively immersed in, the technological design. Technologies such as projections, animations, sound effects or virtual reality can generate such deep bodily sensations that, even in the absence of direct physical contact, the boundary between spectator’s flesh and technology becomes blurred. This close, physical, tactile and immersive engagement gives birth to new bodies: posthuman bodies (Hayles, 1999), hybrid bodies, bodies that are half flesh, half machine, half real, half virtual - in other words, cyborgs (Haraway, 1991). By enabling the fluidization of corporeal boundaries between spectator and technology, the intermedial performance space could then become the locus for new subjectivities, where other strictly defined boundaries such as gender, race or sexual orientation might also become blurred or reconfigured. If so, could we imagine new political potential for intermedial performance?

Key Words
gender, queerness, cyborg, theatre, technology, spectatorship
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THE ACTOR’S BODY GENEALOGY WITHIN PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICE

This research will examine the emergence of the actor’s body in pedagogical discourse and practice between 1850-2010. The research is based upon the studies of archives that are on the margins of official historiography; sourced from articles and newspapers, as well as teaching plans from the two important drama institutions in Brazil: The Sao Paulo School of Dramatic Arts (Brazil’s oldest drama school) and the Bachelors Degree in Acting from Sao Paulo University (the most renowned theatre course in Latin America). The study will take Michel Foucault’s approach to exploring historical sources, known as ‘Archaeogenealogy’. This approach uses both archaeological and genealogical methods to research history. The aim is to construct another kind of history of the physical actor’s education, one that considers how other disciplines (such as medicine, psychology) have impacted and changed actor training. For example, advances in health and wellbeing in the mid twentieth century gave actors not only a new understanding of their body artistically, but also subjectively - they gained a new sense of governance in relation to themselves and others. This deeper awareness of the self created new levels of truth about the actor, which had not been experienced before. The paper will discuss the first curriculum for performers in Brazil, written by the actor Joao Caetano in 1801 which included the following subjects, in order of importance: 1. Received pronunciation: (it was the first time that Portuguese grammar was given Brazilian pronunciation); 2. History: ancient, medieval, modern and Brazilian; 3. Speech and voice: which focused on the interpretation of texts; 4. Fencing: “For the purpose of training theatrical art that contained the game of weapons”. It will show the change of focus, formerly towards speech, the way of speaking, to a consciousness of the body, body expression and stage presence that actors study today.

Key Words
Body actor education Michel Foucault

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BIRDS MIGRATE. DO WAVES TOO?

We are all witnesses of an invisible migration which invokes a universal nostalgia. Being predominantly temporal it also entails spacial dis/re-location. The unnoticed migrants of human civilization are the ‘children’ who leave one identity behind, in the journey for another. They embody the border and the process of crossing the border; inhabit a ‘liminal’ space with enormous possibilities. It is a narrative of individualistic, yet, collective migration. ‘Children’ hardly write about this journey(s), until the migration is complete, when they are no longer ‘children’. As if the act of writing itself marks the death of the ‘authentic author’. Children, standing as the ‘other’ of the adult world, are always re-presented. The language of the body, the most organic mode of expression for a child, is denigrated for being incomprehensible to the adults. Conceptually, ‘children’ is not a monolithic-homogenous idea. Marking the boundaries of childhood is an act of normative ‘archiving’. Yet, I consider ‘children’ as an example of “Lieux de Memoir”, after Pierre Nora; a floating identity. An archiefed childhood is devoid of the child; a melancholic nostalgia. In the open space of theatre the body of a child can be a powerful medium of expression, which celebrates the lively ‘here & now’-ness. As a children’s theatre facilitator, I have witnessed, children writing ephemeral texts with their bodies, and by doing that creating their own identities, as G. H. Mead had argued. Slightest changes like making eye contacts, smiling, are indicators of re-discovering and reclaiming one’s identity. With a few anecdotes gathered from a yearly residential theatre-workshop, now twenty years running in West Bengal, India- I aspire to show that the individual migration-journey from one identity to another– of every child can only be grasped through their bodily writings.

Key Words
Migration, Children, Dis/re-placement, Aging, Liminality

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EMERGENCE AND TENSIONS BETWEEN BOURGEOIS MORALITY AND WORKER MORALITY

This work analyzes the spaces of dissenting representation of the hegemonic imaginary of national modernization configured in the work Desdicha obrera (1921) by Chilean writer and political activist Luis Emilio Recabarren. With this purpose, we will follow the philosophical reflections of Michel Foucault regarding the concept of discourse, in addition to adopting the reading of this scriptural project, a gender perspective that allows us to explore the ideological struggles of the immediate political scene and its resonances in the current ideological frameworks. In this way, we find in Recabarren's scriptural production the articulation of alternative subjectivities, specifically feminine, that fissure the corporal orderings elaborated by the twentieth-century state discourse and the model of capitalist modernization, but in no case define certainties that seek to obtain definitive solutions to the disastrous consequences of industrial capitalism or the unresolved conflicts of contemporary Chilean society. The Chilean production of workers character operationalizes mechanisms and strategies that allow writers as to denounce the exclusions and invisibilizations experienced by peripheral subjects. However, they masculinize the workers movements by closing the feminine semiotic space instrumentalizing the subjectivity of women by virtue of a universal exploitation of man. However, Luis Emilio Recabarren in Desdicha obrera configures dissident and fragmentary feminine identities that fissure national modernization programs. The protagonist of Workers Unhappy accuses the Catholic Church of plunging women into ignorance, with the aim of enslaving and instrumentalizing their bodies. The exploitation suffered by women, is no longer limited exclusively to the domestic and labor space, now we must add to the scenario of the early twentieth century, a new body of female subsection: the Catholic Church. We are interested in recognizing the discursive strategies that distinguish the speech of Rebeldia protagonist that configure subjectivities against hegemonics.

Key Words
Luis Emilio Recabarren, capitalist modernization and representation

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POST-SECULARISM, GENDER PERFORMATIVITY, AND PERFORMANCE IN THE POSTCOLONIAL WORLD

Known as “the secularization thesis,” the notion that “the more modern a society becomes, the more secular it becomes,” has largely fallen out of favour among sociologists of religion since the beginning of the new millennium. In the current context of globalization and mass migration into Europe, Jürgen Habermas argues that there is a place for religion in the political public sphere on the basis that economic migrants and refugees from countries with religious cultures will never be integrated otherwise. This presentation will examine how this new world of post-secularism is reflected in performance in a new wave of British writers attempting to renegotiate postcolonial identity through discourses of religion and sexuality. Under secular modernity, these were considered the quintessential elements of private life, and in the public sphere, they create what Saba Mahmood has called “an explosive symbiosis.” For example, _What Fatima Did…_ by Atiha Sen Gupta, which was first performed at Hampstead Theatre, London, in 2009, deals with the fallout surrounding British Muslim Fatima’s unexpected decision to adopt the hijab on the eve of her eighteenth birthday, culminating in an Islamophobic attack when her non-Muslim boyfriend rips the hijab off her head. Through analysis of performances such as this, this presentation will argue that although post-secularism in its intersection with gender performativity presents the best opportunity yet for the renegotiation of the identity of the colonizer and the colonized on a more equal basis, ultimately it is a missed opportunity through the colonial power’s reassertion of the Self.

Key Words
post-secularism; gender; performance; postcolonialism; contemporary British theatre

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MOVING IN TERRITORIES - THE SPACE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF SHOICHI FUKUSHI

Shoichi Fukushi 1953- is a dancer and retired official based on Aomori, Japan. His artistic influences includes Shuji Terayama and butô dancers like Shigea Mori 1947-. His main activity as a dancer is on performing in no-theatrical spaces which include streets, landscapes and any environmental that Fukushi is interested in. Considering the Japanese culture element Ma as a cognitive operator that allows a communication oriented by the sense Okano 2012, in this presentation I will analyse the usage of space by the dancer Shoichii Fukushi, looking at two of his performances. First one I analyse took place in a gallery of art in Tokyo in 2014 where he performed with an installation work by the visual artist Minako Miwa 1942- the second held in the Mount Osorezan in 2015. Osorezan is considered as one of the sacred places in Japan. Because of its geography, with mountains and it river, Osorezan fits the Buddhist description for hell and paradise, that similarity have made this place be known as afterlife entrance in the Japanese legend. Through the idea of Ma spatiality - the materialization of Ma culture element- proposed by Okano, I investigate the way that the performer interacts with space, intending to figure out what kind of movement and actions can be generating in this inter-space.

Key Words
Shoichi Fukushi, Japanese dance, Ma spatiality

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PERFORMING GUILT IN A REFUGEE CRISIS: DECONSTRUCTING REGIONAL IDENTITY POST-1971 IN CALCUTTA

In the aftermath of the war between India and Pakistan in 1971, a huge exodus of around ten million people entered the state of West Bengal in India from former East Pakistan now Bangladesh. The international relations discourse around this event categorically differentiated these refugees from those who had migrated during the Partition of 1947. Dominant theatre groups in the city were focussing their energies on capturing the spirit of the revolutionary left, so much so that the figure of the refugee is absolutely absent. While 1947 had initiated a competitive cultural legacy around the binary of “ghoti” a person who was born and brought up in West Bengal and “bangal” a person who was born and brought up in East Pakistan, the crisis in 1971 saw a shift in discourse as the refugee now came to be identified as “outsider” and “infiltrator” by the state. In my paper, I propose to explore the breakdown of the binary of “ghoti” and “bangal” identity through the Calcutta trilogy of English-language Indian playwright Asif Currimbhoy, one of which was titled “The Refugee”. In this play, we see the affective power of guilt at work, dividing generations against each other. Currimbhoy constructs the mis-en- scene through stereotypes of behavior by a Hindu professor and a Muslim professor in the University of Calcutta, where the Hindu professor gives “asylum” to the Muslim boy, Yassin, son of his long-forgotten paramour, Rukaiya. The Hindu professor is shown to have two children the same age as Yassin, who are more actively involved than Yassin, in working to resolve the refugee crisis. Yassin is successively put through different stages of guilt about his stateless existence, in the nation state of India. I perceive this guilt not merely as a catalyst in sparking an individual’s conscience and problematizing the state’s responsibility, but as producing an abject body whose performance dismantles the long-held cultural solidarities across the two states of West Bengal and East Bengal.

Key Words
guilt, otherness, desubjectivation, rehabilitation
A QUEST FOR MERIT: A CLOSER LOOK AT FORMATION OF SIDD I I DENTITY IN/THROUGH THEATRE

Siddis, a micro-minority of African-Indians, are said to have migrated to the Indian subcontinent over four centuries ago. Against the backdrop of a race and caste based society in India, and the stigma associated with new racist narratives about Africans living in India today, Siddis have attempted to assimilate themselves into Indian society with or without the support of the State. This paper will thus focus on the participation of the Siddi community in modern theatre which in recent years has served them as a site for articulating and positing their merit within the modern Indian society. The discourse of a marked body within these theatrical performances, enable addressing experiences of being perceived as an immigrant/foreigner in one’s homeland and at the same time it allows for creation of a positive body image based on appropriation of cultural stereotypes. This paper will look closely at the stage adaptation of Achebe’s Things Fall Apart done as a theatre workshop, organized by Ninasam theatre Institute, with the Siddis of Manchikeri, a village in Karnataka. By analyzing process of the workshop, production and rehearsals, it will try to unravel the ways in which a Siddi identity was formulated through a past negotiated between the participants and the conductors of the theater workshop. By analyzing the play’s content and narrative, this paper will also elaborate on the performance’s capacity to create a temporal overlap enabling remembering of a past long forgotten for generations. Following Rebecca Schneider’s thesis on theater’s role in negotiating perceptions of a marked body within society, this paper will also analyze how different bodies choose to tell different histories. Borrowing Jane Desmond’s use of Physical Foundationalism within the context of Tourism studies and applying it to theatre, it will also explore theater’s role in negotiating perceptions of a marked body within society.

Key Words
Identity, Physical foundationalism, Performing race

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THE RETURN OF AN EXILE – GUILLIAM VAN NIEULANDT’S ANTWERP SUCCESS

How valid is the long-assumed chasm between the Northern and Southern Netherlands in the seventeenth century regarding their respective theatrical regimes? That is one of the questions I confront in my doctoral thesis, particularly from the angle of the representation of violence. Methodologically, this question demands a case-based approach in order to assess the complex equilibrium that existed at any given time between the parties involved on both sides of the border. For this workshop, I will discuss the painter-poet Guiliam van Nieulandt. Like many others at the end of the sixteenth century, most of his family moved from Antwerp to Amsterdam for religious reasons. Interestingly, Guiliam wound up back in Antwerp where he spent most of his career 1606-1629. He introduced the Antwerp stage with the spectacular Senecan blood tragedy that was already popular in Amsterdam and that offered an instrument of reflection in politically turbulent times all over Europe. Van Nieulandt’s case raises the question whether his plays cannot also be read in light of his migratory background. Hypothetically, his mysterious move to Antwerp might have been motivated by the strong hope for reunification that existed in the Southern exile community, but that faded as a result of political circumstances in the 1620s. This brings us to some old questions in theatre historiography: to which extent do theatrical practice and the exotheatrical reality that it relates to, respectively, contribute to the comprehension of the other? Or: does the detail and specificity of the case study outweigh the bias of its particularity? In this case, does it suffice to study one person, a lone wolf perhaps, who despite his influence is representative of neither North nor South? Or does he inspire us to release these strict categories altogether? Solving my starting question demands a position in this historiographical framework.

Key Words
exile community Early Modern Low Countries Senecan tragedy case-based research

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This paper develops a strand of my doctoral research project in which I analyse national identity tropes in Philippine English-language drama to demonstrate the valuable role English-language texts play in moving critical and practice-based discussions about identity into a dynamic space imbued with an archipelagic sense of ‘Place,’ history and culture. The Filipino family is arguably the most significant trope of national identity in the Philippines. However, despite its importance as a source of identity formation and social capital, theatrical representations of the Filipino family have received scant attention from scholars. In this paper, I examine key maternal relationships in three popular plays that wrestle with Filipino political culture, class representation and transnational social flows, refracted through the lens of generations of fragmented, translocated families. The Ladies and the Senator (Montano, 1953), Flipzoids (Peña, 1996) and The Folding Wife (Berry, 2007) all boast extensive production histories in different locations (Manila, New York and Sydney/Melbourne, respectively) and are considered by scholars to be significant theatrical milestones of their time. I examine how these cosmopolitan texts are imbued with a sense of what Bhabha calls the ‘unhomely’ (1992). For Bhabha, in the moment of what he calls “extra-territorial initiation”, what is enacted is a kind of redistribution of space, place and of belonging in a sudden abject recognition of the public world and the private home as no longer separate, not merged either, but interconnected. These texts address the tensions of postcolonial Filipino family relations at the same time that they embrace family life as the transportable locus of an archipelagic Philippine identity and national (be)longing. I aim to demonstrate how such instances of Philippine English-language “theatre and performance help us experience our place in the cosmopolitan community” (Rebellato, 2009), beyond rigid confines of a nationalist, indigene Filipino polity.
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MUCK, PIGS AND CATTLE: ICONOGRAPhIES OF THE FARM ANIMAL ON THE UK STAGE

Questions about how rural places and rural lives are represented through performance are increasingly urgent at a time when tensions between rural and urban spaces are becoming more pronounced: in 2016 both the UK’s EU referendum and the victory of Trump in the US Presidential Election exposed the latent dislocation between rural peripheries and metropolitan centres. This paper analyses representations of the English rural on the contemporary British stage through a unique focus on the uses of rural animals, looking in detail at two recent performance texts - Richard Bean’s Harvest 2005 and Bea Roberts’ And Then Come the Nightjars 2014 - where the animal functions as pet, companion and work machine. In order to do so, I combine insights from animal philosophy Derrida, 2002 and animal geography Philo and Wilbert, 2000 to enable the spatial analysis of the animal’s changing place in the represented rural landscapes. Through this blended analytical framework, this paper seeks to recalibrate the existing urban-centric focus on the domestic animal in these disciplines by turning to theatrical representations of the farm animal in rural spaces. By attending to the multiple theatrical functions of farm animals in Bean and Roberts’ plays, this paper will show that the farm animal can be used as an index for reading alternative often anti-romantic rural imaginaries into the landscape - which in turn serve to complicate and subvert the dominant representation of the English rural as an idyllic but finite space which is caught in the past.

Key Words
Contemporary Theatre, Rural Studies, Animal Geography, Animal Philosophy, Livestock

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LUIS ANTONIO MORANTE IN CHILE: EARLY POST-COLONIAL THEATRE IN A TRANSNATIONAL/TRANSATLANTIC PERSPECTIVE.

