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Portland State University presents Open Engagement: Art and Social Practice
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Portland State University is proud to present the third annual Open Engagement conference on Art and Social Practice. The Open Engagement conference is an initiative of Portland State University's Art and Social Practice MFA concentration. Directed and founded by Jen Delos Reyes and planned in conjunction with Harrell Fletcher and the Art and Social Practice students, this year's conference features keynote presenters Tania Bruguera, Shannon Jackson, and Paul Ramirez Jonas. The work by these artists and scholars touch on subjects including politics, economies, education, and representation.

Open Engagement is an international conference that sets out to explore various perspectives on art and social practice and expand the dialogue around socially engaged art making. Through conversations, presentations, workshops, interviews, open reflections, and related projects created for or presented at the conference, we will be investigating, questioning, celebrating, and challenging the current state of art and social practice. This conference is a site where an intergenerational exchange can occur between emerging artists and established artists. This is also a site where transdisciplinary conversation is possible.

Open Engagement is a free conference that will take place May 18-20, 2012, in Portland, Oregon. Open Engagement is currently accepting proposals for presentations, panels, workshops, and projects for the 2012 conference.

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