A Critical Reassessment

Death and the Avant-Garde

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Registration

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Department of Dutch Literature & Literary Theory, Universiteit Gent



International postgraduate seminar

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0 – Intro

14.00-14.10

What made scholars in the second half of the 20th century conclude that avant-garde art was a thing of the past? And what exactly did they mean by 'avant-garde' art? What makes the 20th century avant-gardes strange and unfamiliar to us today, and which aspects of the 20th century avant-gardes still exert an influence on contemporary art and literature? This interdisciplinary seminar aims to tackle these questions by way of a series of case-studies dealing with avant-garde literature and other media.

1 - (T)ex(t)

14.10-15.40

Anna Katharina Schaffner (University of Edinburgh)
Digital Phoenix. On the Re-Birth of Avant-Garde Poetics in Binary Code

Steven Engels (KU Leuven)

Death by (Displaced) Repetition. Tel Quel and the Heritage of Surrealism

BEN DHOOGE (Universiteit Gent)
A. Platonov: A One Man Avant-Garde?

Session chair: BENOIT DE BAERE (Universiteit Gent)

2 - (P)art(s)

16.00-17.30

THOMAS CROMBEZ (Universiteit Antwerpen)

Towards a Starved Theatre

STEVEN JACOBS (Universiteit Gent)
The City After the Avant-Garde: Postphotographic Spaces

RUTH HEMUS (University of Edinburgh)

Domestic Goddesses? The Subversions of Handicrafts
in the Work of Avant-Garde Women Artists

Session chair: HUBERT VAN DEN BERG (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen)

3 – Discussion

17.30-18.00

Chair: CHRISTEL STALPAERT (Universiteit Gent)