

## **Defending Artistic Freedom – Building Alliances**

Focus: Creating open spaces together for women\*, queers, trans\* persons in arts & culture

Interactive Workshop, with a keynote by Fahim Amir

October 14th 2020, 2pm – 6pm, Online (via ZOOM)

**How free are art & culture?** In times of Covid-19, amidst an uprising of populist tendencies and a neoliberal economic system in Austria, as well as Europe-wide, free spaces for art and culture are shifting. Precarious structures and marginalization restrict these spaces even further.

However, artistic freedom can only be ensured, if production, distribution and participation, exempt from pressure and influence, are possible - this also includes the social and economic security of artists and cultural workers. Together with artists, cultural workers and as well as everyone interested, a space for exchange will be created in order to strengthen and expand alliances and to develop strategies for strengthening artistic freedom.

The discussions will revolve around central questions:

What forms of restrictions on artistic freedom are we encountering in Austria? How can we make them more visible – along with being in solidarity with one another? What joint impactful countermeasures can we take?







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Participatory workshop about artistic freedom, its restrictions as well as

countermeasures and building alliances of solidarity

**Facilitation** 

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**Impulsvortrag** 

## Shrewd tactics

Art, power, freedom

by Fahim Amir

In his keynote, philosopher Fahim Amir takes a critical look at the concept of freedom. After all: Whose freedom are we referring to? Is the understanding of "artistic freedom" in the conventional sense an appointment of *old white men*? How can we imagine a new, feminist engagement?

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Online (via ZOOM) A link will be sent to all registered participants prior to the work as well as a workbook.

Limited number of participants\* possible; we ask for you to register if you are really planning to come by October 7, 2020 at <a href="http://tiny.cc/workshop\_fiftitu">http://tiny.cc/workshop\_fiftitu</a>

If you need to cancel, please inform us (office@fiftitu.at) as soon as possible, so we can contact further interested persons.

## Participation is free!

The workshop will be held in German. Should you need translation into English, Austrian Sign Language or any other language, please let us know when you register. We will do our best to find a way for you to be able to participate.

We are looking forward to your participation, exchange and feedback!

