

## DIG Pool 5: Art & Production: The Object As Is (gLV)

Looking at the past century of the readymade as a new and broad artistic medium, we will investigate how artists have used, and we can use, unaltered objects as symbols, codings and societal witnesses.

### Angebot für

Bisheriges Studienmodell > Hochschulweites Lehrangebot > Geöffnete Lehrveranstaltungen  
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Nummer und Typ MFA-MFA-Po00.20H.005 / Moduldurchführung

Modul Pool:

Veranstalter Departement Fine Arts

Leitung Mitchell Anderson

Anzahl Teilnehmende maximal 16

ECTS 3 Credits

Voraussetzungen Course language: English

Lehrform Workshop, excursion, individual and group tutorials

Zielgruppen MA Fine Arts students

Open for exchange students

Interested students of other study programmes can contact [studium.dfa@zhdk.ch](mailto:studium.dfa@zhdk.ch) and will be informed at the end of calendar week 36 about a possible participation.

ATTENTION: The module is fully booked!

Lernziele /  
Kompetenzen Strategies of object creation based on recent art history  
Critical thinking of concept and content versus physical form and labor  
Ability to initiate and defend artistic concept in group critique

Inhalte When Marcel Duchamp coined the term readymade in 1917 he opened up a new medium in art that proved to be broader and deeper than just a urinal exhibited on its side. From his initial explorations through Fluxus and early conceptual art; to the minimal conceptualism of the 80s and 90s, artists have experimented with the display of unaltered objects as works in their own right. We will explore these artworks and their ideas, as well as contemporary practitioners who have turned to this strategy of art making over the past decade. We will question the ability of items already existing in the world to convey stories, examine how presentation and description can define a work and discuss where visual judgement lies within these practices. A majority of artists who have gained attention for executing work in this way represent minority positions in the art world and we will assess how an object may be formed conceptually to hold a kind of witness to a wide range of real world social issues. We will experiment together with objects in a workshop presentation, investigating the limits of how one can allow or force objects to give narrative or form to a viewing audience with

out any  
physical labor of alteration.

About the teacher:

Mitchell Anderson is an artist interested in the narrative possibilities of existing objects and images. Recent solo exhibitions include Fondazione Converso, Milan (2019); Galerie Maria Bernheim, Zurich (2018) and FriArt/ Kunsthalle Fribourg (2017). Since 2014 he has run the artist space Plymouth Rock in Zurich. He is a frequent contributor of criticism and essays to a variety of international arts publications such as Artforum and frieze.

Leistungsnachweis / Testatanforderung	Interest in engaging in group discussions and questioning past and current artistic practices.
	Mandatory attendance (80%); active participation
Termine	Time: 10:00 - 18:00 o'clock
	CW 46: 09 / 10 / 11 / 12 / 13 November
Bewertungsform	bestanden / nicht bestanden