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Osage Art Foundation is proud to announce the launch of the publication **“Art in the 21st Century: Reflections and Provocations”**, which brings together a group of international thinkers and scholars for an intellectual discourse upon the interdependencies between Art, Science and Technology.

The Augmented Reality public art project, “BeHere,” of media artist Masaki Fujihata in 2018, led to a one-day forum, “HKACT! Act 4 A Forum Act” in January 2019. The forum brought together a small group of international scholars and artists to discuss the significance of digital media. One result was the decision to call for a broad collection of short essays that would reflect on the impact of advanced media in the arts and humanities today.

Rather than attempt a survey of the topic, this slim volume **“Art in the 21st Century: Reflections and Provocations”** invited 15 scholars from various fields of expertise to present some reflections and provocations on salient concerns about art in the 21st century to stimulate discussions on art *after* the media.

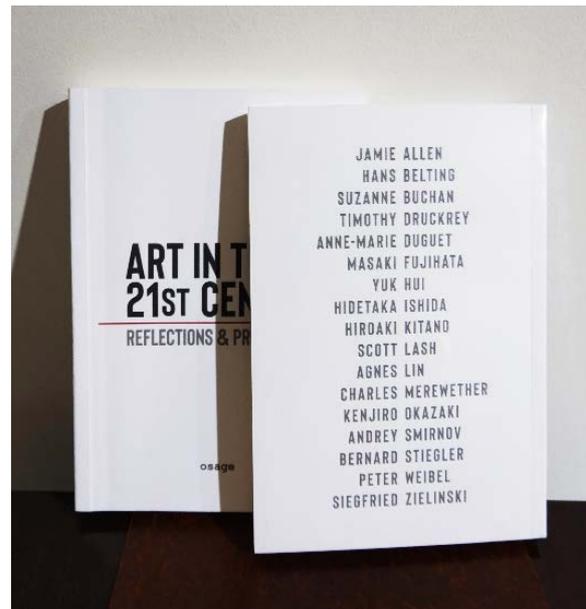
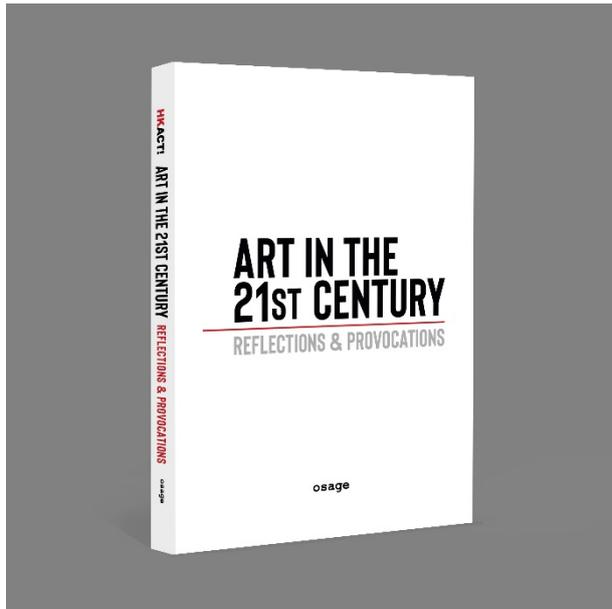
The video of the online book launch will be available for viewing from 26 May 2020 on websites and social media platforms of Asia Society Hong Kong Center and Osage Art Foundation. Editors Siegfried Zielinski and Charles Merewether, and authors Peter Weibel, Anne-Marie Duguet and Hidetaka Ishida, will be introducing the book, together with contributing editor Masaki Fujihata’s reflection on the “BeHere” project.

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Quotes from Authors

HANS BELTING (Berlin)



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Whose Images?

“Natural memory *is* a place of images. Between an individual (spontaneous) and a technical (institutionalised) memory, *collective memory* constitutes a culture in the most respected as well as the most banal sense. Collective identity makes the individual a member of his own culture, one who calls forth his images from the inherited archive. This is true even of a world in which a community is losing control of its images. It is likewise true of a time in which global images are gaining in influence. Cultures are subject to change and renew themselves in the dialectic of remembering and forgetting. Cultures also have collective bodies, and these too are subject to time.”

