

Drawing together

As a fundamental practice of making marks on a surface, drawing is a bedrock to a broad variety of artistic and scientific procedures. Since the 30,000-year-old animal paintings in Chauvet Cave, drawing is a heterogeneous mode of human practice that includes doodling, narrating, planning, mapping, as well as pulling things together or apart. As a mode of research, drawing facilitates both exploring and focusing in on specific aspects. 'A picture is worth a thousand words', an old proverb suggests, and indeed, drawing has the potential to convey stories that cannot be put into words. On the other hand, drawing necessarily implies an element of pickiness, of selection, because it's impossible to reproduce the complexities of contexts in full in a picture. A drawing is not the subject.

Anna Gonzalez Suero will present "From drawing to storying," a feminist autoethnography exploring artistic identity. The second lecture will be delivered by Maxime Le Calvé, who will discuss "An Anthropology of/with virtual reality," focusing on digital ethnographic experiments with active materiality. Jeannette Pols from the University of Amsterdam will talk about "In search of the unexpected," exploring experiments that bridge art, science, and audiences. Finally, Mace Ojala from the RUSTlab will conclude the series with "Wow PDF is such an assemblage," delving into the networklike, rhizomatic, and unstable aspects of the Portable Document Format.

Please join us for these exciting lectures and discussions on four dates in the summer term - online and on site. For more details, see https://rustlab.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/

See you there, and welcome!