In 1822, Uruguay-born actor-manager Luis Ambrosio Morante moved from Argentina to Chile, to lead the first permanent Chilean theatre troupe for a few years. He stayed in Santiago for three years, introducing a new acting style, and performing an innovative repertoire, including Spanish plays, texts of his authorship, translations of French romantic plays, and pieces of the Shakespearean canon. Generally, the plays performed by Morante expressed his political views, which tied together romantic aesthetics, libertarian ideals, and anticlerical convictions. Theatre during the early post-colonial period in Latin America is a particularly under-studied topic by theatre historians, mainly considered an interregnum between Colonial performances and the much later establishment of national theatrical traditions. In most recent scholarship, the few pages devoted to this period establish a nationalistic approach, asserting that theatre, among other forms of symbolic production, would have served mainly to create and reinforce patriotic ideals. This interpretation, therefore, underlines the study of theatre within the larger national project of each country, overshadowing cross-national transits of aesthetic influences and artistic practices. Based upon the analysis of primary sources found in the archival research I conducted in Chile and Argentina, I propose to examine Morante’s contributions to Chilean theatre regarding the repertoire he introduced, as an example of exchanges among different countries in Latin America, and in a larger transatlantic circulation—through translation and adaptation of European texts. By doing so, I propose to discuss the interpretation of theatrical activity in a nationalistic key, stressing instead a transnational and transatlantic perspective.

Key Words
Transatlantic Theatre, Transnational, National Identity, Circulation
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OTHER - RESEARCH ON WAYS OF SEEING OURSELF

The main objective of my PhD project is to relate practice and theory when researching issues related to autobiography. My intention is to develop several artistic experiments and reflections, which are the starting point for this construction of a “look on myself”, transformed or negotiated by the attempt to be ‘other’. In addition, there is the possibility to perceive how this displacement reveals aspects of an identity which is in permanent construction and deconstruction, what Stuart Hall (2003) links to the way the subject relates to others and is represented. The ‘look’ itself, almost as much as the gaze of others, is something that produces insecurity, since it establishes the possibility of being judged and condemned. Moreover, to look at myself being a woman, involves shifting from the objectification and the desire of the Other to become the matter for a personal discourse. This is in opposition to the hegemonic logic, pointed by John Berger (2016), that men look at women, while women contemplate themselves while they are looked at. From these self-referential practices, arises the possibility to build another feminine identity, no longer based on the perception of men. This reflection is also based on the revision of the historical construction of ‘femininity’, carried out by Maria Rita Kehl (2008), based on the Freudian maxim that women are related to the symbol of the lack (from the reference phallus / no-phallus). Therefore, they tend to invent new narratives in the present so as not to succumb to that gap. In this paper, my aim is to share and reflect about two of the practical experiences that I have been investigating: Otra and Eating, Sleeping, Waiting, taking as a theoretical framework studies related to anthropology, psychoanalysis and art theory, such as those briefly mentioned in this abstract.

Key Words
Actress Autobiography Self-portrait Performance Intimate writing Real Fiction

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THEATRE AND ALGORITHMS - TOWARDS A DIGITAL POLITICAL DRAMATURGY

Existing within a global society means being part of its globalizing process (Giannachi, 2007), which, in turn, means that radical artistic practices wishing to promote social change, ‘need to be utilizing the very processes of globalization and capitalist production that they aim to critique’ (Hartd and Negri 2001:11). Beer echoes this claim by stating that resistance can no longer be fought at the ground level, outside of the power structure, since domination now is an active part of what we do (Beer, 2009:992). A similar position is adopted by Causey 2006, who raises the need for an artistic practice which functions from within the system. Theatre, in order to resist the oppressive controls in the domain of the virtual, needs to find ways of doing so through ‘a strategic manipulation of the virtual, turning the system against itself’ (Causey, 2006:123). Drawing on Sarah Grochala’s research towards a politics of structure (2017) and Mathew Causey’s development of postdigtial performanc- es (2016), this paper details how a set of algorithms can be used as blueprints for dramaturgical forms, content creators and subject matter, in order to make visible some of their hidden power structures. Specifically, it analyses a process of practice-as-research, where the creation of a series of site-specific audio plays, ‘PlayPods’, are delivered through an interactive app. The app allows for certain details from the listener’s own smartphone to filter into the performance, generating ‘side effects’ towards an ‘algorithmic augmentation’, where the app enacts, live, certain elements of algorithmic control. Bibliography Beer, D. 2009. Power through the algorithm? Participatory web cultures and the technological unconscious. New Media & Society. 116:985-1002. Causey, M. 2006 Theatre and Performance in Digital Culture. From simulation to embeddedness, Routledge, New York Causey, M. 2016 Postdigital Performance, Theatre Journal, Volume 68, Number 3, pp. 427-441 Giannachi, G. 2007, The Politics of New Media Theatre, Routledge, New York Grochala, S. 2017 The Contemporary Political Play, Rethinking Dramaturgical Structure, Bloomsbury, London Hardt, M. And Negri, A. 2001 Empire, USA, Harvard University Press

Key Words
politics of structure, postdigital performance, app-based theatre, algorithmic augmentation, digital
CORPOREAL INTERSECTIONS AND HYBRIDATIONS IN DIGITAL PERFORMANCES

In many contemporary theatrical or dance performances it is the creative process that constitutes the show, it does not represent someone or something but presents to the viewer a new paradigm of hybrid human corporeal presence (Manovich 2001). The performer’s body becomes a surface, an object of infiltration, a liquid matter, an environment that could be manipulated losing its identity. At this level the body is overexposed, outstretched or expanded to a point to reach a degree of zero of its human subjectivity, particularly of its gender (Bauman 2000). Body are entities ontological hybrids that exist only in the interaction between logical-computational text and human bodies endowed with technological prostheses or embodied by specific software (Diodato 2005). From an aesthetic point of view the performer’s body art is both original and copy, it becomes the subject of multiple incarnations Baudrillard 1981, structurally identical but phenomenally different because they belong to a hybrid entity, a body-image in which its being is strictly linked to interactivity. We deal with these process from the standpoint of theatrical/dance practices chose, in order to reflect on construction of presence and perception in digital performance.

Key Words
Digital Performance, Embodiments, Theatre

THE INFECTIOUS LOVE. THE PUBLIC DISCOURSE SURROUNDING FEMALE STUDENTS’ THEATERGOING AND THEIR ROLE IN EUGENIC MARRIAGE IN COLONIAL KOREA

The 1920s witnessed an increase of female students in Korean movie theaters, particularly in the romantic motion pictures from the West. The paper explores why female students as audiences challenged colonial Korean society. Analyzing articles on female students and their theatergoing, I argue that young female audiences deviated from social expectations that they be unworldly and sexually inactive. Korean newspapers and popular magazines plotted a scenario that romantic films would sexually activate young women, and that they would meet somebody and start a romance. This idea not only confronted the long-standing cult of women’s chastity, but also the ideal of the eugenic marriage. Korean eugenicists promoted that a body clean from STDs was the most important condition as the right spouse. Eugenicists reduced women to their reproductive functions and, due to the possibility of in-utero infection, ordered extra care—although it was mostly men who bought sex and became intermediaries of STDs. By and large, the controversy over female student audiences shows how women’s bodies and sexuality were considered as a resource for the nation state, and how their behaviors were publicly debated and controlled—not only by the colonizer, but also by their compatriots. Furthermore, this study illustrates how Korean women’s theatergoing and spectacle were conditioned by expectations of them based on their sex, social ranks, economic status, and ages. Doing so, this study contributes to a better understanding of the colonized women in theaters as intersectional subjects, whose spectacle concurrently challenged and reinforced the colonial politics of gender.

Key Words
female audience, spectatorship, colonial Korea, eugenics, romantic motion pictures
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MIGRATION OF MANIPURI DANCE TRADITION: AESTHETICS, POLITICS, PEDAGOGY

With the primary focus on the Manipuri dance style of India, I propose to study in this paper an aesthetic migration of a specific dance tradition with its geographical and socio-political shift. Rooted in the ancient Vedic ritual practices, later on taking elements from Vaishnavism, this dance form of the mountainous north-eastern region was once very much a part of the “cultural peripheral other.” How and why did it enter into the mainstream “Indian self” necessarily as one of the integral parts of the reconstruction project of Indian nationhood (mid twentieth century)? Keeping postcolonial literary and performance theory as the theoretical framework of this research I shall investigate whether in this continuous interaction and tussle between the “core” and the “margins” (Bhabha 1990) this specific “postcolonial dramatic genre” (Dharwadker 2005) could “define a cultural identity for the nation” (Chatterjee 1997)? As a case study of this broader performance migration of Manipuri dance I shall look at Rabindranath Tagore who not only incorporated it into his dance theatre but institutionalized in 1920s thus bringing the regional into the university space of Santiniketan.

Keeping the colonial postcolonial dichotomies and gender politics of India (1920s, 30s) in mind I will look at the shifts in its choreography as a result of its socio-political journey and how did it affect the corporeality and essence of the dance.

Key Words
Aesthetic, Migration, Shift, Dance, Choreography, Corporeality, Institution, Pedagogy, Body Politics

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PANDAVANI: CASTING FEMALE BODY IN THE PERFORMANCE

My Paper is about the traditional storytelling form Pandavani from Chhattisgarh, India. A narrator tells the story of The Mahabharata, one of the epic stories of India, accompanied by a group of musicians. Teejan Bai is one of the most eminent performers of this style. She is the first female performer of the Kapalik style of Pandavani, where the narrator stands and tells the story. In the other style, which is Vedamatt, the narrator sits and narrates. According to oral historical accounts, Pandavani was traditionally performed exclusively by men, but through Teejan Bai, it has become a female dominated form. Why? what is the element of the performance of the female body which can surrogade the male performer? Pandavani marks the male heteronormative social space with difference. It goes beyond the objectification of female body, where the female performer embodies masculine characters. This mythical space offers women a space of fantasy, free from their daily routine of oppression. The myth through a female body offers also the feeling of empowerment. My paper will deal with the politics and performativity of the female body and the spectators’ gaze which has caused Pandavani to shift and evolve. What kind of spectator has helped Pandavani to evolve? These questions will allow the research to locate the myriad connections between performance, social phenomena and the politics of cultural practice, cutting across spaces between the archive and the repertoire of embodiment. In order to better understand how the performativity of the female body affects social gaze, the paper will refer to James Thompson’s concept of ‘Performance Affect’ in relation to applied theatre, feminist theories by Elin Diamond and Judith Butler and Laura Mulvey’s theory of gaze and visual pleasure. These texts will be discussed in the light of a possible approach to the study of Pandavani.

Key Words
Performativity of Female Body, Social gaze, ‘in-between space’ of actor and spectator
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OTHERING OTHERS: THE BLACK FEMALE BODY IN PERFORMANCE

African American theatre has a long history of speaking pain to power. Virtually every early piece of Black performance and theatre created has chronicled the African American experience, including investigations into migration—be it through the Atlantic slave trade, the movement north, or the journey west. African American theatrical artists, especially playwrights, have used performance to situate their othered bodies upfront and center while refuting the status of second-class citizens. Nevertheless, within that fabric of the Black Other, stands another tier of otherness—the Black woman. Suffering from the ills of sexism and classicism, Black women find themselves in an even lesser role than Black men. The theatre is often a vehicle of communication that sheds light on the lives of a people whose stories have easily, and historically, been ignored. Re-focusing the light on their stories further helps to prevent a stasis of creativity within American theatre. Thus, utilizing Black feminist theory and the work of Black female playwright Suzan-Lori Parks, I will illuminate the complexities of the Black female body in American society and its portrayal on the American stage. By examining the play Venus, I will investigate questions of race and gender dynamics, as well as interrogate the performance of belonging.

Key Words
Gender, race, ethnicity, performances of belonging, and other

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COMPROMISED BELONGINGS: PERFORMING SELF AND HOME IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

We live in polarised times: In the divisive political climate of Brexit, Donald Trump’s presidency, the so-called refugee crisis and forced migration, it becomes progressively difficult, in Jean Améry’s words, to imagine “how one would still be able to form the concept of home at all.” In my paper, I will look at ways in which different types of migrants may deal with questions of home and belonging through artistic practice. Drawing on writings by Hannah Arendt and Jean Améry, I will argue that there is a performative element of self to exilic and migratory states, relying on individuals performing the kind of self that could belong to the communities, nations and circumstances they find themselves a part of. Existentialist thinking examines how home and belonging are conditions for existing in the world, and how loss of home can also mean loss of identity. The term, “compromised belongings” thus covers these problems of self, identity and loss of home, as well as the compromises and complications involved in belonging anew in exilic experiences. Drawing on my practice-as-re-search workshops with refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, I will argue that theatre, storytelling and playwriting are uniquely able to address issues of compromised belongings, home and identity. Following anthropologist Michael Jackson’s thought that stories allow us to “recognise ourselves in otherness”, I will reflect on how the space of theatre, dwelling in possibility, can reshape and reflect senses of home and belonging.

Key Words
Performing self, home, belonging, storytelling, playwriting
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SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY THEATRE AS BEST PRACTICE FOR THE INCLUSION OF MIGRANT WOMEN IN ITALY

The essay aims to illustrate the experience of theatre for immigrant women run by the non-profit organisation Asinitas, based in Rome since 2005. This association coordinates Italian language schools for refugees, migrants, immigrant women and mothers. It also organises expressive workshops for children, a counselling service for women and families, IT workshops, educational, professional, cultural and health guidance and several other activities. The main practice used by Asinitas to promote processes of inclusion is theatre. In the annual intergenerational theatre workshop for women from different countries, the theatre is presented as an experience in which it is possible to express oneself, to imagine, to share. Furthermore, it shows the possibility to make friends and to establish significant relationships that can be a support in many situations of social life, such as health, education, citizenship, work and living together. By combating the isolation of immigrant women, Asinitas makes them protagonists and authors of the integration process between native and host culture. Making a comparison with other Italian experiences of theatre with immigrant women, this essay aims to highlight this case history as exemplary and to underline its affinity with Social Community theatre methodology, the predominant type of Applied theatre in Italy. In the field of social inclusion, the critical point is whether performing arts are useful for immigrant women's everyday life or, on the contrary, whether women's life is useful for performing arts. In the latter case, theatre and performing arts are only partially inclusive.

Key Words
Social Community Theatre, Women, Inclusion

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PERFORMER EXPERIENCE IN PERFORMANCE ART DEPOT’S BE-HAVE PERFORMANCE: IN SEARCH FOR SYMPTOMS OF THE BODY

Performance Art Depot is a theatre group which has been working solely on performance art projects for ten years in Mainz, Germany. This research focuses on their ongoing project called Be-Have, which premiered in November 2017. The directors of the performance define their project as based on the reactions and the existence of bodies thrown into an unknown world. In this paper, I aim to examine how the signifier/signified dichotomy breaks down in performance art in relation to the experience of the performer. I would like to analyse the performance Be-Have through the Deleuzian conceptualisation of symptomatology. I argue that Be-Have is based on bringing out symptoms in the bodies of the performers, instead of on the representation of certain actions by the actors on stage. As I am one of the performers in Be-Have, I use embodied research as my methodology and focus on my presence on the stage so that I can identify the changes in my performative experience throughout the performance. My main question is: If the performer’s experience in theatre is conventionally defined by the concept of representation, can we describe the performer’s experience in performance art as a ‘symptom’ or as ‘symptomatic’ in order to explain its position, that is distinct from theatre?

Key Words
performance art, performer, presence, representation, symptom, embodied research
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SELFIES AT THE BORDER: FRAMING MIGRATION

This paper considers the ethics of recognisability and response in relation to the multiple frames of conception through which we view and interpret human life, drawing on an analysis of the way Syrian refugees are framing themselves and have been framed, in a variety of photographic images depicting the current global migration crisis. The research focuses specifically on the cultural practice of the selfie examining the innate agency in self-shooting and problematizing the way that anti-immigration memes have appropriated and demonised this practice amongst refugees. The analysis is threefold. I will consider the efficacy of selfies in maintaining and reclaiming individual identities amongst those displaced by the current conflicts, arguing that self-shooting and the networked dissemination of those images via social media offers refugees a means of documenting and communicating a personal narrative to oppose the mediatised homogenisation of displaced individuals and families. Sharing these images to the network is an act of human agency that combats the de-humanising linguistic descriptions, such as ‘swarms’ to quote David Cameron, ITV News July 2015 and the more insidious animalistic implications of the term migrant, the etymology of which lies in the seasonal migration of animals. Secondly, there is a need to highlight and challenge the appropriation of the selfie process in images by the mainstream British media and their consequent use in right wing anti-immigration memes. Finally, I will consider the threat that selfies taken in this context pose to western dominance, suggesting that the images and the networked technology required to participate in this cultural practice are a symbol of modernity that in the hands of the ‘other’ troubles western authorities.

