

PROGRAMME

# SYMPOSIUM WHO'S TALKING?

ON PERFORMING OBJECTS AND  
THEIR VOICES



31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

10 am – 7 pm CEST

world wide web (via Zoom)

# THE PROJECT WHO'S TALKING?

The collection KOLK 17 has not been on public display since 2018, as the exhibition rooms are being extensively renovated. The approx. 20,000 different theatrical artifacts from Europe, Asia and Africa have been stored in the depot for over three years.

Little or nothing is known about the figures of non-European provenance. From April 2021 on, KOLK 17 opened the depot for the first time with the project WHO'S TALKING? for international and diverse performing artistic approaches.

**In the symposium "WHO'S TALKING? On Performing Objects and Their Voices"** the participating artists discuss their approaches, research questions and results with scholars and the audience. A special focus will be on the topic of potentials of artistic research as a research method within theatres and museums.

The artworks will be presented within the online exhibition opening on Friday, 30th of July.

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9:00 am *Start of the Symposium*

**10:00 am** **Welcome Remarks** The Project "Who's Talking?" and How It Came into the World | Antonia Napp, Stephan Schlafke

**10:30 am** **Keynote** Fine Lines. Reflections on the Relationship between Art and Research | René Reith

**Discussion** Moderation: Markus Posse

11:15 am *Break*

**11:30 am** **Panel Discussion** Folk Iron Rod Puppet Play in China | Shasha Li

From the Museum Stage to the Living Stage: Tracing a 100-year Family Puppet Tradition from Lübeck back to Taiwan  
Robin Ruizendaal

**Discussion** Moderation: Caroline Chia

*In Chinese with English translation*

12:30 am **Lunch Break** (with networking possibilities in different breakout-rooms)

**1:30 pm** **Video Input** "La fête au village" – An Encounter between Malian Puppets in Lübeck and the Compagnie NAMA in Bamako

**Talk** Yacouba Magassouba  
Moderation: Mandy Okereke

*In French with English translation*

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2:15 pm *Break*

**2:30 pm** **Artist Talk** Stephan Schlafke talks with Momo Ekissi about his Theatre Play "Das Treffen der Ahnen" (The Gathering of the Ancestors)  
*In German with English translation*

3:15 pm *Break*

**3:30 pm** **Artistic Conversation** Moving the Depot. Who Is Dancing?  
Irina Demina, Jessica Nupen  
**Discussion** Moderation:  
Antonia Napp

4:30 pm *Break*

**4:45 pm** **Short Wrap-Up**

5:00 pm *End of the Symposium*

**Virtual Get-Together**  
*(via Spatial.Chat)*

5:30 pm Virtual Tour Through the Depot

6:30 pm Virtual Tour Through the Construction Site at the Alley of Kolk

**The conference language will be English.** The symposium will be hosted via Zoom and will be recorded.

**Registration until 27th of July:**  
<https://kolk17.de/symposium/>

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