On the occasion of the launch of Picturing, the first volume of the Terra Foundation Essays, a new publication series exploring themes of critical importance to the history of arts and visual culture of the United States, the Deutsches Forum für Kunstgeschichte Paris, and the Terra Foundation for American Art are jointly organizing a conference to further the transatlantic dialogue about what pictures are and what they do.

This conference invites speakers to reflect on the differences and convergences between the intellectual traditions of visual studies and Bildwissenschaft. Are there ways to think about pictures anew by bringing these models more closely together? Does the move away from visuality towards the material offer possibilities for overcoming early differences between these two approaches?

Practical information

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May 19 — Terra Foundation for American Art

2:30 p.m. Welcome
John Daviers (Terra Foundation for American Art)

3:00-4:15 p.m. Session 1: Propositions
Maxime Boidy (Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint Denis) and Stéphane Roth (Cité de la musique)
Striking Images: Body Politics on the Streets
Jakub Stejskal (FU Berlin)
Beltling and Summers on Substitution

Moderator: Victor Claass (German Center for Art History Paris)

4:15 p.m. Break

4:30-6:00 p.m. Round Table
Rachael Z. Delue (Princeton University), Beate Fricke (University of California, Berkeley), Antonio Somaini (Université Paris 3 – Sorbonne Nouvelle), Ralph Ubl (Universität Basel)

Cocktail

May 20 — German Center for Art History Paris (DFK Paris)

9:30 a.m. Welcome
Thomas Kirchner (German Center for Art History Paris)

9:45-11:00 a.m. Session 2: Ways of Picturing
Kristopher Kersey (University of Richmond)
Built Images: The Mark of Japan and the Terms of the Picture
Sebastian Zeidler (Yale University)
Matisse with Husserl: Rethinking the Picture in 1906

Moderator: David Peters Corbett (University of East Anglia and Courtauld Institute of Art)

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Session 3: Picturing and Paint
Robin Schuldenfrei (Courtauld Institute of Art)
Exigencies of Materializing Vision in Josef Albers’s Homage to a Square
Lauren Kroiz (University of California, Berkeley)

Tactile: Ad Reinhardt and Black Paintings

Moderator: Jennifer Greenhill (University of Southern California)

12:45-2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00-3:15 p.m. Session 4: Visual Environments
Elsje Van Kessel (University of St Andrews)
The Forrest and the Trees: Locating Images in Early Modern "Abundant Exhibitions"
Michael Leja (University of Pennsylvania)
How Did Pictures Become Image Culture?

Moderator: Godehard Janzing (German Center for Art History Paris)

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30-4:45 p.m. Session 5: Picturing and the Lens
Temenuga Trifonova (York University, Toronto)
Still/Moving: The Photographic Image in the Post-Medium Condition
André Gunthert (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales)
The Silent Revolutions of Digital Images

Moderator: Tanya Sheehan (Colby College and Archives of American Art Journal)

4:45 p.m. Break

5:00 p.m. Keynote
James Elkins (School of the Art Institute of Chicago)
Unresolved Issues in the Conceptualization of the Image

Moderator: Veerle Thielemans (Terra Foundation for American Art)

Cocktail