Key Words
Selfies, Migration, Framing, Performativity

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CONVERSION AS A SOCIAL GESTUS: DISTANTIATION, IDENTITY AND BELONGING IN A CASTE SOCIETY

This paper deals with the mass conversion by Indian political thinker Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, who along with his followers converted to Buddhism in 1956. Ambedkar denounced the Hinduism and embraced a form of Buddhism which he himself had developed. This conversion which took place in a central Indian city Nagpur, inspired people of Untouchable castes from villages and cities to join together to carve out a new identity for themselves. The paper tries to look at this historic moment through Bertolt Brecht’s concept of Verfremdungseffekt (V-effect), with its method of transformation of the means, creation of parables, making the appearance of event striking and perspective of criticality and self-reflexivity in order to create a social gestus, that alienates oneself from organic and natural belongings and makes new ones. This can be seen as the origin of a new Dalit Buddhist identity. Conceived as a method of salvation in the era of atrocities and migration, the V-effect of a mass conversion, which itself was strikingly transformed by Ambedkar and was not a conversion as per convention and was based on the re-created Buddhist parables, not only tries to disrupt the caste system as an organic timeless entity, but also necessitates the processes of alienation and association in the community life of villages and cities in which the converted people refused to be subjected to sympathy and claimed equality founded on reason. This paper looks caste system as a set of mimetic performances, which Ambedkarite method tries to disrupt through his conversion while rejecting the organic and natural associations based on hereditary and hierarchical relations. Thus, performative aspects of the actual conversion (Buddhist parables, the event, gestural dimensions, its meaning, and its immediate impact) will be discussed to underscore how V-effect helps to understand the dialectics of this alienation and association. As a conclusion, this paper argues why it is imperative to deploy the concept of V-effect to intervene in social-historical milieu, as Brecht conceptualises it.

Key words
V-effect, caste system, performance theory, conversion, theories of caste, alienation
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Before the second performance of EKIPA Theatre’s ‘Waiting for Othello’, patrons were offered refunds or ticket exchanges by the York Theatre Royal following audience complaints the previous night. The show was, the box office explained, in Polish without subtitles. ‘Waiting for Othello’, which explored the racism faced by Shakespeare’s Othello as well as by the two black actors, both sons of African immigrants, auditioning to play him in a predominantly white country, raised questions of identity and belonging which felt especially pertinent in the wake of Brexit, as Britain wrestled with its own identity in relation to an increasingly fractured Europe. It is interesting, then, that refunds were offered due to an apparent breakdown in intercultural dialogue. In this paper I explore ‘Waiting for Othello’ in this immediate context (the 2017 York International Shakespeare Festival, UK) and its original context (Poland) to ask two questions: what does it mean to hold an international festival at a time characterised by nationalism? And what, exactly, gets lost in cross-cultural performance?

My analysis of this production is underpinned by Ric Knowles’ ‘materialist semiotics’, a theoretical approach which seeks to ‘illuminate’ the social and cultural work... produced and performed by theatrical productions in negotiation with their local audiences in particular cultural and theatrical settings and contexts. Knowles argues that materialist semiotics provides ‘a model for site-specific performance analysis that takes into account the specifics and politics of location’. This approach, therefore, will allow me to closely read the many nuances (social, political, and geographical) of the production and to argue that while the international festival offers hope as a space for cultural exchange across borders both real and imagined, it is also fraught with potential for misunderstandings, mistranslations, miscommunications, and misappropriations.

Key Words
Shakespeare, festival, intercultural performance, racism, otherness

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THE PLAYBOX: PLAY-WRITING THROUGH PLAY, OBJECTS, AND THE BODY

Lecoq claimed “Be quiet, play, and theatre will be born!” Lecoq 2002: 36 and developed a pedagogy that proposes the benefits of theatre-making using silent, embodied play in addition to text and speech. Rehearsal processes often start with a reading and analysis of a text, and the kind of playful, embodied exploration that Lecoq espouses arrives later in the process, if at all. I propose a new method of playwriting - a playbox, written not only in words, but also in a curated dramaturgy of stimuli – of objects, images, sounds, and experiences. Unlike a Fluxkit, it is designed as a stimulus for play-making, rather than a performative experience. I will suggest that a playbox provides an embodied, sensory route into creation that immediately initiates playful, affective relationships in real space and linear time between the performers and provocations, and guides creation towards visual and physical modes of performance. In its etymology, a playbox makes an invitation not just to make theatre with the contents of the box, but to do so by playing with them. Using a phenomenological approach Merleau-Ponty - Spielraum, I bring theories of play Turner, Vygotsky, Csikszentmihalyi, Winnicott into conversation with Lecoq’s pedagogy, based on the experiences of a rehearsal process using a playbox. I will show that the playbox offers a method of creation that synthesises embodied playfulness, spatial relationships, and the affective possibilities of objects to generate theatre that from the outset works with visual image and somatic movement in addition to words.

Key Words
play-writing, dramaturgy, Lecoq, play
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FOREVER UPCOMING? – YOUNG ARTISTS AND FESTIVAL INSTITUTIONS

Festivals for young artists have spread over the field of theatre and performing arts over the last 20 years. In the German-speaking countries alone, dozens of renowned theatres maintain an annual special programme designed to promote unknown artists, during or shortly after their education/training, by presenting their acting and directing to the public. The boom of such festivals, though, has a paradoxical downside: As they include much more artists than the market could ever take in as long-term professionals, festivals encourage an over-production of stage work, often under precarious conditions. Rather than securing and enabling artistic creation in the present, these institutionalized events seem to live by their promise to the artist of a career in the future – a future, however, which for theatre institutions themselves, in the face of budget cuts and decline of public interest, has become doubtful. As part of the DFG-funded scholar network “Crisis and Institutional Transformation in Performing Arts” starting 02/2018, my presentation will examine the current trend of festivals for young artists in their discursive and institutional contexts, as both a symptom and an apparent way out of crisis. With an innovative focus on theatre as an institution, I regard these festivals as a dispositif (Foucault) connecting discourse and praxis, art and infrastructure, organization and society – thereby shaping knowledge, subjectivity and power. At the conference – right after my first field research –, I want to outline key questions of my project and discuss further methodological perspectives and international comparability of my findings.

Key Words
institution, festivals, young artists, dispositif

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GAMING THE TABOO: AFFECT, ENCOUNTER AND AGENCY IN MENTIONING THE UNMENTIONABLES PARTICIPATORY PERFORMANCES

This paper discusses the agentic engagement of participants in the participatory performance game Mentioning the Unmentionables by Kasja Greger. It interrogates the ways in which affect, resonating through those co-present in the playful space, can encourage reflective lacunae in the embodied understanding of self within the culture. Mentioning the Unmentionables asks participants to examine, in both intellectual and affective ways, the taboos and shame culturally associated with women’s sexuality and menstruation by improvising as the Other in their midst: the woman. The game’s design uses rule-based interaction and game alibi to encourage experimentation within the magic circle (Huizinga, Salen and Zimmerman). Here, affects are felt by the participants’ body but can be assigned to the character. As affects are “non-conscious experience[s] of intensity” (Shouse), depth reactions by which form and content “depend on consciously positioning oneself in a line of narrative continuity” (Massumi 85), they can be difficult to unearth for examination and change, but also surprising in the depth of reaction participants experience over the short event duration. In the narrativisation that follows the event participants take agency to re-position themselves in the cultural re-construction of shame. By making visible the multiplicities (Deleuze and Guattari) of character and self present in the playful space, this discussion allows participants access to both embodied learning and intellectual distance, and encourages agentic resistance to the othering process by which women’s sexuality becomes taboo.

Key Words
Agency, encounter, presence, affect, participatory theatre, inter-subjectivity, play, multiplicities
CORPOREAL MAPPING: HOME AND AWAY

Migration and displacement create a spectrum, rather than a binary, of being home, and away from it. This paper poses corporeal mapping as a methodology for exploring, tracing and reflecting on the negotiation between the body and space around the theme of belonging. The project utilises the notion of neutrality from Feldenkrais Method, as the place in which the body is neither moving, nor engaging an intention for movement. Metaphorically, it is corporeal home space, which Anne Bogart. In Feldenkrais Method practice, to go home is to suggest going back to the neutral configuration from which the movement experiment or exploration route first began. This neutral state is not migrating, it changes as one adopts techniques (Bogart, 2007) that require the body to be organised a certain way, never returning to its original state. Metaphorically, it is corporeal home space, which Anne Bogart. In Feldenkrais Method practice, to go home is to suggest going back to the neutral configuration from which the movement experiment or exploration route first began. This neutral state is not migrating, it changes as one adopts techniques that require the body to be organised a certain way, never returning to its original state. This paper attempts to answer the question: How can practices of corporeal mapping further clarify the relationship between the body in urban space in regards to sense of belonging or displacement? How can the notion of neutrality in the body serve as an outline from which corporeal maps can expand? The project explores corporeal strategies in urban space to develop tools and methods derived from embodied-practice that can be used in performance practice as well as ethnographic research. It hypothesises that corporeal maps can further clarify the relationship between the body and immediate urban space by taking a phenomenological approach to corporeal mapping. The paper presents and contextualises tools used and developed through a series of workshops, and material produced by participants of the workshops, women of colour living in London. Visual and written material presented are the outcome of a workshop series curated and partly taught by Sara Ismail in collaboration with artist practitioners Farah Aridi, Emilia Robinson, and Laila Samy. Participants use drawing, scoring, reflective writing, and photography to create, expand, reflect on and enrich their corporeal maps. It expands interweaves viewpoints, somatic practice within academic research, and draws on interdisciplinary connections between practice research methods and urban sociology.

Key Words

corporeal mapping, homespace, home space, performance practice, neutrality, somatics

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TFD AND PEACE BUILDING: A STUDY OF THE CONFLICT BETWEEN FULANI HERDSMEN AND FARMERS IN NIGERIA

Historically, Theatre for Development (TFD) has in different ways served or been used as a tool in diverse sectors such as education, orientation, entertainment, socio-economic and political aspects as all are aimed at community development. This theatre relates to people in any society, consequently, through its approach, it is able to present issues in diverse ways. Theatre is used to capture both the entertaining and educating aspects of the art. The process addresses socio-political and socio-cultural acknowledgement for development in its primary sense of creation which makes it a tool for conscientization as it sensitizes the entire populace or a given set of people. In many parts of the world today including Nigeria, conflict is seen as a bad, disastrous and unethical act. But it can also be used as a positive turnaround for a society. Ngugi Wa Thiongo’s theory views the contribution of TFD as a conflict prevention or solution for society. Conflict is bound to occur among individuals and in societies at large but what makes a society an ideal one is its ability to constructively manage conflict so that it doesn’t end up being continuously threatened by violence. This research will source information via news, documentary, text, books, articles, internet, journal and public lectures delivered by various stakeholders. The aim of the paper is to show how TFD can help sharpen social awareness and present alternative approaches to the problems of society. It will demonstrate how TFD has always been a powerful source of communication and how it can go a long way in preventing and resolving conflict in Nigeria especially that of the Fulani Herdsmen and Farmers.

Key Words

Peace, Conflict, Fulani, Herdsmen, Farmers
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WASTE AND STUPIDITY: THE COMRADESHIP NEW STUPID AND ABSURD LIFE-CREATION IN POST-SOVET ST. PETERSBURG

This paper explores the specificities of post-Soviet life-creation through readings of performance art practices of the artistic collective the New Stupid 1996-2002. The Comradeship New Stupid was founded by a group of artists at the Borey Art Centre in St. Petersburg. In pursuit of sincerity and an art which would go beyond being exhibited and consumed, the New Stupid decided to live in disregard of the logic of sense and success, and to invest their energy in cultivation of a ‘unique stupid gaze’. Drawing on the local traditions of the avant-garde art experiments, such as zaum’, OBERIUty, Nichevoki, the New Stupid created a number of provocative and absurd public performances. Wasting time, health, energy, beauty, erotic attractiveness, financial means were as much part of their artistic program as any manifestation of childish, joyful and playful art. The paper examines New Stupid’s aesthetics of living by unpacking the cultural-philosophical foundations of the concept zhiznepochestvo life-creation, as well as group’s own philosophical underpinnings. Drawing on the original performance documents, interviews with the members and memoirs, it considers the practices alongside the notions of ‘waste’, ‘stupidity’, ‘prank’ and addresses the question how the archetypes of repressed mysticism, decadence, avant-garde play a formative role in post-Soviet life-creation.

Key Words
post-Soviet performance art, life-creation, absurdity, stupidity, waste-event

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EMBODYING THE DARK NIGHT: TOWARDS AN APOPHATIC ANALYSIS OF PERFORMANCE

This paper explores in how far apophaticism, i.e. negative theology and more specifically the medieval negative mysticism of the Beguines, could provide a critical instrumentarium for contemporary performance analysis. Apophaticism could be described most generally as a practice and strategy of unknowing within theology. The strategy yields a negative epistemology that has recently been introduced in theatre and performance studies. The paper traces an embodied form of apophaticism that was later integrated in the mystical, speculative thought of most notably, Meister Eckhart. This presentation will aim to reevaluate concepts of mystical unification, simplicity and poverty in the apophatic mystical texts of Marguerite of Porete, Mechtilde of Magdeburg and Hadewijch to effect an enriched critical perspective on what it means to approach the unsayable in describing and analyzing contemporary theatre and performance. Concentrating on a series of durational non-performances by choreographer Mårten Spångberg. Natten 2016 and Natten, The Series 2017, the metaphor of sleep, and the possibility of audience participation through the act of sleeping form a point of departure for analysis. In case of the latter performance, the dark night that spectators are invited into is specifically female, performed by female dancers. In analysing Natten, The Series, the presentation will approach the embodied, unsayable, liminal dimension of sleep in this performance by engaging the operative apophatic concepts of poverty and simplicity that mark the first step of its via negativa.

Key Words
Apophaticism, Performance Analysis
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MIGRATION IN THE WORKS OF THE PLAYWRIGHTS JULIEN MABIALA BISSILA CONGO AND ARISTIDE TARNAGDA BURKINA FASO

In contemporary African dramas, migration is reflected as a result of harsh political and economic constraints. On the content level, enforced mobility is outlined as an ambivalent experience between alienation and empowerment. On the aesthetic level, the experience of migration is conceived as a constant shift of spatial and temporal dimensions, and as splitting and duplication of figures. These hypotheses are to be outlined on the analysis of two pieces. One piece by the Congolese dramatist Julien Bissila is about two brothers who worked successfully as actors before the outbreak of civil war, but who had to flee. Finally, they return home after years of absence and cannot recognize Brazzaville again. They reflect on their ambivalent position as contemporary African artists within the European theatre festival scene and on alienation after returning home. Aristide Tarnagda, a playwright from Burkina Faso, portrays in one of his plays a man who secretly and abruptly left his pregnant girlfriend to secure their economic existence. After migrating, he has to make the bitter experience of a long-lasting stasis. He tries to overcome this state by means of a criminal act in order to be able to move back. Bissilas drama highlights the political constraints, while Tarnagdas work points to the massive economic constraints that lead to migration. In both cases, the displacement is constructed as a mode of survival, alienation, self-assertion, and empowerment alike. The splitting of the figures refers to a fragile state of the subjects.

Key Words
shift of spatial and temporal dimensions splitting and duplication of figures

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THE ‘WIDOW OF EPHESES’ IN THE THEATRE AND MUSIC THEATRE OF THE 18TH CENTURY

My paper examines the unconventional reception of the ancient tale, ‘The Widow of Ephesus’, in the European theatre and music theatre of the 18th century. The tale is part of the Latin novel Satyricon, which was probably written by the courtier Petronius in the 1st century AD during the reign of Emperor Nero (54-68 AD) and which recounts the adventures and frivolities of the young Encolpius. The inserted tale about a widow from Ephesus, widely renowned for her virtue and chastity, has numerous Christian motifs, such as grieving women in a tomb or crucified criminals. Nevertheless, it also includes corpse robbery and extramarital sexuality. The theatrical reception of the tale, therefore, seems to be a desecration or blasphemy (Bakhtin 1975) and furthermore, a parody or counter model to the Easter trope ‘Quem quaeritis’ or ‘Visitatio sepulchri’, a central impetus to medieval and early modern European theatre (Enders 2017). In my presentation, I explore this discrepancy in the theatre and music theatre of the 18th-century, referring to the fairground theatre in Paris (Fuzelier 1714), Haymarket Theatre in London (Dibdin 1769) and German Lustspiel (Lessing 1750/60s). In order to grasp the multifaceted changes in the process of reception and to differentiate between the historical performance and the transmitted text, I refer to William B. Worthen’s approach to think of theatre and drama as a complex interplay. How does the agency of Petronius’ ancient novel affect the various adaptations and their performance? What does a reception of antiquity look like – one that encompasses folk theatre, theatrical experiments, Christianity, carnivalesque and comedy? How does one analyse a reception of antiquity beyond canonical theatre forms and prevailing images of antiquity?