TIMOTHY DRUCKREY (New York)



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After Post-History and the 'Instant Archive'

“At almost every point in the history of representation there has been and continues to be a necessary debate concerning the incessant presence and proliferation of images. [...] The constant crisis of image culture has come in the reciprocity or clash between what is visual and what can be rendered visible.”

“[We] have been obligated to grasp astonishing transformations in image production, image creation, image distribution, image reception and the vast new territories that images inhabit.”

YUK HUI (Hong Kong/Berlin)



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Space and Place: Remarks on a Digital Chronotopology

“‘BeHere’ [invites us to] reflect on what kind of engagement with locality new interface technologies such as augmented reality (AR) can offer for artistic creations.”

“The artist uses AR to recount a history which is no longer, but may still be experienced through traces constituted by new media technologies. It is through this work that we can participate—in the very literal sense of this term—in the life of phantoms.”

HIDETAKA ISHIDA (Tokyo)



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The Invention of Fujihata

“Hijacking the arms of transcendent hyper-control power, taking back in hand the apparatuses that isolate individuals, creating a weapon for transindividuation—even if, in the process, we must transform ourselves into beings-in-the media”

PETER WEIBEL (Karlsruhe/Vienna)



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From Image Media to Bio Media

“[T]he image is transformed, from the idea of a window [...] to the metaphor of a door through which the viewer may pass into or out of a world of multisensory event fields that together constitute a temporally and spatially modifiable, dynamic space of experience. [...] The variable virtual image now behaves like a living system, reacting to the input of a context, of a viewer, and changing its state and its output in consequence of the input of the viewer or its environment. Thus the image is transformed into a dynamic system with lifelike behaviours and in this way comes to resemble a living organism.”

ANNE-MARIE DUGUET (Paris)



Photo Credit: Anne-Marie Duguet

You Can't Be Serious!

“[W]hat goes on with this subversive force when the artist comes to grips with technology? How does the total freedom of spirit that humour calls for home in on the flaws in technical systems, pick up on a gadget-obsessed conformism, give a new twist to scientific inventions and come up with the incongruous, the paradoxical and, above all, the ambiguous? When it comes to the crunch, this humour is engaging but not comforting.”

SCOTT LASH (London)



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Machine Semantics and the Limits of Ontology

“What [Aby] Warburg’s semantics of the image gives us [...] is [...] an aesthetics of the imagination, in which sense and reference are less clear and distinct than dazed and confused. This is a faculty of the imagination that [...] works against the structures of analytic understanding. [...] Warburg draws on a natural history of images, from the Palaeolithic to the Modern. Memory itself is part and parcel of the imagination. If perception is of the ‘here and now’, then memory is about the ‘there and then’. Yet neither memory nor the imagination have yet entered the realm of the symbolic or that of understanding. They are pre-classification, pre-structural.”

CHARLES MEREWETHER (Tiflis)



Photo Credit: Charles Merewether

Montage: The Interactivity of Energies

“Much has changed since the montage practice of Vertov and Eisenstein almost 100 years ago. [...] [W]hile both Vertov and Eisenstein anticipated the future of media art, digital media itself has advanced. This includes increasing attention being paid to the interactivity between the viewer and the work—that is, between the human body and virtual reality. Digital media was developing such that there was a shift of agency, from that of the filmmaker to that of the receiver.”

SUZANNE BUCHAN (London)



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Pervasive, Disruptive and Useful Animation

“I work with a notion of *pervasive animation*, and my concerns address the effects and affects of animation in contemporary culture on the humans who engage with it, and with informing relations and distinctions between a range of subjects, technologies and platforms on which it is experienced.”

ANDREY SMIRNOV (Moscow)



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On Telematic Music

“[T]he observer of an interactive telematic system is by definition a participator. [...] Creativity is shared, authorship is distributed.”

“One important term in this aesthetic exploration of location is ‘telepresence’, which refers to the ability to ‘be’ in a place other than the physical location in which your body resides and to the characteristics and degree to which one experiences existential qualities of engagement with the virtual presence of others.”

HIROAKI KITANO (Tokyo)



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An Alternative Form of Scientific Discovery

“[W]hat is the single most significant capability that artificial intelligence (AI) can deliver? What pushes humankind forward?”

