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Call for exhibition submissions „Genius Loci“

In Roman mythology there was the concept of the Genius Loci, the spirit of a place. This was not just about the patron of religious places like temples and cult sites but also "profane" areas such as provinces, cities, squares, buildings or individual rooms within these buildings.

Since then, not only have the places themselves been transformed, also the concept of the spirit has changed fundamentally. While in Roman mythology the Genius Loci was represented by a serpent, the concept of the soul took its place in Christianity. With the exhibition at Oberwelt we would like to ask about contemporary meaning and interpretations of the Genius Loci.

Alastair Bonnet writes in „Unruly Places“:

In his philosophical history „The fate of Place“ Edward Casey charts a growing „disdain for the genius loci: indifference to the specialness of place.“ We all live with the results. Most of us can see them outside the window. In a hypermobile world, a love of place can easily be cast as passé, even reactionary. When human fulfillment is measured out in air miles and when even geographers subscribe to the idea, as expressed by Professor William J. Mitchell of MIT, that „communities increasingly find their common ground in cyberspace rather than terra firma,“ wanting to think about place can seem a little perverse. Yet placelessness is neither intellectually nor emotionally satisfying. Sir Thomas More’s Greek neologism Utopia may translate as „no place,“ but a placeless world is a dystopian prospect.

All media and formats, including performances, readings, films or lectures can be submitted. During the exhibition period events (performances, film screenings, readings, etc.) can take place, especially on weekends.

From the submissions the Genius Loci team will curate the exhibition as well as an accompanying program.

Overview of dates and deadlines:

Deadline	1st of September 2017
Delivery of works	30th + 31st of October, 6 - 9 pm at Oberwelt
Opening	3rd of November 2017, 7 pm
Exhibition:	3rd - 25th of November 2017
Finissage	25th of November 2017, 7 pm
Further evening-events	will be coordinated with the artists
Place	Oberwelt e.V. Reinsburgstr. 93, 70197 Stuttgart

The application form can be downloaded at www.oberwelt.de (current events)

Please send applications with photo or sketch (if possible per email) to the following address:
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We are looking forward to manifold contributions!
The Genius Loci Team