Key Words
adaptation, reception of antiquity, Petronius, theatre history
MONSTROUS AGENCIES

The monstrosity is improper, without property, inappropriate but perhaps inappropriate/d (Trinh Minh-Ha). It lives in the space between not yet and too much already. Monstrous Agencies is a proposal of an analytic and organisational tool for re-articulation of cooperation and authorship, in particular context of procedures and institutions of artistic production. It analyses the existing structure in relation to politics of personhood and its adjustment to the precarisation of labour. The paper problematises the question of singular authorship and ownership, proposing instead a mutation and distortions within a frame of an extended monstrous conjunction between bodies, matters, tools, as well as procedures determining how knowledges produce common and owned. How bodies, matters, tools, and knowledges mutate between the states of common and owned as improper, inappropriate, proper and property. Collaboration in that context is regarded as a process of co-mutation rather than a process of adaptation. Monstrosity Haraway, Cohen, Davies dwells in the double realm of partial and combined bodies science fiction or speculative future. This performatively written paper unfolds the examples of organisational models of co-production alongside the stories of monsters. Vagina Dentata as one of them is a model for an ambiguous organisation of the event Vachhani. The example follows a figure of feminine monstrous and animalistic organ companion as a complex and contested conjunction of fantasies of power, fear, fluidity and uncontrollable. Monstrous can still live, animate and mutate pre-given representation, and remain unable to represent itself. "Who are we? ... It is a remonstrative question" Haraway, in which monstrose stands for pointing, revealing, but also objecting. It is a performance, a display of already a displacement, a re-cast of already a deformity. Being a form of a riddle, Monstrous Agencies gives agency to monstrosity and monstrosity to agency, "a cure from malady of ignorance" Kritzman.

Key Words
Monster, Mutation, Displacement, Precarity
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VIOLENT MASS SURVEILLANCE IN PERFORMANCE ART

In contrast to other types of surveillance like public CCTV, espionage or self-expression in social media, digital mass surveillance possesses different properties which makes it hard to analyze it with existing theories of surveillance like Michel Foucault’s Panopticism without neglecting its medial and structural characteristics. Two aspects are vital to describe the structure of this specific form of surveillance: although it is imperceptible for the observed subject it unleashes violence against her/him. This violence is - at least during the process of surveillance - no longer targeted at the physical subject but on its digital equivalent. While it is impossible to perceive the difference between physical and digital aspects by using body-centered theories of surveillance, different kinds of performances about digital mass surveillance have been staged during the last years. Many of them try to visualize the gap between digital and physical aspects and offer an experience of surveillance for the spectator. In performances like Supernerds Schauspiel Köln, 2015 the spectator is both a potential victim of invisible surveillance in his daily life but he also experiences observable demonstrations of surveillance. The situation of the spectator must be analyzed in this context. How can theories of performative structures and network theory as description of digital structures be combined to analyze the impact of surveillance on the citizen as well as the relation between performer and spectator - both of them are as well under surveillance as they are surveillants themselves during the performance.

Key Words  
surveillance, performance art, violence

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FALL AND FABRICATION OF CHENCHU THEATRE IN EFFECT OF MIGRATION IN TELUGU REGION

The paper anchors itself into the community practice of the Chenchu tribe, settled around the Nallamal forest and hill areas of Southern India and regarded as a forest dwellers. Their migratory and nomadic lifestyle is best expressed through their performances around the myths of ‘SriSailammal–likarjunaswamy’s’ which plays on the origin story of their ‘tribal identity’ and reinforcing in the process the category designated to them by the colonial and post-colonial administration as a ‘scheduled tribe’. Hence the ChenchuNatakam, as the performance is called, depicts their hunting-gathering lifestyle and their religious rituals. The objective of the paper is to trace how what used to be a performative ritual has increasingly become a genre of traditional performance and performed as a commercial enterprise and for livelihood of a large section of the community. Despite its commercial circuit it is also seen as a dying form loosing audiences and spaces of performance systematically. The paper tries to look critically into these contradictory narratives and also understand how these forms play on identity issues by revealing lives and cultures of indigenous people but also creating through its professionalization a different set of vocabulary and performative idioms. Exclusively based on kinship, migration from the tribal congregation has often created a crisis. My critical readings relate to theories on identity politics and also micro community cultures referencing work such as Indian folk theatre by Julia Hollander and the folk theatre of north Karnataka by Basavaraj Naiker.

Key Words  
performance, migration, globalization, myth, aboriginal, fabrication
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PERFORMATIVE STRATEGIES FOR SPECTATORS’ MANAGEMENT BEFORE AND AFTER SLOVENIAN INDEPENDENCE: INTRODUCTORY RITUALS

The paper focuses on the specifics of performative strategies for spectators’ management in a distinct socio-political period and context. It analyses and compares shifts in performance policies of performative strategies before and after Slovenian independence highlighting differences in their cultural and social meaning. It maps the transition of the Republic of Slovenia from socialism of the Yugoslav state to neoliberal democracy and expansion of the capitalist market after its independence in 1991 and its accession to the European Union in 2004. The performative strategies in focus will be the ‘introductory rituals’ as Simon Kardum calls them, by which he refers to what Eda Ćufer defines as ‘the rituals of introducing the spectators into the performance’ that happen outside time-space continuum of the actual performance event, e.g. press conferences and ad hoc happenings for promoting the performances ... The paper will attempt to demonstrate the changing role and meaning as well as politicality of the introductory rituals or accompanying events, their growing theatricalisation and emphasise their autonomisation from the performance or the main event it-self to the extend of overshadowing it. This will be done by analysing and comparing the media announcements and press release before the premiere with the post performance responses and reviews. Correspondingly, the demonstration will focus itself on the two theatre directors, that were perhaps the most scandalised in the media from different socio-political periods: retrogarde theatre of Dragan Živadinov (from his beginnings inside NSK movement in 1983) and the political theatre of Oliver Frljič (after 2010).

Key Words
Performative Strategies, Spectators Management, Politicality, Slovenian Performing Arts

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MIGRATING HISTORIES: YUGONOSTALGIA AND POST-MEMORY

The starting point of my research was the interest in the phenomenon of nostalgia for Yugoslavia among younger generations that do not have a lived experience of the former country but still appropriate its supranational identity. While most authors dismiss nostalgia as ‘false’ and ‘irrelevant’, my argument is that the migrating history contained in Yugonostalgia can have an emancipatory potential since, during the 1990s, the former Yugoslav countries underwent the ‘terror of forgetting’ in order for new nationalisms to arise, and most of the socialist memory was ‘confiscated’. In the first part of the paper, I provide the reader with the historical context surrounding Yugoslavia, the formation of the pan-Yugoslav identity and its decay. Another argument I present is that the project of Yugoslavia in itself was a nostalgic idea since it contained desires of a viable supranational unity. Further on, I analyze the concepts surrounding nostalgia and post-memory, mostly relying on work by Svetlana Boym and Marriane Hirsch. On the trace of Baudrillard’s thought, it proposes that the sense of loss - while perhaps misconstruing what was lost - is nevertheless real enough to shape and complicate contemporary understandings of national identity. After reflecting on the rise of regional artworks based on post-memory, I examine particularities in the narrative transition from macro to micro histories and the questioning of the East/West binary.

Key Words
national identity, migrating histories, yugonostalgia, post-memory
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MINORITARIAN IDENTITY AND INTERPRETIVE CONVENTIONS OF PERFORMATIVE FORM

In my paper, I reflect on the limitations that fetishizing traumatic affect—the tendency to focus on racial identity as a form of subjugated or injurious difference that is the result of racism—has had for theorizing racial subjectivity and bringing embodied racial difference into performative aesthetic forms like dance, dance theatre, and performance art. Focusing on methodologies of false authenticity and false confession in a evening-length dance theatre piece I co-created in 2016, my presentation combines critical analysis of ethnic cultural scripts with autobiographical writing, and documentation of my performance-making process. Originally made and performed for a primarily non-Asian and internationally diverse London audience, this performance explored the insufficiency of traditional performative and cultural scripts of Asian ethnicity, the ethnographic gaze, the coming out narrative, the wuxia/kung-fu fight scene, the lotus blossom, and cheap commodities. Yet despite the plethora of very obvious cultural scripts and stereotypes, it was a fictional “coming out” scene that repeatedly drew the most commentary, sympathetic responses, and assumptions of authenticity from audience members. Using a critical race studies framework that focuses on racial affect and its effects on aesthetic and social forms (Fanon, Cheng, Moten, Eng) I want to ask, how have the genres of the testimonial and the confessional over determined what we understand to constitute “authentic” racial experience? What sorts of affects do we expect from the category of race? How do ironic or subversive affective performances reveal larger racial limitations in both western theatrical forms and performances of everyday intersubjective recognition?

Key Words
Aesthetic Form, Race, Performance, Affect, Trauma

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CROSSING THE BODILY BOUNDARY: THE CONCEPT OF THE NOMADIC AND THE POSTHUMAN AESTHETICS IN LIVE ART

‘Posthuman’ is a buzzword used in various fields, including science fiction, human enhancement technology and cyborg studies, but it is used in various ways. In my paper, the notion of Posthuman will refer particularly to those individuals who have restrictively designated ‘Other-to-Human’ in contemporary modern society. Acknowledging that many people are politically dehumanized and reckoned as not-human-enough is the first step to rethinking our definition of ‘human’. By looking at how the posthuman body is represented in live art practices, this paper will investigate the question of why artists dehumanize/posthumanize their bodies. What is the potential embedded in the posthuman body to politically engage with controversial public debates and cultural representations? How might performance that blurs the bodily boundary generate new ways of conceptualising spectatorship? To answer these questions, I will introduce three performance pieces by two artists that highlight enforced nomadic lifestyles of working artists and refugees. The first two are the UK-based artist Richard Dedomenici’s Unattended Baggage and Street Cabinet in which, by using low tech, he transforms himself into a moving object, a hybrid of man and thing (baggage or cabinet). His performance addresses the impact of terrorist attacks and gentrification on artists’ living conditions in London. The third piece is by Serbian artist Zoran Todorovic. In Illegal People, he collects one large bottle of urine from a refugee camp in Belgrade and makes it into drinkable handcrafted beer for the public. I will explore these works within the framework of Rosi Braidotti’s nomadic theory, a key figuration for posthuman feminism in contemporary critical discourse that extends beyond feminism and straddles many disciplines.

Key Words
Bodily boundary, nomadic subjects, posthumanism
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The present paper is a specific aspect of my ongoing Ph.D. research on the question of national identity in contemporary Greek theatre. In my research, I explore the ways in which theatre onstage but also at an institutional level may question singular conceptions of nation, whilst also redefining national identities, especially in periods of crisis. Here I will focus only on the 2013 National Theatre of Greece production of “Golfo” 1893, directed by Nikos Karathanos. In summer 2013, “Golfo” was presented at the ancient theatre of Epidaurus, becoming hence the first Greek but non-ancient drama to be performed there. Taking into account the institutional context of the Epidaurus Festival along with the “national” connotations that this pastoral drama gained during its long stage history, I will argue that the National Theatre’s performance was characterized by “reflective nostalgia” in Svetlana Boym’s terms (2001). The performance although it moved the audience emotionally, did not attempt to restore an ideal image of a lost national past. Instead, while being nostalgic, Karathanos’ production invited a critical but not only rational reflection on the complex relationship between past and present and on the very process of recollection.

Key Words
National identity, reflective nostalgia, Epidaurus Festival, Golfo

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GLOBALISATION VS NATIONALISM: DISCUSSING NATIONAL IDENTITY IN CONTEMPORARY ESTONIAN THEATRE

Estonia is an example of a tiny post-totalitarian nation-state on the border between East and West. It has searched for its identity through conflicting historical experiences affecting Eastern Europe and Nordic countries: socialism and capitalism, local and global village, mythical past and modernizing future. During the last decade, Estonian theatre has contributed vigorously to the social discussion on national identity which has revived at the age of migration. Recently, two prevailing concepts of Estonian national identity have emerged: 1 ‘e-Estonia’ as an advanced digital society, which provides innovative service of e-Residency for a digital nation of global citizens – thus following the idea of imagined communities by Benedict Anderson 2 ‘Organic Estonia’ which is proud of its national history, traditional culture and intact nature, considering forests and bogs as its symbols – thus corresponding to the theories of geographic, ethnic and cultural nationalism as described by Hans Kohn and Anthony D. Smith. A number of recent productions discuss globalisation versus national identity, using strategies of documentary, devised and applied theatre. I shall examine the contribution of scenic analyses to the ongoing debate on migration, using theories of nationalism and critical theory of the Frankfurt School.

Key Words
globalisation, nationalism, national identity, documentary theatre, applied theatre
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THE CHINESE TRADITIONAL OPERA IN SINGAPORE – THE ROLE OF INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF IMMIGRANT CULTURE

Intercultural communication is not just a physical displacement of national tradition in geospatial space, but a creative practice that motivates the subjective reallocation and remodeling of symbolic resources. Taking as a starting point Peter Sellars’ argument that migration theatre gives rise to the creation or reaffirmation of a community or communities, I shall be using the work of Xianlin Song, and Wetmore et al., to discuss the quality and importance of culture brought by immigrants within the cultural context of the receiving country that they must adapt themselves to, as well as the way the original culture was adapted to reach out to indigenous audiences. As the communicator, the active subject will also re-recognize him/herself in cross-cultural practice and reconstruct the emotional identity between himself and the source culture, forming thereby a new cultural identity. In this process, due to the change of social and political contexts, the culture brought by immigrants from their home countries will experience spontaneous selection and reengineering especially in a pluralistic society. In the act of performing opera in a new cultural context, there is much more than the text that needs translation; the political and cultural structures also need to transform in order to be understood within the new context. Therefore, in cross-border and cross-cultural areas, opera as a cultural symbol inevitably faces the problem of translation in the process of communication. What is reflected behind the cultural translation and reference is the mutual game between the main bodies of communication, the complex scene of the new cultural situation. This essay uses Chinese traditional opera in Singapore as an example. By tracing the changes that Chinese opera underwent during a 180-year period, I will discuss the stages of transition from the time that immigrants separate from their home culture and revitalized opera into a novel form of communication distinct to Singapore, thereby showing how the continuous exchange of culture and emotion between immigrants and their home countries can transform a form into a distinctive practice.

Key Words
Chinese Immigrants in Singapore Chinese Opera Intercultural Communication

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EXPLORING CONCEPTS OF NATIONALITY THROUGH A NATIONAL CANONICAL PLAY

In the contemporary postdramatic theatrical landscape the traditional concepts of drama, such as plot, character and mimesis, have largely been abandoned. Nevertheless, plays by canonical playwrights, including Shakespeare, Ibsen and Chekhov, who all wrote within the dramatic paradigm, continue to be extensively performed throughout the world. The European tradition of directors’ theatre, where directors create their own vision of pre-written plays, has shown a particular interest in such texts. In my research, I study what directors find in canonical plays that resonate in contemporary theatre, and the strategies they use to utilise it. In his 2014 production of Ibsen’s Peer Gynt at the National Theatre in Oslo, director Alexander Mørk-Eidem cast Ugandan-Norwegian artist Amina Sewali as Solveig. This was not a case of colour-blind casting. Rather, Mørk-Eidem highlighted Sewali’s ethnic minority background throughout the production. Thus, he made a clear break with the traditional view of the Solveig-figure, and this became a strategy for asking politically relevant questions in a society that at the time tried to find its role in the European ‘migrant crisis’. In my presentation, I will discuss how Mørk-Eidem, in this way, used perhaps the most Norwegian of all plays, Peer Gynt, to enter into a contemporary debate about refugees and immigration in Norwegian society. Through this, I also hope to show that using canonical plays like Peer Gynt in such ways can be a particularly powerful political tool for directors, exactly because of the plays’ canonical status and the expectations audiences have towards them.

Key Words
Directors Theatre, Canonical Plays, Norwegian Theatre, Ibsen, Peer Gynt
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NOSTALGIA, MEMORY AND PERFORMANCE IN DELHI'S URBAN SLUM OF KATHPUTLI COLONY

In a country like India with multiple nationalities and diverse linguistic and ethnic diversity, a huge population undertakes internal migration in order to survive. This essay looks at the formation and performance of memory and identity of artist community of Kathputli Colony: a home to world’s largest nomadic community of performers (including jugglers, musicians, dancers, puppeteers, acrobats, snake charmers, magicians etc) as continuous marginalisation of the artist community in the postcolonial urban Delhi. By looking at memory as a performative act, this paper attempts to explore the formation of aesthetic communities, nostalgia and remembrance as performing history in the present. It looks at memory as an act of formation of identity that asserts and performs the notion of the self for the migrating communities. It looks at the multiple social, political, economic and cultural wounds inflicted on this migrating community and how performance acts as an articulation and representation of these memories. Theatre and Performance engages in facilitation of such repressed memory by active engagement with physicality. The urban slum thus becomes a locus for the formation of community on the basis of shared aesthetic sensibilities. Performance acts as a repository of cultural memory and landscapes. The primary source for this research is based on my 2 years of extensive field work with this community. The imagination of these communities as street/ folk artists brings an added burden of selective patronage they get to ensure their survival. The question of performance is thus a complicated one in this arena as most of these performers are not limited to one art practice as a signatory specialisation. The puppeteers are also musicians and toy makers, and all of them have multiple artistic jobs as a means for earning livelihood. So, it becomes difficult for me to study any one performance in isolation. However, for the scope of this paper and keeping in mind the time span that I am allotted, I will solely concentrate on the elements of theatre which would include puppetry and music performed by the artist community from Rajasthan. These concrete examples will be analysed through the framework of memory, identity and performance. The focus of this paper will majorly be based on exploring the question of memory and nostalgia and shall use migration only as one of the sub-categories to explain the changing dynamics and representation of memory in these theatrical/performance elements.

