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Highlights of the final two weeks of the 12th Berlin Biennale

The 12th edition of the Berlin Biennale for Contemporary Art concludes with a thematic focus on the topic of restitution, a conference on algorithmic governance, and a special program during Berlin Art Week

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The 12th Berlin Biennale is on view for another two weeks only, until September 18, 2022. An extensive discursive program accompanies the final days of this edition.

With presentations and a conference, the discursive program of the 12th Berlin Biennale focuses on the topic of restitution:

The transnational **research project** *Re-Connecting "Objects": Epistemic Plurality and Transformative Practices in and beyond Museums* asks how action-oriented research can transform practices with colonial collections. This presentation at the 12th Berlin Biennale is a collaboration with Technische Universität Berlin.

Friday, 9.9.2022 (7–9 pm) / Wednesday, 14.9.2022 (6–10 pm) KW Institute for Contemporary Art Auguststraße 69, 10117 Berlin With: Charles Nyiha, Elsa M'bala, Lennon Mhishi, Laura Kloeckner, Lotte Arndt, Lucie Mbogni Nankeng, Lynhan Balatbat-Helbock, Marian Nur Goni, Rossila Goussanou, Sam Hopkins, Sophie Schasiepen, Stella Chiweshe, and La Villa Hermosa (Ayoh Kré Duchâtelet, Lionel Maes) Presentation language: English Free admission; no advance registration necessary.

The **conference** *From Restitution to Repair* considers the debate around restitution, which is gaining attention internationally but is also in danger of becoming institutionalized and de-complexified. It seeks to frame restitution within the broader concept of repair of individual and societal traumas (as developed by Kader Attia) and as a mode of cultural resistance.

Saturday, 10.9.2022 (3–7:30 pm) / Sunday, 11.9.2022 (3–7:30 pm) Akademie der Künste Hanseatenweg 10, 10557 Berlin Curated by: Kader Attia and Marie Helene Pereira With: Albert Gouaffo, Bénédicte Savoy, Ciraj Rassool, Dan Hicks, Deneth Piumakshi Veda Arachchige, El Hadji Malick Ndiaye, Jihan El-Tahri, Paz Guevara, Rolando Vázquez, Sophie Schasiepen, The School of Mutants (Hamedine Kane, Lou Mo, Stéphane Verlet-Bottéro, Valérie Osouf), Tuấn Andrew Nguyễn, Uta Kornmeier Conference language: English, with simultaneous translation into French Free admission; no advance registration necessary. The conference will be livestreamed.

The **conference** *The Digital Divide* takes place at the Stasi Headquarters. Campus for Democracy and deals with a range of issues related to algorithmic governance. Topics include oligarchic aspects of crypto applications and how the blockchain emancipates itself from three essential aspects of law: language, territory, and the body.

Thursday, 15.9.2022 (2:30–8.30 pm) Stasi Headquarters. Campus for Democracy Ruschestraße 103, 10365 Berlin Curated by: Kader Attia and Noam Segal With: Apryl Williams, Evgeny Morozov, Jean Lassègue, Katrin Becker, Maithu Bùi, Noel W Anderson, Ramak Molavi, Shazeda Ahmed, Tarek El-Ariss Conference language: English, with simultaneous translation into German Free admission; no advance registration necessary. The conference will be livestreamed. The livestream is planned and produced by the Berliner Hochschule für Technik (BHT).

During **Berlin Art Week** (September 14–18, 2022), additional tours will be offered at the exhibition venues, as well as film screenings, workshops, and performances.

More information on the upcoming events:

<u>Presentation: Re-Connecting "Objects"</u> <u>Conference: From Restitution to Repair</u> <u>Conference: The Digital Divide</u> <u>Full Program</u>

The 12th Berlin Biennale with the title *Still Present!* takes place from June 11 to September 18, 2022. The exhibition is on view at: Akademie der Künste, Hanseatenweg and Pariser Platz, Dekoloniale Memory Culture in the City, Hamburger Bahnhof – Museum für Gegenwart – Berlin, KW Institute for Contemporary Art, and Stasi Headquarters. Campus for Democracy.

1 BB 2 Information on the 12th Berlin Biennale and a selection of press images are available on the <u>website</u> and upon <u>request</u>.

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