

## Prayer for (Passive?) Resistance 1st Athens Biennial 2007 Conference

17th & 18th February 2007, Athens

The 1st Athens Biennial 2007 Conference is titled *Prayer for (Passive?) Resistance*. It will be held on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th February 2007 in Athens. The Conference will investigate the premise suggested by the concept of the 1st Athens Biennial 2007 exhibition, *Destroy Athens*. It will take place in the main chamber of the Old Parliament, now the National Historical Museum, in central Athens. It is open to the public.

The Conference will include presentations by **Catherine David**, independent curator, and co-curator of the 1st Contemporary Art Biennale of Thessaloniki; **Per Hasselberg**, artist and Director of Konsthall C, Stockholm; **Evelyne Jouanno**, independent curator and art critic; **Maria Theodorou**, architect; **Viktor Misiano**, independent curator, art critic, and curator of the parallel program of the invited country (Russia) in art athina 2007; **Neil Mulholland**, Acting Director of the Centre for Visual & Cultural Studies, Edinburgh College of Art; **Panayis Panayiotopoulos**, lecturer at the Department of Political Science, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; **Kostis Stafylakis**, artist, doctoral candidate at Panteion University, Athens; **Yiannis Stavrakakis**, Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Theoretical Studies, University of Essex, and tutor at the Department of Political Science, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; **Jeremy Valentine**, Senior Lecturer at Queen Margaret University College, Edinburgh. In addition, the curators of 1st Athens Biennial 2007 **Xenia Kalpaktsoglou**, **Poka-Yio** and **Augustine Zenakos** will present an introduction to the conference and the exhibition.

The moderators of the Conference are **Katerina Koskina**, art historian and Artistic Director of the J. F. Costopoulos Foundation; and **Yiorgos Tzirtzilakis**, architect and Assistant Professor in the Architecture Department of the University of Thessaly.



### PROGRAMME

#### Saturday 17th February

- 11:00 Opening address  
Marieke van Hal, Director, 1st Athens Biennial 2007
- 11:15 *Prayer for (Passive?) Resistance*. Introduction  
Xenia Kalpaktsoglou, Poka-Yio, Augustine Zenakos, curators, 1st Athens Biennial 2007
- 11:30 *Art in the Age of Metapolitics*  
Yiannis Stavrakakis & Kostis Stafylakis
- 12:15 *Party Fears Two: Social Network Theory, contemporary art and countercultures*  
Neil Mulholland
- 13:00 Discussion
- 13:30 Intermission
- 15:00 *Architectural Resistance*  
Maria Theodorou
- 15:45 *"Let's get out of this town" – Political Culture and Authenticity in the Right and Left*  
Panayis Panayiotopoulos

16:30 *Stereotypes, Causality and Ethics*  
Jeremy Valentine

17:15 Discussion

17:45 Closing

Moderator: Katerina Koskina

## Sunday 18th February

11:00 *Building up a Biennial*  
Catherine David

11:45 *Emergency Biennale in Chechnya – When Creation Has to Engage with Destruction*  
Evelyne Jouanno

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Intermission

14:30 *The Good Society and the Nuclear Option*  
Per Hasselberg

15:15 *Resistance on Stage?*  
Viktor Misiano

16:00 Discussion

16:30 Closing

Moderator: Yiorgos Tzirtzilakis

The Conference is open to the public, and all are welcome. Venue capacity is however limited, we therefore apologize that seating can only be available on a priority basis.

**Old Parliament - National Historical Museum**  
**13, Stadiou Street, Athens**

**Time: 11.00**

**Simultaneous translation**

**Entrance to the Conference is free of charge**

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