Key Words  
Migration, Performance, Memory, Folk, India, Delhi, Theatre, Street Art, Displacement, Cultural Citizenship

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VICTIM OR VICTOR: THE PRODUCTION OF IDENTITY IN NEW YORK CITY SOCIAL JUSTICE YOUTH THEATRE

This paper seeks to understand how the identity of victim, and victimhood are produced, and replicated in contemporary youth social justice theatre and how those terms inform personal identities and the wellbeing of participants. I will be examining New York City-based youth defined by the United Nations as persons between the ages of 15-25 years of age touring and performing theatre of the real that centers itself around the personal testimonies and narratives of participants’ stories of violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, self-harm, gang and gun violence. In this paper, I am defining “theatre of the real” as a collectively devised form of live performance that relies on performers’ often a mix of “actors” and “non-actors” “real life” testimonies to create the narrative of the piece. Through interviews with participants in New York City-based theatre programs, I seek to understand the effects of writing and reciting stories of trauma on youth participants in front of the public and finally, the impact these stories have on audiences. This project will call into focus the migration of identities, performers bodies and audience as these performances are toured to youth audiences throughout the five boroughs of Manhattan. Since the scope of this project is large, this presentation will focus specifically on the impact that this theatrical work has had on youth and the ways in which their identities are shaped by touring the work.

Key Words  
youth, gender, identity, theatre, political theatre, theatre of the real, ensemble devised theatre, touring, New York, United States
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INTERACTIVITY IN THEATRE: WHAT DO SPECTATORS TRULY EXPERIENCE?

In the past few years, theatre scholars conducting empirical audience research usually did not pay special attention to performances providing interactive experiences. Other studies which focus on interactivity often describe it as special experience, but such perspectives mostly are based on performance analysis, not empirical audience research. Therefore, it is still unknown what does it mean for theatre spectators to have an interactive experience during a performance. Thus, the aim of this paper is to explore and conceptualise experience of interactivity in terms of theatre audience. In this paper, interactivity is approached following the ideas of American media and communication scholar James Gleason who studied the impact of interactivity on learning outcomes. He suggests that interactivity is not a feature of media, but the outcome of communication process. Following this approach, it is considered that theatre creators can propose only the potential for interactivity, but theatre spectators are the ones who decide whether to use this potential and create interactivity during a performance or not. Thus, interactivity appears to be a subjective category and dependent on each individual. The paper also presents the first results of empirical theatre audience research conducted in Lithuania. The performance “X tavjje” (“X in you”) created by theatre group Bad Rabbits has been chosen as an example. During the show, spectators are invited to analyze themselves performing a psychological test in different ways: answer written questions, perform physical tasks, interact with each other, etc.

Key Words
theatre audience, interactivity

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THE OTHER AND DECONSTRUCTION OF BALKANISM IN BASARA’S PLAY “THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR FOR SOUTHEAST”

This paper deals with the play The Government Inspector for Southeast written by one of the most prominent Serbian contemporary writers, Svetislav Basara, and staged at the National Theatre in Šabac, Serbia. Written as a direct reference to the classical piece by Gogol: The Goverment Inspector, the play follows its structure with one crucial change – the control mechanisms are not internal but external: this time, the Inspector comes from the European Union. Using the framework of Cultural and Performance Studies, this paper tries to investigate whether the writer’s and director’s interventions question or reaffirm the discourse of Balkanism as formulated by Maria Todorova, as well as the ways the Kosovo issue emerges as a central corruption signifier in both the written and staged play whose plot is situated in a small town in Serbia, a country that is negotiating entry to the largest political alliance of the European continent today.

Key Words
The Other, Postcolonialism, Balkanism, Gogol, Basara, The Government Inspector
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NAZRUL-SANGEET : LISTENING TO MUSICAL-MIGRATION AND THE POLITICS OF RECEPTION

This paper intends to study the 1950’s Language Rights Movement in context of East Pakistan, assertion of identity through language and particularly the deployment musical repertoire of the songs of Kazi Nazrul Islam (1899-1976). The poet-composer’s anti-British compositions of 1920’s re-emerged with new interpretations at this juncture when East-Pakistan/East-Bengal struggled for their separate linguistic cultural identity. In this context I would trace the history through a critical perspective the post formation of Bangladesh and the iconocization of Nazrul and selection and choice of the songs, which constituted the Perso-Arabic Bengali lyrical style and Khayal repertoire, and the process of naming him the national poet of the new state of Bangladesh. This work subsequently became representative of the new Bengali-Muslim identity which stood different not only from the Punjabi-zed cultures of West-Pakistan but also from the Hinduized cultures of West-Bengal. Amidst these complex political episodes of appropriation, community and identity formation my paper will try to perceive modification, transformation and re-interpretation of a musical repertoire and writing of its histories. It is important in this context to read it not only qua presentation and “reterritorialisation” but also at a cultural migrant level. Thus, Nazrul and his songs will exhibit how reception of music is determined by other socio-political factors standing outside his music and also involves a heavy stake in the production of its musical aesthetics, listening and singing practices.

Key Words
musical-migration, reterritorialization, reception, re-interpretation

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TOUCH AND SPECTATORSHIP: ON WHAT ESCAPES THE BODY TO RETURN AS THREAT

Spectatorship is often defined by the faculty of sight, where vision tends to be overvalued in relation to the other senses. However, if we approach spectatorship through the intertwining of perception, how can touch be conceptualised? This presentation reflects on the matter of touch perceived as a phenomenon that also characterises spectatorship, even when no physical contact has taken place between the bodies of the event. To do so, it operates a reflective analysis of a personal spectatorial experience of the piece On the Concept of the Face, Regarding the Son of God, by Societas Raffaello Sanzio, where the strong sensory appeal of fabricated faeces on stage repelled to the point of being felt on the skin. The air became explicitly heavy and dense, unbearable to breathe because of the weight it acquired from the abject odour emanating from the stage, resulting in the densification of the general atmosphere of the event that seemed to embrace the skin. Thus, the combination of visual and olfactory disturbances engendered the perception of being exposed to the risk of contagion posed by contact with faecal matter. However, how can such contagion be perceived through the affective exchanges within the event? Does the spectator touch the event by being there, immersed in it? What are the risks that the abject poses to the spectator? Finally, what are the dimensions of touch in performance spectatorship? The theory of Julia Kristeva and the phenomenology of Maurice Merleau-Ponty are implemented as tools to help untangle the possible interrelationships between touch, the abject, and spectatorship in the witnessing of performance.

Key Words
touch, contagion, spectatorship
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THE FORGOTTEN HISTORY OF PLAYWRITING MANUALS 1888-1936

This ten-minute paper presents a line of inquiry which unexpectedly arose from my practice-as-research PhD investigation into the praxis and methodologies of playwrights who engage with devising. Whilst researching standard pedagogical practices for playwriting, I discovered a series of manuals in the British Library, written in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, providing advice to would-be playwrights, which have been rarely or, often, not acknowledged within academic discourse, and overlooked by contemporary playwright-instructors. In a 2013 issue of Contemporary Theatre Review dedicated to the pedagogy of playwriting, guest editor Steve Waters states that the literature on playwriting ‘diminished to a trickle’ between William Archer’s Play-Making: A Manual of Craftsmanship 1912 and Steve Gooch’s Writing a Play 1988. However, Waters and others have neglected a fascinating early seam of commentary on the topic, including texts such as Playwriting: A Handbook for Would-Be Dramatic Authors by ‘A Dramatist’ 1888 Agnes Platt’s Practical Hints on Playwriting 1919 and Moses Malevinsky’s unusual The Science of Playwriting 1925, which uses an algebraic formula for dramatic structure. Utilising these texts and others, this paper argues that these early manuals should be recognised not only for their historical value, but for the advice offered to would-be writers, which is at times more strongly rooted in the professional workings of theatre making than more contemporary texts. Using primary evidence which indicates that twenty-first century student playwrights desire training that provides practical collaborative opportunities, extracts from a number of these early texts will be presented both in their historical context, and with a discussion of their relevance for contemporary writers.

Key Words: Playwriting, Playwrights, Pedagogical Practice, Pedagogical Texts, William Archer, Steve Waters

MIGRATION AND MARGINALITY—RETHINKING POSTCOLONIAL INDIAN THEATRE HISTORY THROUGH MICRO-MINORITY COMMUNITIES

My research is an exploration of a theatre history that is lost between the migration and marginality of micro-minority communities in the port cities of Calcutta and Bombay between 1940-1960. The research focuses on the precarious state of citizenship and belonging of Indian micro-minority communities—such as Anglo-Indians, Parsis, Jews and Armenians. The members of these communities are both foreign and Indian. In this paper, I focus on the migration and marginality of the part British, part Indian, Anglo-Indian woman entertainers—their changing citizenship, homeland, identity, race and nationality which had set unprecedented changes in the social and cultural architecture of the country. Anglo-Indian women embodied the duality by being associated as the hypersexualised actress, as well as, the defeminised breadwinner. During Independence, the Anglo-Indian woman becomes a site of contestation—she is de-linked from nationalism in her role of a public figure exhibiting her body, and linked back and identified as the new nation’s model woman citizen who is independent and joins the work force.

With a special focus on famous Anglo-Indian actress Merle Oberon and jazz icon Pam Crain, I attempt to explore the citizenship of these micro-minority communities through a repertoire-based methodology that breaks away from the monolithic colonial archive that often disregards or erases the cultural history of these minority communities. It is through their cultural practices that I attempt to chart a new course of a postcolonial Indian theatre history.

Key Words: Migration, marginality, minority, citizenship, postcolonial, repertoire, performance
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PURTUGEZ PASSPORT: PERFORMING THE ANXIETIES OF MIGRATION AMONG THE GOAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

A major repercussion of colonialism is how colonised communities negotiate their own foreignness in the contemporary global order marked by the post-colonial conditions and modern nation states. The question of migration therefore occupies a central position in these negotiations. This paper attempts to understand how narratives around migration are performed in Tiatr, a popular form of comic theatre among subaltern Goan Catholic communities. Tiatr first evolved in the late 19th century among migrant Goan Catholic communities in Colonial Bombay and served as a way of simultaneously negotiating urban modernity as well as to surrogate the absence of a ‘Goan’ way of life in cosmopolitan Bombay. Over the years, Tiatr has become a widely popular theatre form that is known best for its sharp and incisive political commentary and satire. In this paper, I would be looking at two contemporary Tiatr performances, both titled ‘Purtugez Passport’ and premiered in 2016, as well as few comic sketches and songs performed in Tiatrs to analyse how recent migration of Goan Catholics to the Europe by means of (re)claiming Portuguese citizenship, has placed them in a peculiar location where they are implicated by the broader currents of national and global politics (Brexit, for ex). My paper seeks to address the issues of gradual disenfranchisement of Goan Catholics due to the shift in power equations in post-colonial times and how popular theatre forms like the Tiatr respond to these developments by articulating the many concerns of the Goan Catholic communities around the issue of migration.

Key Words
Goa, Tiatr, Migration, Cultural Marginalisation, Indian Nationalism

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THE INFLUENCE OF TADEUZ KANTOR ON MIQUEL MATEU’S “THURSDAY TODAY”

Tadeusz Kantor, a Polish stage director, was one of the most important artists in European theatre of the twentieth century. His revolutionary spectacles had a great impact all over the world. All five theatre productions of the well-known Theatre of Death “The Dead Class” “Wielopole, Wielopole” “Let the Artists Die” “I Shall Never Return” “Today is My Birthday” were presented also in Spain. Several Spanish artists have been visibly influenced by Kantor’s work and Miquel Mateu is one of them. “Thursday Today”, his first theatre production, was performed in Valencia for the very first time in February 2016. As stated by the Spanish artist himself, the play was inspired by the ideas found in the Theatre of Death. This paper will focus on two main areas of this influence: on the one hand, the use Miquel Mateu makes of the great themes of Kantor’s universe childhood, memory etc., which are the primary subject of his play on the other hand, the usage of some specific objects, elements of the scenography, will be analyzed in relation with Kantor’s aesthetics. The methodology applied in this presentation will be an inter-artistic comparison between “Thursday Today” and the works of Tadeusz Kantor.

Key Words
Tadeusz Kantor Miquel Mateu “Thursday Today” Kantors influence European theatre
MIGRATORY MESSENGERS – THE MEDIATEDNESS OF DOCUMENTARY POST-MIGRANT THEATRE

A great deal of performances in current German post-migrant theatre draw extensively on documentary material images, videos, testimonies, records as well as on personal narratives to critically engage with the history and current condition of German migration-society. Performances such as Common Ground or Die Lücke interrogate the interstices between private experiences and public discourse or societal power relations. In my presentation, I conceive of these performances and their means of political reporting as a theatrical actualization of the messenger speech. This refers especially to the affective potential of making a distant or past event present again on stage, which is key to the messenger as dramaturgical device. Taken as a theoretical model for the performative mediation of social relations, the messenger appears as a figure of the third that mediates between distant and/or different parties. It thus contours an approach towards performance analysis that considers both the level of aisthesis and discourse between which the messenger implies a close mediation. A media theoretical perspective on post-migrant documentary theatre informed by the affective characteristics of the dramaturgical messenger speech is promising for multiple reasons: firstly, it transgresses a binary representational model of the documentary which seems especially relevant in post-migrant and/or postcolonial contexts. Secondly, it draws attention to the entanglement between the performance and its discursive environment. And thirdly, the characteristics of the messenger enable a critical reflection on the societal position and image of ‘the migrant’.

Key Words
German Post-Migrant Theatre Documentary Mediality Relationality Messenger

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POLENTIAL OF THE POLYVIEW MOVING IMAGE IN THE FUTURE STAGE DESIGN

A polyview image is a type of picture I created in 2014. It is a combination of the anamorphic perspective viewed from an acute angle and the ambiguous illusions as the source ideas to create multiple interpretations of the same complex picture viewed from different (currently up to 6) angles (see visuals and further explanation: www.alinaorav.com). One theatre set would transform into another if observed from a different side. Polyview scenic design would be an ideal physical embodiment of the Rashomon effect, which occurs when the same event is given contradictory interpretations - in our case simultaneously by either two audiences or by one group of individuals taking different corporeal locations towards the stage monitoring the same interaction. In theatre, two (or more) contradictory plays may now be perceived in the same time and space. The same actor would be playing another role, if viewed in an opposite environment. It would be an innovative multi-functional, space- and material efficient solution. My research is informed by my own artistic practice exhibiting polyview paintings in various sizes and environments; and observations on street art made when representing Estonia painting anamorphic images in international street art festivals abroad. I take as my theoretical framework the work of Imitiaz H. Habib and Choi Jae-Oh with special focus on the connection between plays and Trompe-l’oeil or surrealist paintings; and the use of the concepts of contradiction, multistable perception and (pictographic) ambiguity in theatrical space.

Key word
polyview moving image, stage design, innovation

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This presentation tackles the working methodologies developed in the Investigation-Creation, project called ‘Voices and bodies of the community and its researchers’, carried out by students and professors of the BA in Performing Arts at The National Pedagogical University of Colombia. This project investigates the students’ experiences with non-school communities such as theater groups, LGBT communities, children deprived of schooling, and people who live in rural areas. The students developed workshops and theatrical plays with the communities, and at the end of the work, they systematized their experiences as teachers of the process. The paper will present the methodologies used by the group of teacher-artist researchers, to consolidate a process framed in the emerging category developed by Giovanni Covelli Meek: “Research-Creation / Education” which aims, from a research perspective, to unify the disciplinary knowledge specific to the performing arts and their educational processes. This presentation will be broken down into three components, each of which corresponds to the different steps in which the project was developed. Each one of them derives its own methodology which, when unified, will determine the methodological procedure of the project. These components that in turn will title the chapters of the document are: investigative - the first stage of the project, creative - second stage of the project and, formatative, which is found in both stages and therefore in the whole project. The presentation proposes to study and understand the methodological aspects of the project as a systematization of experiences: critical, reflexive, analytical and generative of knowledge as developed by Flor Abarca. Inasmuch as I am also part of the project, it is interesting to identify how the words of a documental analysis can become the dramaturgy of a play. To conclude, the framework of my research is developed from the pedagogical theories of situated and meaningful learning according to the definition by Días Barriga.

