

photo: Waste Land Poster; courtesy of Lucy Walker

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technology School of Architecture + Planning

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Located in Kendall Square, Cambridge.

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about the lecture series

The Zones of Emergency: Artistic Interventions - Creative Responses to Conflict & Crisis Fall 2011 lecture series investigates initiatives and modes of intervention in contested spaces, zones of conflict, or areas affected by environmental disasters. The intention is to explore whether artistic interventions can transform, disrupt or subvert current environmental, urban, political and social conditions in critical ways. A crucial question is how can such interventions propose ideas, while at the same time respecting the local history and culture.

The Fall 2011 lecture series is directed by Ute Meta Bauer and is part of the courses 4.365/4.366 Zones of Emergency: Artistic Intervention - Creative Responses to Conflict and Crisis, 4.330/331 Intro to Networked Cultures & Participatory Media, and 4.360/4.361 Performance Workshop.

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lucy walker, filmmaker (UK)

99 is not 100 - documenting the transformative power of art, or the art of transformative documentary

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How do we observe or quantify the impact of an artistic intervention or the impact of a documentary film? Lucy Walker will be reflecting on the experience of making and showing the film Waste Land, a documentary about artist Vik Muniz's collaboration with the self-designated recyclables materials pickers of Jardim Gramacho, the largest landfill in the world. The film has won over thirty international awards and was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Documentary. Lucy Walker has directed four award-winning feature documentaries: Devil's Playground, Blindsight, Waste Land and Countdown To Zero. Her latest film, The Tsunami and the Cherry Blossom, is among the eight shortlisted contenders for the 84th Academy Awards' best Documentary Short Subject category, of which three to five films will earn Oscar nominations.

monday nights at 7pm

09/26/11 – Tess Thackara: Popularizing the Fight for Indigenous Rights

10/03/11 – Jack Persekian: In the Meantime

10/17/11 – Joichi Ito: Enabling Emergent Voices and Expression Through Technology

10/31/11 – Lucy Walker: 99 Is Not 100 – Documenting the Transformative Power of Art, or the Art of Transformative Documentary

11/07/11 – Stella Mcgregor: Ploughshares from Swords – Social Sculpture and Cultural Agency

11/14/11 - James Wescoat & Shun Kanda: MIT Japan 3/11 Initiative

11/21/11 – Amar Kanwar: The Impermanent Institution



