



## Artistic Research: Evaluation and Canon Formation

Meeting, Thu-Fri 29-30 April 2010, Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK)

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### CALL FOR PAPERS

As artistic research is still a rather young discipline, most of the debates surrounding it have so far been concerned with questions of definition: the new field has to be mapped in both epistemological and aesthetic terms, and established politically and institutionally. Consequently, the issue of quality has often remained in the background – although it arises regularly as soon as PhD research or applications for research funding have to be evaluated. Therefore, a canonical body of artistic research projects has yet to emerge. References to such projects are rare and in many instances, accessibility to their documentation proves to be difficult. The connection between the debate on quality and concrete examples of artistic research projects is still rather tenuous.

#### Short Presentations (max. 20 minutes)

We invite proposals for short presentations (max. 20 minutes) on one (or several) artistic research project(s), in which the speaker *is not personally involved*, but which s/he considers worthy of excellence. Examples from all disciplines are required. Contributions are expected to offer critical discussions, thereby making explicit project evaluation criteria and reflecting on a possible generalization of these criteria.

A second part of the conference will consist of the presentation of two artistic research projects, from either Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK) or another Swiss arts university. These will be evaluated in an open discussion, allowing participants to apply and discuss the criteria developed in their presentations.

#### **Deadline for abstracts (500-1000 words): 15 October 2009**

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