Key Words
Artistic Creation Processes Investigation-Creation Performing Arts Creation Methodologies “Research-Creation / Education”

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CONCEPTUALISING THE ROLE OF ARCHIVAL DETRITUS AS A ‘LINE OF FLIGHT’ FOR EMBODIED RESEARCH PRACTICES

The paper, entitled “Conceptualising the role of archival detritus as a ‘line of flight’ for embodied research practices”, proposes and explicates a particular embodied research methodology for anarchival investigation where archival detritus understood as that which remains once a performance has ended is re-conceptualized as a ‘line of flight’ for a reimagined re-enactment of past performances as a means to discover new, alternative possibilities nascent within the archive. The paper considers Deleuze & Guattari’s 1987 concept of deterritorialisation in relation to Massumi & Murphie’s 2016 understanding of the anarchive as a research creation methodology concerned with unearthing and revealing that which the archive cannot hold or that which it keeps invisible and/or hidden. The archival object, or detritus, is thus theorized as a springboard or departure point for ‘lines of flight’ that move the subject/researcher away from the known territory of the archive, toward new, unknown territories initiated through creative and imaginative engagement with archival detritus. This methodology for creative research practice is further explicated and explored through reference to one of the author’s doctoral practical research projects Detritus for one 2015. This performance project becomes a case study to further reflect on the ways in which detritus, through interfacing with the body of the subject/researcher, might initiate new pathways to new territories and, in so doing, release, unlock or discover new potentials and possibilities within past performances in the archive.

Key Words  
anarchive deterritorialisation embodied research archive
MIGRATED, DISPLACED OR RELOCATED AUDIENCE OF THE STREET: MEMORIES OF SITES OF RESISTANCE AND ITS ABSENCE IN URBAN LANDSCAPE.

Delhi is a metropolitan city, the capital of India and also a hub of migrants and daily commuters who come to work every day. Since the implementation of neo-liberal policies in the late nineteenth, efforts have been made to re-constitute the city as a global one through beautification drives: clearing congested slum locations, building middle class housings and malls. This has resulted in thousands of people from under-privileged backgrounds being evicted and compelled to re-locate to the outskirts of the city. The evacuation drive actually makes the original settlers of these sites a migrant service population who come back to their original location daily for work. The city consumes, as I argue, the poor in service labor in order to manage daily operations for the middle class but does not accommodate them as its own. Jan Natya Manch Janam is one of the activist street theatre groups that have constantly engaged with the sites and the people which this city has always treated as ‘other’, making them migrant within their own city. The group is losing its spectators and its performance locations, due to these dislocations. The performance sites mapped through the run of the play Machine from 1978 till today, allows one to understand the changing urban landscape. Two recent works from theatre and performance studies by Susan Haidecke and Shannon Jackson, in their own local contexts are built around ‘street arts’ or ‘social works’. They both refer to Ranciere’s notion of affect which draws together a public into a collective democratic space through the mediation of performance. I will take up Machine’s past circuit in comparison with the present and try to explore the affect which draws together a public into a collective democratic space through the mediation of local contexts are built around ‘street arts’ or ‘social works’. They both refer to Ranciere’s notion of 'worksites of democracy' and Janelle Reinelt's application of this to theatre practices.

Key Words
Migration, Site specific, Street Theatre, Global Cities, street audience, spectatorship absence

MIGRATION AND IDENTITY POLITICS: A CURIOUS CASE OF FORMATION OF TELANGANA A NEWLY BORN STATE OF INDIA

The paper intends to unravel the tension and potentially conflictual relations between Telengana and Andhra Pradesh which were merged together at the time of independence (1947) and Reorganization of the states (1956) of the Union of India despite its vastly different ethnic characteristics. Within the larger socio-economic and political conflict and violence between these two communities, the paper intends to focus on the cultural politics intertwined with identity formations and reassertion of Telangana identity particularly in recent times (2009 onwards). In this context I would take the case study of the cultural group Dhoom Dhoom an artiste collective of writers, ballad singers, poets and performers who took on a key role during the movement and struggle for separate statehood for Telengana. The group went to the masses with a slogan such as “Maata (Dialogue), Paata (song), Aata (Dance)”, and adopting strong caste and class reassertion. The paper will particularly focus on the dissemination of their cultural programme at the grass root level and bringing about a mass mobilization and a movement since 2009. The paper intends to read the performances of Dhoom Dhoom within the critical frames of performance and identity politics particularly the critique offered by Dr. Kevin Hetherington and taking from the volume edited by Asha Sarangi and Sudha Pal interrogating the politics of regional formations within national frameworks.

Key words
Migration, identity, agitation, theatre, politics and strategy.
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JAN FABRE’S “MOUNT OLYMPUS”: DRAMA AND THEATRE AS ALTERNATIVES TO SPIRITUAL BYPASSING

The author of this paper tends to explore drama and theatre as a mode of inquiry, that is as a mode that analyzes, reveals, and communicates artistic and human condition and provides further discussion and research on topics associated with these issues. The paper takes Jan Fabre’s 24-hour Mount Olympus: To Glorify the Cult of Tragedy performed at Belgrade International Theatre Festival BITEF in September 2017 as an example of a complex event that combines artistic-composed behaviour with everyday-spontaneous behavior. Since Fabre employs stories and characters from Greek mythology and tragedies only to reshape them by means of different languages, bodies, objects, choreographies, time, and space, the performance has provoked debates over the content, theatrical language, and the function of time and audience and, above all, over the qualities that make up tragic vision. This paper argues that Fabre’s overall vision – ‘humanity’s time, time of the birth of tragedy, of the descent into hell and the volcano of evil, ceaselessly spewing its ashes’ – presents Greek myth as an early form of psychology that brings to light the mysterious workings of the psyche thus enabling the audience to face painful feelings, unresolved wounds, and developmental needs.

Key Words
Fabre, performance, myth, psyche, insight, audience

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ENTANGLEMENTS WITH TIME: STAGING TIME IN THE THEATRE

My research examines the historic and contemporary function of time as a compositional tool in the theatre medium to further the conceptualisation of developments in performance practice that counter and reflect upon the underlying temporal dynamics of mediatisation. It addresses the question: What is the aesthetic and political significance of time based dramaturgical strategies to the theatre medium in an era defined by accelerated perceptions of time? The paper focuses on my creative research project, Yowza Yowza Yowza [2014], a 24-hour choreographic action that recreates photographic documentation of the 1930s dance marathon phenomenon. This reflexive analysis examines how the works’ aesthetics of duration and repetition encouraged engagement with the personal plight of the performer that of the intrigue and ethical precariousness that comes with watching the endurance of another. Such responses to the work were further heightened by the live webcast of the performance that enabled spectators to tune in at anytime with anonymity and ease. To elaborate on these findings the paper draws upon recent theoretical conceptions of a shift in time as a representational tool to a central aesthetic concern of the theatre medium. It also engages with recent theoretical understandings of intermediality and remediation: the incorporation and integration of technology within theatre and its impact upon theatre communication. This is made evident through a rethinking of the collective ‘liveness’ that has often defined the medium.

Key Words
Temporal dramaturgy, Intermediality
ENGLISH, IROquoIS, GERMan: HISTOrICALLY STAGING CONRAD WEsIER’S INTERPRETIVE WORK IN THE 1744 LANCASTER TREAtY

The theoretical question that I am asking is about reading a translated transcript of a historical event as a performance text. Sandra Gustafson has described the printed 1744 Lancaster Treaty between the Iroquois League and the British colonial governments of Virginia and Maryland as similar to a declamatory play like Addison’s Cato. By tracing the biographical and political connection between Addison and the English-Iroquois interpreter of the Treaty, the paper asks to what extent it is useful to read the Treaty as in part a staging through surrogation of European political conflicts via Native American speakers. Following Gustafson’s suggestion, the Treaty is genealogically related to the 17th- and 18th-century British “Indian” plays, in which censored political controversies are addressed through staged native sovereignties. Does the focus on the translator in this instance help to make apparent the apparatus through which we receive the historical account of a political event, or, dialectically, does it occlude a transmission of alterity, hampering through historiography the translator’s diplomatic efforts? The paper considers the disappearing textual action of the live interpreter, a German-born religious refugee, as an example for how intra-European emancipatory conflicts were performatively present in racialized colonial encounters. If the treaty event is shaped by the apparatus of the English neoclassical play, is it possible to recovery a sense of an Iroquois diplomatic practice and apparatus, relevant also to us as contemporary interpreters, by attenting to some of the formal omissions of the printed drama? Agamben’s hermeneutical investigation of Foucault’s concept of the apparatus reveals a methodology through which “sacralized” Iroquois metaphor can be “profaned” (i.e. restored for common use) and the multi-national political encounter in colonial Pennsylvania can be partially relocated to a small part of southwest Germany, where both the interpreter and Hegel were shaped by violent theological controversies.

Key Words
translation, colonial, Iroquois, English, German, European, Native American, historiography, political performance

SHOWING HUMANISM THROUGH PERFORMATIVE ARTS. A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF MY PAPERS WEREn’T DoNE? AND ZAPI ROUGE

Considering the immediate relevance and the pervasive media coverage on migration, this contribution compares two plays that are different in relation to their context of production and similar for their use of performative arts as tools to enquire on migrants’ identity and to ‘humanise’ them. The compared works are, on one hand, My Papers Weren’t Done? (My Papers Weren’t Done?, 2017), a community play produced and directed by the Egyptian theatre company Red Tomato by way of an interactive workshop of collective creation with the group of performers. All performers were youths between 18 - 23 years of age from Egypt, Eritrea, Somalia, Syria, Sudan and South Sudan who enact students coming from different countries dealing with the complicated bureaucratic process of applying to University. Rapping is an integral part of the work and allows characters to express their feelings. On the other hand, Zapi Rouge is a poetical French play, written by Françoise Glière and performed by the Lili Label company, about the story of ‘Toi’ You, a kid detained in a ZAPI -‘zone d’attente pour personnes en instance’ - an immigration waiting zone. The story is told by the women working in the centre who encountered Toi during his stay there. Toi does not have a precise identity, but like all children, he has dreams. His dream is to work in a circus. Acting as a clown and an acrobat, Toi’s atypical behaviour within the ZAPI brings smiles where usually there are none.

Followin theories on the humanism of the Other (Lévinas 1972) and on the performative power of performance (Fischer-Lichte 2004), personal stories shared through singing in My Papers Weren’t Done and smiles caused by comic performances in ZAPI Rouge are considered as individualising and associating devic-es aiming at an ethic of obligation.

Key Words
Migration, efficacy, ‘humanism of the other,’ performing arts, raising awareness
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PERFORMANCES OF TRUTH – TRUTHFULNESS IN PERFORMANCES

Post-truth, post-factual politics, alternative facts: A fundamental debate about what truth is has been dominating the political and cultural debates for quite some time. Facts and evidence seem to have become a flexible corrective in everyday life (Latour 2017: 27). One symbol for these tendencies is the concept of conspiracy. Conspiracy theorists offer their audience alternative theories and alternative culprits. By doing so they destabilize the “truth”, which “we” so far have agreed on. Those theorists challenge our system of knowledge and truth production, which is not able to compete with the rapidness of attack in the digital world. The perception and the processing of truth seems to become a matter of individualized consumption, provoked by the fragmentation of society (Reckwitz 2006: 592, Bauman 1997: 146). Currently, the phenomenon of immersive art is spreading widely (Glauner 2016: 30). It reflects on the individual experience and has been criticised as a reproduction of the hegemonic neoliberal discourse but also as a critical gesture against these tendencies (Lehmann 2016: 27; Mouffe 2015: 130). By working immersively, Signa, an Austrian theatre troupe makes the construction of religious cults a subject of discussion by forcing the audience itself to adopt specific body practices during their Heuvolk performance. Rabih Mroué uses his performance lectures to link facts and fiction in a garment of factual knowledge. “Forensic Architecture”, a research agency, tries to “find the truth” in unsolved criminal cases by reconstructing the crime scene. Based on these examples, the objective of the presentation is to develop a “dispositif” (Foucault 1978, 120) of conspiracy. Therefore, I intend to analyse artistic works, which bend, repeal, override the concept of truth by showing alternative realities or possibilities of truth production, based on the definition of truth by Hannah Arendt and Foucault and their attempts to interrogate the relation between power and truth.

Key Words
post-truth, immersion, performance lectures, Forensic Architecture, Arendt, Foucault

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Born in 1980, Vishnuprasad M R started writing poetry at the age of fifteen. Above all his other identities, the one that truly defines his being is that of a ‘poet’ because poetry gives expression to his existence as ‘becoming human’. For the past twenty years Vishnuprasad has published two anthologies of poetry and he has been writing poetry, articles, and columns on art and science in both English and Malayalam, a South Indian Dravidian language. Poetry for him is an education just like any other institutionalised knowledge systems. Vishnu’s research experiences in ecological sciences and the experience as an activist in Greenspace International gave him a conservationist outlook towards nature. However, it was his engagement in performance studies that transformed the conservationist stance into a more-than-human perspective of the ecology. Currently, he pursues PhD in theatre and performance studies in Jawaharlal Nehru University JNU, on the ecology of Padayani, a ritual performance of South India. He believes that research oriented art project has tremendous potential to expose the phenomenal and political currents of the contemporary.

PERMEABLE EDGES OF A RITUAL ECOSYSTEM: THINKING THROUGH BOUNDARIES OF KOTTANGAL PADAYANI

Permeable edges of a ritual ecosystem: Thinking through boundaries of Kottangal padayani Padayani is a week-long ritual performance in the south-Indian state of Kerala, performed annually during nights dedicated to Mother Goddess in Devi temples. Kottangal padayani, one of the significant padayani-s in Kerala, is performed in the miniature ecosystems called kaavus or sacred groves where humans, plants and machinic entities are inter-linked and give rise to various performances. The present paper examines how Kottangal padayani modify the boundaries of human, vegetal and machinic bodies within a village ecosystem where it is performed. Drawing from Bruno Latour’s actor network theory and Maturana and Varela’s concept of autopoiesis, this paper inquires dynamics of ritual boundaries in the anthropo-vegetal and machinic network of Kottangal padayani. For this I analyse “adaví”, a performance event in Kottangal padayani, in which the ritual space is temporarily designed as a forest. The villagers collect tree trunks with leaves and fruits and they are temporarily fixed on the performance ground. Some people hold the branches in their hand and some others climb up the trees and enact deforestation. I would like to examine how human, vegetal and machinic bodies permeate and emerge as performance. While the question of nature in Kottangal padayani, and in fact rituals in a broad sense in India, is generally addressed through the traditional concept of wholeness and natural holism, I argue that an ecosystem perspective is essential in understanding different associations and transitions in Kottangal padayani where humans, plants and other non-human machinic bodies have equal material presence in the ritual network. Taking forward Erica Fischer Lichte’s analysis of the materiality of performance, I attempt to understand how ‘ecosystem materiality’ operates in the permeable frontiers of a ritual ecosystem.

Key Words
Padayani, ecosystem, ritual
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WHY UNDERGRADUATES DON’T READ AND HOW THEY GET AWAY WITH IT: A TALE OF FATIGUE, TRIAGE AND GRADES

N. Katherine Hayles identifies reading as a key tool with literary study disciplines. However, despite its importance, Theatre Studies and English Literature students appear to have a troubled relationship with reading. Anecdotal evidence suggests that rates of reading amongst undergraduates are low and that improving these rates requires time-consuming and often draconian intervention on the part of teachers. This paper illustrates the rates of reading within Theatre and English courses and to identify why students do not complete or even start reading assigned texts or to seek out alternative reading sources such as Wikipedia or SparkNotes. The reasons for this are demonstrated using quantitative and qualitative data collected through a survey of undergraduate students enrolled in Theatre Studies and English Literature courses at universities in New Zealand and Australia. The analysis of this data shows how undergraduate students struggle to or even actively avoid assimilating to the culture of best academic practice. It also shows how a multitude of factors influence students to engage in acts of “non-reading”. This information may act as a foundation allowing for improved pedagogical practices within Theatre Studies and English Literature. Understanding what factors influence students to fail to complete assigned readings will allow educators to develop teaching strategies targeting the root causes of poor reading practices amongst students rather than merely reacting to their symptoms. Works Cited Hayles, N Katherine. How We Think: Digital Media and Contemporary Technogenesis. The University of Chicago Press, 2012.

Key Words  
Digital Humanities, Pedagogy, Reading, Internet

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LANDSCAPE, EMPTY, LATENCY: THE EARTH-BODY-ART AND ABSENCE AS A PERFORMATIVE POTENCY.