“What is the essence of scientific discovery? Can there be an alternative form of scientific discovery? Is discovery by machine different from the process of human discovery?”

KENJIRO OKAZAKI (Tokyo)



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To Hear Unheard Melodies

“The potential opened up by works of art is not limited to the consent we receive from viewers who belong in this present, in the here and now. Instead, their potential lies in their power to reveal an absent place that cannot be situated in this world, a place that is open to all beings [...] that have been excluded from human status, insofar as that is limited to the time and place of a present that is divided and controlled by politics.”

JAMIE ALLEN (Kopenhagen)



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The Earth is an Art, Like Everything Else

“[A]rt can propose imaginaries which impel what has, can and should be remembered from the past, as well as what can and should be created in the present. Human creativity, constitutive of Arendt’s *vita activa*, is an ‘activity which corresponds to the biological processes of the human body, whose spontaneous growth, metabolism, and eventual decay are bound to the vital necessities produced and fed into the life process by labour’.”

BERNARD STIEGLER (Paris)

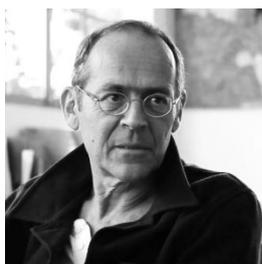


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‘Night Gives Birth to Day’ as the ‘Conquest of Imperfection’

“What will the 21st century have been at the beginning of the 22nd century, for those who will still be living in the biosphere—which itself became a technosphere during the 19th and 20th centuries (also known as the Anthropocene era)?”

“Is the Anthropocene era the end-age?”

SIEGFRIED ZIELINSKI (Berlin)



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Origin ≠ Future: Prospective Archaeology

“The possibility of being able to think, dream, draft and configure through past presents into those of the future opens up a very particular kind of experimental space. I call this space *prospective archaeology*. It is just as much a space of doing as it is a space of thinking. Prospective archaeology is in this way a poetic as well as a cognitive-speculative praxis.”

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Abstract	Art in the 21st century has both continued on and changed in ways that were unanticipated. There had emerged forms of advanced media technologies with antecedents in cinema and broadcasting that began to take pre-eminence. These new digital and telematic media opened up issues of production, reception and audience participation in radical, unexpected ways. In January, 2019, the Osage Art Foundation brought together a small group of international scholars and artists for a day-long forum to discuss the significance of digital media. What resulted was the decision to call

	<p>for a broad collection of short essays that would reflect on the impact of advanced media in the arts and humanities today.</p> <p>This slim volume “Art in the 21st century: Reflections and Provocations” is that result, which focuses on the influence of new image technologies, including virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR), in the arts. The 15 contributing authors, representing various fields of expertise, from art history and art criticism to literature, music, animation, photography, film, philosophy and media archaeology, introduce the history and interpretation of the subject with a view to their own particular field of expertise.</p> <p>Rather than attempt a survey of the topic, this publication aims to present some reflections and provocations on salient concerns about art in the 21st century to stimulate discussions on art <i>after</i> the media have become superfluous and systemic for our advanced civilisations.</p>
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ABOUT

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Osage Art Foundation was established in 2005 with three main goals – fostering Creative Communities, promoting Cultural Co-operation and building Creative Capacity and has since played an active role in developing education and training of young people, broadening cultural awareness and participation in artistic endeavours, nurturing creativity and critical thinking and fostering international cultural exchange.

The Osage Art Foundation is now well known and recognised by the local community and internationally as having initiated many pioneering projects of international calibre.

The current focus of the Osage Art Foundation is on developing deeper discourse in and around the arts in the wider community. We believe that research, analysis, examination and promulgation of issues pertaining to society, contemporary culture and value by artists, writers, critics, curators and commentators will build better understanding of regional perspectives throughout Asia and beyond.

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HKACT!

In 2015 the Osage Art Foundation began developing HKACT!, a major platform for the promotion of Art Culture and Technological Innovation in Hong Kong.

HKACT! celebrates art and ideas by bringing together visionary thinkers and innovators to help chart the future of a better society through a series of ground-breaking, cutting edge, innovative, technological art and cultural projects.

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