

Awareness group, meeting on 20 October 2022, from 9:30—11 a.m. at Paulusplatz
Participants: Ella Zwatz, Maryam Shahidifar, Katrin Hornek, Georgia Holz, Maria Stepanek,
Paul Petritsch, Camille Borchert, Diana Sych

Moderation today: Paul

Minutes today: Maria

Next meeting: 24 November 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Review:

- There was a workshop on privileges in the MAS (Main Artistic Subject) last academic year.
- Trans-hostile lecture; Nathan was a guest speaker in the Awareness Group and shared his experiences (he is open for questions).
- Awareness Group members are also contact persons within the class, however they are not experts.

Today Ella wants to talk about the e-mail from Sara Ghalandari.

How does one deal with “political issues”?

Is there a need to talk within the class?

Georgia introduces the following points, and the group discusses them:

- How do we use the department’s Instagram account?
We must determine in advance whether we want to use the account for political purposes.
Maryam is not in favor of detailed political work. Short-lived information.
Steer toward “we see it,” but steer away from: “fact today, fake tomorrow.”
How much political depth do we need within the class?
How can we treat such issues more deeply? E.g. what does revolution mean?
This would “not only” be discussed in the Awareness Group but also in the MAS. It would be a larger-scale class discussion.
Education should take place not only online but offline as well.
The voice that speaks on Instagram is not an easy role.
Perhaps we should choose a medium that is not as ephemeral (e.g. our website).
We ask ourselves how “topical” the contributions should be, or should we stick to the “symbol” of a general contribution?
What is our task as a university, as a department?
Idea:
Instagram “takeover”: This week have certain people post opinions on a theme.
Art without politics? Naturally one determines the other?
One first step might be that we follow more political groups on Instagram.
- Sara also asked where Europe’s political voice is.
Paul wants to get the rector involved in this discourse. As the political mouthpiece of the university, it is his voice we should be using.
- Public blaming/shaming of members in Sara’s e-mail.
We haven’t discussed it.

Conclusions for today:

- We will follow and connect to political groups on Instagram.
- The MAS will invite a guest or guests who work politically (e.g. workshop and statement).
- On 23 March 2023 the MAS program is reserved for the Awareness Group.
(We have yet to decide who will be invited.)

The next meeting will be moderated by Maryam Shahidifar

The next minutes will be taken by Camille Borchert (she will also send the invitation to the student list).