This presentation is an integral part of the PhD research that I am conducting as part of my Postgraduate Program in Performing Arts at Unicamp’s Institute of Arts. The work of the Cuban performer Ana Mendieta is analysed, and in particular, the actions she carried out in the landscape. While examining her work in these natural spaces, I seek to raise issues related to concepts of “present-presence and present-absence” in her performances. As a first exponent of Earth-body-art that, unlike Land Art, positions the artist in the image - in present presences and present traces – Mendieta builds her relational networks with the natural environment, distinguishing it from its environmental logics. Dialoguing with the studies of Josette Féral and Amanda Boetzkes, the aim of this communication is to emphasize the retraction movement of Mendieta in her photoperformances or in her videoperformances, in which her presence becomes something questionable, when, for example, we think of presence in performing arts. In considering the symbiotic relationship that is established between Mendieta and the landscape, the paper shall reflect on absence as a performative power. From the movement that goes from the performer’s presence in the image until its disappearance in the landscape, the actions of Mendieta question the positioning of the artist within the work. When considering absence as a performative potency, wouldn’t the performer be repositioning the ethical role of the artist in her time?

Key Words  
Absence, Earth-body-art, Performance Art
“WILL BLACKNESS PLEASE STEP OUT AND TAKE A CURTAIN CALL?”
ED BULLINS’ CONCEPTUAL THEATRE

In this presentation I will argue that Black Theatre Movement BTM playwright Ed Bullins’ experimental texts are key to the formation of a genre I call the Conceptual Play and an archive I call Conceptual Theatre. Close reading of Bullins’ “The Theme is Blackness: A One-Act Play to be performed before Predominantly White Audiences” in 1966, I argue that Bullins innovates a form of site-specific theatre of the mind that resists material embodiments of blackness on the public stage. “The Theme is Blackness” creates a space to contemplate the concept and aesthetics of blackness itself, detached from racialized bodies. A speaker announces that the character “Blackness” will appear, the lights go out, and, for twenty minutes, the dark theatre encompasses the play’s form and content. Subverting white spectators’ desire to encounter concrete, realistic black characters and scenes, the play spatially and temporally deflects embodied racialization onto the sensory and perceptual processes of the audience. My analysis of “The Theme is Blackness” aims to shift our understanding of the BTM from a theatre of reality to a theatre of imagination. Bullins’ Conceptual Plays catalyze a politics of the imagination.

Key Words

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THE OUTDATED SCHOOL IN THE CHILEAN SCENE OF THE 21ST CENTURY: EDUCATION, BIOPower AND MARGINALITY

During June 2006, massive student demonstrations in the streets of the main cities of Chile marked the beginning of a reform that -claiming free and quality public education- years later, would be able to establish free education in higher education. The Chilean dramatists of the new generations become part of this conjuncture and in several of its assemblies “put on stage” the student mobilization. In this particular presentation -part of a larger investigation- I will analyze the dramatic text and the staging of Luis Barrales, _La mala clase_ (2009). In this work you can see how biopolitical control, masked by neoliberalism, denies any kind of possibility and freedom, subjecting students to the violence and control of a disciplinary society in Chile. During the 21st century, the issue of marginality and precariousness has increased in Chile and Latin America through the implementation of a neoliberal policy, a legacy of the military dictatorships of the southern cone; causing a terrible structural change in society, extending to school, considering it as a device designed to produce students: bodies / gears of industrial machinery. The Chilean governments have proposed educational reforms that aim at an education system more in line with the globalized world, but which, nevertheless, have not been successful, generating conflicts of all kinds and remaining only in theories, turning the school into an outdated technology for young people. In short, the discourse in La mala clase gives an account of the reality of the periphery of the modern city, where the slogan is to survive the commodified society and survive the public education that delivers outdated teachings.

Key Words
Chilean Theater, education, marginality, biopower
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My name is Nina Helene Skogli (b. 1988) and I am currently a Ph.D. research fellow at the University of Agder in Kristiansand, Norway. I started working as a researcher at the University in September 2017. My project concerns, in short, theatre that addresses ongoing conflicts, and the cognitive reflection process these performances initiate. I am interested in the dramaturgical and aesthetical strategies that specific performances use to encourage the reflection process after the transitory performances have ended. Earlier, I worked on educational and interdisciplinary projects at Kristiansand Kunsthall, a contemporary gallery, in addition to being a freelance performer.

SOFT EYES AND MIGRATORY ROUTES: DISCUSSING DRAMATURGICAL STRATEGIES IN A PERFORMANCE CONCERNING POLITICS OF IMMIGRATION

For this paper, I want to use the performance Soft Eyes 2016 by Artilleriet Produksjoner as a point of departure. Soft Eyes concerns the politics of immigration; it tours the Norwegian Schools, where it is watched by pupils from the age of 16 to 19. At the end of the day, all the pupils are gathered in the school auditorium to discuss their experiences. I want to highlight some of the dramaturgical strategies of Soft Eyes, to see how they raise questions concerning the theme and initiate a process of acquiring a form of accumulated experience. In that sense, this paper will briefly explore two different forms of migration. It examines the dramaturgical strategies of Soft Eyes that address immigration and the social and political landscapes that set the backdrop for the refugee crisis. However, it also explores a different kind of migration, one that deals with the transitory nature of theatre and its spectators. When affected by the theatrical strategies of a performance, and when challenged to reflect upon the event after the so-called “fall of the curtain”, the spectators undergo a process of momentary experience that becomes a form of accumulated experience – or a peirastic concept of experience. Despite theatre being a transitory medium, some experiences migrate from the here-and-now of the performance to become part of a spectator’s horizon of understanding. Central to this paper is theory on momentary, accumulated and peirastic experience.

Key Words
Refugee crisis, spectators, experience, dramaturgical strategies

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THE CHANGING SPACE: THAI POPULAR FOLK THEATRE AND THE SPACES FOR KATHOEOY SELF-EXPRESSION

This paper is part of the dissertation project “Life as Kathoey in Likay troupes in Thailand: an ethnography of transgender female performers in the 21st century”. Likay is a Thai popular folk theatre since the reign of King Rama V in 1868. Nowadays, it remains in popularity among the rural population, and is appreciated amid working classes in the outskirts of the city. The presentation focuses on “the changing space” or the life behind the curtains of the folk theatre stage. The paper seeks to highlight the performers’ diverse queer identities and their intertwining with regional, linguistic, socio-economic and class-based differences. The aim of the paper is to explore how the changing space marks a site of the articulation of the cultural pluralism of kathoey identity. The ethnographic research for the study was conducted in 2017 based on participant observation and in-depth interview with performers from three transgender troupes including community members in central Thailand. The first section briefly describes the characteristic features of the changing space, which carries a great significance in the performance practice of Likay troupes. I will argue that the changing space creates a unique relation between Likay actors and the communities where they perform. Activities and occurrences within this area will be separately discussed as the key finding. It clearly reveals significant differences between kathoey identities in modern and folk performance. I will conclude by suggesting that the performance of kathoey identities through folk theatre does not limit itself only to the stage but starts before the show itself, in the changing space behind the curtains.

Key Words
Kathoey, transgender identity, folk theatre, backstage, Thailand
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THE ITI AND THE GLOBALIZATION OF THEATRE IN THE COLD WAR

The founding of the International Theatre Institute ITI under the UNESCO umbrella in 1948 was part of a larger trend of epistemic communities in the post-war period. Expert networks of scientists and artists were created to promote international understanding which was supposed to help prevent future global conflict. The purpose of the ITI was to “promote international exchange of knowledge and practice in theatre arts.” This met with severe difficulties in the Cold War Era. With member states from both sides of the Iron Curtain, and national ITI centres often being dependent on state funding, attempts to use the ITI as a tool of Cold War cultural influence were often made. My presentation will focus on the East and West German centres of the ITI and how they coordinated their exchange of theatrical knowledge in the political environment of the Cold War. Even though ITI efforts were supposed to be understood as non-political, the two German centres both located in Berlin adopted their countries’ rivalry, using political means like travel restrictions, treaties, and the help of government agencies to do this. Their involvement with the “Third World Theatre Committee” and various efforts in “theatrical development aid” was also part of the cultural Cold War, trying to gain influence through soft power instead of a more direct approach in the non-aligned countries of the Global South. My presentation will be based on my current research for the ERC project Developing Theatre, and archival material from the German ITI centre.

Key Words
ITI, expert networks, cultural Cold War, globalization, third world, Developing Theatre, East & West Germany

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HOW MUCH FOR A THEATRE TICKET AND A SEVEN-COURSE MEAL?
THE ECONOMICS OF A NINETEENTH-CENTURY THEATRICAL CENTENARY IN TRANSYLVANIA

In my paper I will approach the problem of the economic history of theatre. How can we use accountings, letters on loans and credits, bills to reveal the management and financing models of a theatre, how can we contextualize the expenses, what does it tell us if the numbers don’t add up? Choosing a micro-level analysis of a vast number of archival and press sources, I will attempt to reveal through these general questions the financial aspects of the centenary of professional Hungarian acting in Transylvania, celebrated in the Hungarian theatre of Cluj, Transylvania in 1892. Having in the background the framework of the cult of the centenary or centenary fever of the 19th century Quinault 1998, Leerssen–Rigney 2014 with all its great festivities, I will present a case-study of a celebration organized by a theatre that was at the same time peripheral as seen from the capital city, Budapest and central as Cluj was considered the cultural center of Transylvania. I will analyze both the hard numbers and the discourses on the finances of the theatre during the three-day centenary – with festive lunches, outdoor celebrations, gala performances bringing even the aristocracy on stage. This way we can get a picture of the economic status and complex financing of the institution: aristocratic patronage, donations from the local economic elite, support from the city and partial state support were all present at the end of the century. But most importantly, at the same time when the local aristocracy, the historical patrons, presented two tableau vivantes as part of the celebrations, in the “backstage” – the management – the most important issue was to reach total state support, the nationalization of the theatre.

Key Words
economic history, centenary, finances, state support, patronage
WRITING ABOUT SILENCE: THE GRANT QUESTIONNAIRE AS DRAMATURG

Can we think of funding models as dramaturgical forces on artistic work? Recent writing both on what it means to do dramaturgy and what it means to think dramaturgically tends to define dramaturgy as a practice that is speculative rather than prescriptive, that is irreducibly a process—in other words, its tone is questioning. Project-based models of funding require artists to narrate their work while it’s still in progress and to extrapolate its end result, often long before they’ve begun to make the work. Grant applications ask pointed questions that try to expose the heart of the proposed piece, in a voice not unlike the removed, questioning stance adopted by many contemporary dramaturgs.

Remembering that to practice dramaturgy is so frequently described in terms of asking questions, this paper looks at grant questionnaires themselves as more than passive information receptors and transmitters. Artists and grantmakers alike often claim that applying for a grant is worthwhile even if your project is not selected for funding because it forces you to make decisions about your project. I analyze U.S. American grant questionnaires as texts to ask what kinds of decisions they force artists to make and what potential kinds of artistic practice get edited out by the dramaturgy of funders. Understanding the process of applying for a grant as a dramaturgical process that shapes the work is the first step towards identifying how dramaturgical thinking could be applied to improve the relationship between the grant and the work.

Key Words
Terayama Shuji, skinship, public performance, public, social codes, Japanese theatre, dramaturgy

BOUSAADIA’S HOUSE: MEMORIES OF ALTERITY IN LIBYAN PERFORMANCE HISTORY

A children’s call-and-response in 1940s Benghazi led its singers and listeners on a search without end: “Where is Bousaadia’s house?” “Just go a little more forward” [wain 7osh boussa3dia? gaddam lagaddamma shwaya]. Moving in a group as they followed the repeated instructions, kids stepped forward in rhythm, snaking through the streets around their own houses. Oral histories of the time report that sometimes Bousaadia himself would show up, a dark-skinned man with a large round drum or smaller percussive instruments, singing in a language these Arabic-speaking children did not understand. In the proposed work, I take the figure of Bousaadia, performed in varying iterations throughout Libya and Tunisia, as an entry point through which to approach questions of alterity in and around the northern coast of Africa during and after Italian, French, and British colonialism.

Drawing on ethnographic and archival research, and in conversation with scholars of the Stambeli tradition in Tunisia, I construct a history of performance in Libya that aims to illuminate shifting discourses and embodiments of difference under shifting regimes of governance and shifting configurations of white supremacy. To build this history, I start with recent references to the Bousaadiya performance tradition in Libyan popular culture, in which performances of local pride are linked with childhood memories of Bousaadia. From there I trace backwards through an archive of colonial photographs, following the excavating work of Malek Alloula, to uncover both performance traces and racializing frameworks. What work does the continued collective memory of these performances do in Libyan cultural politics? How are the notions of difference present in these performance traditions informed and transformed by globally hegemonic forms of racialization and normativity? In my analysis I draw on Joseph Roach’s work on memory and racialized performance, as well as Ann Stoler’s approach to ongoing imperial ruination.

Key Words
alterity, Libya, performance history

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Key Words
alterity, Libya, performance history
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THE THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED AND PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC SPACE

The presentation aims to engage with the aspect of participation and active involvement of the spectator in scenic events with reference to the Theatre of the Oppressed. Conceived in difficult political times in Brazil, its initiator Augusto Boal forced to go into exile, the Theatre of the Oppressed is clearly linked to political questions. On that basis, the paper will discuss the possibility of the transmission of the aspect of participation in the artistic space to the public sphere. To contextualize the public sphere and civil society the paper would refer to Hannah Arendt’s, reference to the democratisation of the citizen. In addition to this, I will investigate the theme of participatory art, as formulated by Claire Bishop, and its relation to the Theatre of the Oppressed in the contemporary context. In his last book “Aesthetics of the Oppressed”, Boal elaborates ideas about the citizen-artist, who has to reconquer his and her own aesthetics, through the three most powerful means of communication: sound, image and word and in this regard I would argue how these provide support and artistic resources for the citizen, designated to the role of spectatorship in the spectacle of modern society offering him/her a chance of active participation in public space.

Key Words
Theatre of the Oppressed, participation, theatre and politics

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COLD NEON LIGHTS AND NOSTALGIA FOR HOME: URBAN ALIENATION OF THAI IMMIGRANTS IN NEOLIBERAL BANGKOK PERFORMED IN THAI COUNTRY MUSIC

Due to the rapid urbanisation of Bangkok in the 1980s, there has been a massive migration from the countryside into the city. Moving to Bangkok became a norm for poor farmers who wish to pursue their dreams and improve their quality of life. This paper explores how Thai country music or ‘Pleng Looktoong’ performs immigrants’ urban alienation through identities, displacement and nostalgia for their beautiful hometown. This paper also discusses how the lyrics of Thai country music performs immigrants’ urban alienation regarding the external relationship such as spatial environment, community and economic status and also the internal relationship including self-respect and self-actualisation. Whereas most of the Thai urban mass music emphasises about a life’s struggle and encourages audiences that hopes and dreams are waiting for them at the end of the tunnel, Thai country music is rather more realistic about the unpleasant reality and hopeless dreams. Bangkok, in most of the country music, is often referred to as a stage or a theatre filled with a concrete jungle, neon lights, superficial life and cold-hearted people where the immigrants have to perform a ‘striving role’ in order to survive. On the other hand, in the music, immigrants’ hometown is referred to as nature, warmth and love. Although there is a significant number of immigrants who have been working and struggling in Bangkok, the socio-economic and political conditions in Thailand have restricted their rights to challenge the status quo. On the account of the insufficient support from the state and labour unions, Thai country music thus plays a vital role in not only emotionally connecting immigrants and expressing their feelings but also pacifying them to remain in the system submissively.

Key Words
Urban, Alienation, Displacement, Immigration, Music, Nostalgia, Thailand
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FROM SUBJECTIVE TO HYBRID: SYRIAN PERFORMANCE IN THE DIASPORA

Since the beginning of the Syrian Refugee crisis, Syrian artists arriving in Europe seek professional opportunities as ways for new beginnings where they can invest in previous experiences and reflect on identity issues related to their Diaspora. The European theatre society and formal institutions, on their part, seek potential for cooperation and integration whether by targeting professional or amateur Syrian performers. Theatre by and about Syrians is increasing in Europe as a result of these efforts and a hybrid art is emerging from this interconnection, bringing the subjective into a global perspective. This paper focuses on productions and biographies of 3 Syrian theatre-makers in the Diaspora, as part of a transnational group directly connected to European cultural Institutions. It examines their subjectivities, in view of Diener’s understanding of subjectivity, as expressed in the period before displacement and in the current period. Inspired by the definition of performativity by Worthen and Reinelt, this paper argues that the social, political and economic processes around and within the doing of theatre include cooperation processes and relations pertaining to the subjective motivations of artists and emerging on a day-to-day basis, but are influenced by the overall displacement experience. Subjectivities of artists are explained beyond the postmodern in theatre studies, where reality is present and performed by its encounters. Theatre on the Syrian refugee crisis becomes a site of encounter and an experience where artists are a real witness of, and performers about the crisis. The performativity of the hybrid productions by Syrian artists in the diaspora combines urgency and excitement while operating realities with open presentation of these realities. Based on Brah’s concept of the hybrid production as a microcosm of a diaspora space, performing the subjective influences public spaces in Europe where representations related to race, religion, and integration are discussed.

Key Words  
Performativity, subjectivity, Transnational Communities, Hybridity, Theatre, Refugee Crisis.

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DISTRIBUTED MEANING: HUNGRY GHOSTS AND MEANING IN TRANSITION

Hungry Ghosts (2018) – intended for 15 to 18-year-old audiences – traces the Malaysian Airlines MH370 disaster, Malaysian government corruption, and ‘2’, a young Malaysian migrating to Melbourne. Postdramatic in form, Hungry Ghosts examines objects and bodies – after the aeroplane’s disappearance – in a state of constant transition: meaning-making becomes an act of translation. If we accept that meaning is central to young audiences’ engagement (Eleonora Belfiore and Olivier Bennett 2007, 225–275), and primarily determined by personal beliefs and experiences (Matt Omas-ta 2011, 49), what happens to performance when the intended meaning is understood differently? Here I critically analyse data collected from young audiences and theatre artists about the premiere season in Melbourne and subsequent regional tour of Hungry Ghosts. Using ‘transition’ as a lens I investigate how young audience members’ collective understanding of the work was refracted through the meaning generated by the writing, direction, design and dramaturgy of Hungry Ghosts in combination with social and participatory media which surrounded the production. I propose that any emergent divergences between the theatre artists intentions, and what is understood by the young audience engender a richer, deeper understanding of theatrical meaning as a collectively distributed, and developed, experience for young audiences.

Key Words  
Youth, Audience, Meaning-Making, Digital, Regional
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EMBODIED TRANSITIONS: A JOURNEY THROUGH ASCETIC RITUAL AND DANCE MOVEMENT

My proposed paper discusses the findings of a case study, in the form of a choreographic residency, which occurred in October 2018 in Shawbrook, Ireland. Six dancers from Greece took part in the study for the duration of a week and followed a unique schedule of prototypical dance practice involving rituals from the Orthodox monastic tradition. The schedule included dance workshops and improvisation leading to a performance as well as fasting, meditating, keeping silence and working in the night-time, amongst other Orthodox practices. It required the participants’ full devotion and involved exhausting mental and physical work. After observing activity during the workshops and examining the interviews which followed the residency, it was made obvious that for most of the participants a transition had happened in terms of their own mental and embodied states. The dancers described the residency as a very unique experience and to mention some of the expressions that they used: ‘an esoteric journey which led to a journey of the body’, ‘...the time stopped and that gave me the opportunity to meet myself and the others’, ‘...being in a bubble where you forget about your everyday life and meet yourself’. What are the effects of this practice on the participants’ lives as dance practitioners and human beings? Can this practice constitute a meaningful transformation and embodied learning experience?

Key Words
Dance, Embodiment, Orthodox Monastic Rituals, Esoteric Journey

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ON CLOWN POLITICS

My proposal focuses on the red-nosed August clown. I find that Bataille’s notion of formlessness and Kristeva’s concept of abjection intriguingly relate to and describe aspects of the August clown figure. Further, drawing on Rancière’s ideas on politics, I will disclose how the qualities of formlessness and abjection exemplified by the August clown are employed by activists to express discontent with political and cultural authorities through the act of pie-ing, referring to social activist such as Noël Godin Brussels, Biotic Baking Brigade San Francisco and Les Entartiste Montreal. I suggest that The August clowns can turn anybody into a clown and anything into “matter out of place.” They do not leave their abject position, rather they destabilize hegemonic order, even if only momentarily, by exerting formlessness upon the other. I propose to call this clown politics. The August clown does not aim to change their abject place by executing logos, but rather aim to bring the other into a realm phôné. Clown politics do maintain what is most fundamental in Rancière’s ideas: there is always a disagreement between the parties involved a double wrong in play. Through political action, equality is expressed, and thereupon, a re-distribution of the sensible can occur. Further, clown politics are employed by political activists and artists to expose authorities to ridicule and humiliation. Even though pie-ing activists do not wear oddly fitting clothes, a red clown nose, and oversized shoes, I suggest that they are contemporary heirs of the August clown.

Key Words
Circus, Clown, Politics, Abjection, Formlessness, Political Activism, Political Performance
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THE UNSOLVED CONFLICT – ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAGEDY BASED ON FRIEDRICH HÖLDERLINS THEORY

The presentation focuses on the main research questions of my future dissertation about the possibility of tragedy in our days. The topic combines interdisciplinarily philosophy of art, theatre research and literature, and contributes to the long philosophical debate on the death of tragedy. It is also part of the greater debates on antique and modern, as well as modern and postmodern. My main interest lies in the theory of tragedy by the poet-philosopher Friedrich Hölderlin 1770-1843: How his theory, especially about dramaturgy, differs from the Aristotelian tradition? Are there any common features in the dramaturgies of Hölderlin and the late modern theatre? Is it still meaningful, his idea that the loss of tragedy is tragic? Some of Hölderlin’s ideas are surprisingly modern. Hölderlin states that it is impossible to imitate antique, so the concept of tragedy has a different meaning in modern culture: for him, the loss of tragic is characteristically tragic for modern. According to Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe, Hölderlin’s theory is based on irreconcilable or unsolved confrontation or conflict. Unlike Aristotelian tragedy that emphasizes whole and complete action, Hölderlin leaves the extremely attuned conflict somehow unfinished. Instead of pure linearity the action is based on the balance that arises, for instance, from caesura, and alternation between ambivalent dialogue and choir. My hypothesis is that Hölderlin’s theory can give tragedy a chance even today, or at least we can ask in his spirit, what is tragic for us.

Key Words
tragedy dramaturgy Hölderlin, Friedrich

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CHASING YOUR OWN TAIL: ON ARTISTS AND PROJECTS

In Temporaries 2012, contemporary dance artist Igor Koruga talks about the working conditions of artists and how these shape artists’ lives. He concludes that ‘it comes down to this everlasting accelerating loop of chasing a promising future that might never come’. This phrase is reminiscent of Wile E. Coyote who keeps chasing the Roadrunner, while everyone knows he will never catch it. Coyote’s chase stands for the ever-unsuccessful attempt to achieve something. In the project-based performing arts sector, many artists never seem to make ends meet despite being resourceful and motivated. Within my contribution, I will especially focus on the artist’s chase, which has a threefold dimension: firstly, project-based artists are continually chasing money in order to pursue their art making, in the first place, and to earn a living, in the second place. Additionally, artists are chasing programmers, who facilitate the chase after money because the ball is in their court to offer studio space, to provide co-production budgets, and to present creations. My fieldwork has exposed the often-vain efforts artists make in endless networking and self-promotion. Lastly, project work goes hand in hand with paperwork and much time is spent chasing papers concerning administration, finances, legality, or unemployment benefits. Through dissecting this three-dimensional chase and providing an empirically grounded description, I aim to illustrate how the prevalent project system keeps artists poor.

Key Words
project, funding system, contemporary dance, chase
PLAYING WITH PASSIONS: TWICE TWO PARALLEL ADAPTATIONS OF SPANISH COMEDIAS IN FLANDERS AND THE NETHERLANDS BETWEEN 1660-1670

In the seventeenth-century Low Countries, audiences did not attend native plays written by Dutch and Flemish playwrights as much as plays translated and adapted from Spanish. According to contemporary critics, the so-called comedias nuevas were emotionally more exciting. This begs the question: In which sense were Spanish plays better suited to excite the spectator? From transfer studies, we know that cultural transfer is always a reconstruction of the receiving culture. In this paper, I discuss the translation and adaptation of Pedro de Calderón’s *El mayor encanto amor* (1637) as the Flemish play *Ulysses in 't eylandt van Circe* (1668) by the playwright Claude de Grieck and as the Dutch play *De toveres Circe* (1670) by Adriaan de Leeuw. This case study can tell us how a Spanish play was emotionally appropriated in the Flemish and the Dutch theatre traditions, and how Spanish culture was acculturated in the Low Countries accordingly.

Key Words

cultural transfer Spain Low Countries emotional cultures adaptations

DeStandardizing the Text and Theatrical Space – Analyzing the Politics in Aesthetics

Non-proscenium performances generally suggest the need to move in a very different dimension rather than a mere realistic approach. Through the process of creating a varied spectacle, these performances deny the conventional method of the visualization of the absence. (Proscenium performances more or less intend to visualize objects or events which are absent on stage or are nowhere connected with reality. We should also see that whether such linear representations are influencing the spectator any longer). Therefore it is important to analyse the impact of such performances in the contemporary era, and see whether they arouse any connection with the spectator any more. In contrast, non-proscenium performances generate a method that can strongly influence the spectators by means of a scenography which makes use of the ‘space’ currently available or by ‘going with the present’. This is made possible by creating a materialistic scenic language through deconstructing the text. Thus site-specific performances, created out of multiple interpretations, break the conventional space and actions in theatre and hold the attention of the spectator. Creating a site-specific performance, ‘No.14 Walkthrough’ in a two-storied house in Kerala, was a transforming experience in terms of the performance language of theatre. The performance cleaved out 14 images from the short story by Gabriel García Marquez: ‘Trail of Your Blood in the Snow,’ by making use of each and every architectural aspect of the building. These performances that make use of the five senses provide a novelty to performance dramaturgy, along with a conspicuous sensory impact. Shouldn’t we replace the rhetorical political method with a novel version of Brecht’s ‘politics in aesthetics’ in contemporary performance? On the basis of the recent studies by Erika Fischer Lichte about the alignment of text and performance in contemporary performances, this paper will postulate the growth of theatre as an evolution from the act of viewing or hearing performance, to a different way of experiencing theatre.

Key Words

Spectator, space, aesthetics, politics, text and performance
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**LOCATION & NATION - THEATRICAL REPRESENTATIONS OF THE PAST IN FIN-DE-SIÈCLE FRANKFURT/MAIN.**

As Benedict Anderson has shown, the sense of nationality - the personal feeling of belonging to the nation - derives from imagined communities, bound together by cultural roots, religion and political dynasties. Considering the German Unification 1871, where 25 territories constituted the Kaiserreich, there seemed to be a need for a common cultural identity, since many unique traditions and practices were carried over into that new entity. In my paper, I will analyze a municipal spectacle that addressed this need for identity through theatrical presentation: The urban festivity Altstädtisches Fest 1905, which tried to create a local identity via reenactments and pageants. It was also an attempt at highlighting Frankfurt’s status within the German Empire. By analyzing the Festspiel German term for a short play, written for a special event, I will investigate how the urban bourgeoisie of Frankfurt undertook an invention of tradition Hobstbawm by using particular symbols, metaphors and identification figures. Furthermore, I am interested in the ways this social event itself, as well as the architectural space and the associated exhibitions, assumed a role in building cultural memory through its staged historicity. In this case study, I will examine the role of the Festspiel for the construction of community, national identity and a particular cultural self-consciousness through theatrical representation. Methodologically, my approach is rooted in theatre historiography influenced by New Historicism Greenblatt. My PhD thesis uses concepts of theatricality and understands the 19th century as a theatrical era (Peter W. Marx).

Key Words  
theatricality, city spectacle, historiography, festivity, national identity, community

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**PROTEST EXPRESSIONS OF THE OPPRESSED: AMBEDKARITE JALSA**

Of all the diverse forms of art and theatrical expressions in India, there are very few that represent the historical, cultural and political search for belonging and identity of the oppressed majorities commonly called Bahujans of Indian caste society. Kept out of the centers and sources of knowledge and culture, their cultural work has been considered as a part of bonded labor and liturgical service. But for first time in history, Bahujans began to articulate their desire for political and cultural emancipation and a new identity with the beginning of Satyashodak Jalsa (Truth-seeking Assembly), a theatrical form as well as movement, established by Jyotirao Phule in mid-19th century colonial India. This tradition was carried forward by many other artists of the oppressed community. It is in this context that the Ambedkarite Jalsa, a musical folk theatre, was created and gradually developed with the emergence of the anti-caste movement led by the Indian politician and thinker Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Jalsa is focused on a dialogue-based form which tries to build historical as well as cultural bridges of identity and sense of belonging in a highly unstable modern Indian social milieu. The objective of this paper is to bring to light the study of these forms and undo the historical negligence given to the study of this form. It shall analyze the ways these artistic forms challenged existing thoughts and traditions, and provided the teaching of new ideals to society. Such performances generate emotion, inspiration and enthusiasm needed for the community’s struggle of emancipation. This paper will analyze the political forms of emotion and how they are generated and manifested through this collective, political ritual. I will do this by using B.R. Ambedkar’s ideas of rationality and emotion with which he developed his criticism of caste system of India.

Key Words  
Ambedker, Ambedkarite Jalsa, Marathi theatre, Satyashodhak Jalsa, Cultural invention
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UNIVERSALITY VS. SPECIFICITY: IMPACT OF CROSS-CULTURAL INFLUENCES ON INDIAN DANCE

The need to showcase the Indian tradition and culture to the world became a priority during the post-colonial era. The approach of Traditional Indian dancers in reconstructing the dance forms to fit in the status of ‘Classical’ was unique. It was unique because they adapted the Latin Term ‘Classical’ and derived their definition of this term. Google gives the translation for this term in Hindi as “Shaastriya” or that which follows the Shaastra. Hence, the traditional Indian dances revisited the ancient treatises like Natya Shaastra to earn themselves a ‘classical’ status along with following the ‘Western’ standards to fit in the proscenium stage. This paper explains the situation of post-colonial face of traditional Indian dance forms (major focus on Bharatanatyam and how it became a model to all other classical forms). The paper speaks about how the dance form got renovated/being renovated to appeal to the global audience concerning subtlety, body aesthetics, choreography on one side and adopting new contexts and new stories, etc on the other side. The paper concludes with the analysis of how the dance form worked/is working to adapt Universal elements as well as retaining the specificity of the style by validating any new additions to the form with the ancient treatises.

Key Words
classical, traditional, cross-cultural influence Kuchipudi Bharatanatyam Universality Specificity Indian

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FLASH MOB DANCE, THE ANONYMITY OF CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Since the early 2000s, flash mobs have been observed throughout the world, and video recordings of different types of flash mob videos are easily found online. One interesting aspect of flash mob dance is the variety of ways that they are choreographed, which partly accounts for a large number of flash mob videos. The way these videos are organized is based on choreography, however, the processes of choreography in flash mob dance are not clearly understood, and there are few studies on the topic. This paper describes flash mob dance in contemporary dance history, extending to choreography processes and theatrical performance. I present the flash mobs’ history, which has inspired my research, and illustrates the concept of mobilization. In flash mob dance processes, we suggest the choreographer cannot have the right to create and distribute media among anonymous persons. I then present a categorization of statuses relating to the space used in flash mob dance: 1 projector, 2 participants, 3 accomplices, 4 passersby, and 5 camera persons. We show the anonymous space’s various roles in creating spectator participation and conflicts with dance in the public area. Finally, as cases studies, I describe a structure and representation of the flash mob Dominique Bagouet 2012, and a flash mob improvised at Nuit Blanche 2014 in France. This allows me to prove a tendency toward general homogeneous choreographers, audiences, and spectators, who I define as a public gathering of complete strangers, who perform a pointless act and then disperse. They are organized via the Internet or Mobile phones. This study employs Mikhail Bakhtin’s theory of the “carnivalesque” as its theatrical framework to examine how anonymous spectators participate equally in flash mob dance in urban space. It also explores whether these case studies appear as a way of resistance to neoliberalism.

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ACTORS’ DIRECTION: BODIES IN PROCESS

The theatrical creative processes are constituted by fine webs of professional and social interactions. This domain of intertwined risks and trials requires a complete corporal engagement of all participants involved in the artistic project. However, there is a lack of knowledge regarding the implications of the director’s body on the creative process. In this sense, this study presents a practice-led research conducted by the researcher in her role as director. Material was collected from the rehearsals of “Concentração”, a play created and restaged in 2015 and 2016, respectively. The collected information, in form of videos, pictures, handbooks and interviews, was analysed according to concepts of Sophie Proust to better understand the effects of the director’s spatial position in the rehearsal room, the manner of listening and observing and the “showing” practice in the actor’s direction process. Additionally, the relationships amongst the actors and the director and between the researcher and the “object of study” are aligned and discussed. The preliminary results reinforce the importance of the theatre director’s body in the process of actors’ direction beyond the audience arrival and underline that the director’s body remains apparitional during the performance even though its absence on stage.

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