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EXPANDED DOCUMENTARY

Extensions, Movements and Reconfigurations

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Argument

Research in the fields of aesthetics and visual studies has in recent years demonstrated a heightened interest in the so-called “documentary turn” and the development of documentary practices beyond their traditional and historical media (photography and cinema). Though “documentary art” (Caillet & Pouillaude, 2017) is constantly exploring new articulations to the fictional mode, it also reveals current concerns about ways to depict the reality of our time, to experience the real, to establish facts as well as to shed light on forms of life, shaped technologically or even made invisible. In the field of documentary cinema, this expansion entails new connections with the audiovisual media (online press & TV, digital content publishers…) or with digital platforms and networks: amateurs, cultural institutions, institutions, activists, professionals (Brodux, 2011, Souléz & Kitsopanidou, 2015).

We wish to examine this phenomenon at the conjunction of several “turns” observed over the last decades: as the aftermath of the 1990’s “Return of the Real” (Foster, 1996); as the result of the historical “turn” and the emphasis given to more empirical work in film and media studies (a counterweight to a more theoretical approach; as part of a broader “digital turn” associated with key technological innovations.) By technologically innovative we mean networked production and distribution (the Internet), data storage (the cloud), as well as new forms of information “sharing”. Some wonder if the “algorithmic life” represents an unprecedented development (Morozov, 2011; Sadin, 2015; Stiegler, 2015) at a time when the assessment of our affiliation to digital devices swings wildly between technoutopianism and technodystopianism. Although today’s fears may hearken back to the panic over the effects of television viewing, as Brian Winston argues, “Impact is as elusive as ever” (2017).

Documentary work has historically been linked to technological innovation (still and motion photography, location sound recording, portapak video recording…). We note the “techno” aspect of the utopianism that often comes with emergent media. Does this assumption give too much credit to the modernist belief in a political emancipation embodied in technological innovation? Documentary practice has already penetrated these new spaces and started to make use of these new formats, thus renewing both its creative modalities (digital images, ultra-light digital cameras, smartphones…) and dissemination tools (web-docs, social networks, galleries and museums…). It also addresses an often invisible reality (darknet, satellite images, drones, surveillance cameras), one that is also abstract, dematerialized, and thus de-geolocated (social network as new public demonstration space) from a formalist perspective which tends to turn the virtual into the tangible. It remains however-to identify future challenges and consequently, to circumscribe theoretical, political and artistic proposals likely to overcome the obstacles inherent in such elusive and undetectable manifestations of the real.

We wonder about the space of the “social network” and the “real vs. virtual world” dichotomy posited by Google. Further, we note how the shift from the document as indexical guarantee to Big Data as accumulation of information sets a new benchmark in evidentiary irrefutability and scientificity. We also point out the easy opportunities for commercial exploitation that require us to recalibrate our critique of capitalism. Especially since Big data escapes from democratic and citizen control since it does not belong to a regime of public visibility. This brings forward the old debate about the crisis of the indexical guarantee once offered by the motion photographic, a concern that leads to questions about the indexicality of the algorithmic calculation or the digitally-born image.

One might ask here about whatever it is that “escapes” or “eludes” representation, whether theorized as the trace, the forensic, or the Benjaminian “spark.” We are keen to discuss new ways to address the restrictions of the opposition between fact and interpretation, or fact-based work and narrative fictions. Film and audiovisual studies have renewed their approaches by distinguishing different types of documentary (Niney, 2000), and by interpreting documentary through a pragmatics of reception (Odin, 2000), or again in the light of history (Bertin-Maghit, 2016, Lindeperg, 2007;
Do we take this route or return to the definition of documentary as an inquiry into reality based on an indexical relation while complementing it with data deciphering and decoding operations, in other words with methods of apprehension that escape our direct perception? The evidential paradigm forged by Carlo Ginzburg could propose a relevant approach to the relationship between narratives, facts, and interpretations, insofar as it stresses the connection between the factuality of the trace and the deciphering of signs and indices.

At a political level, new documentary practices directly indexed to digital and internet material have appeared, notably during The Arab Spring. How does political emancipation relate to technological innovation? And how do the uses entailed by this innovation affect the imaginaries attached to them? Or should these issues be addressed over a long time span and perspective (embracing cinema, photography, television) so as to observe the specific shifts entailed by digital cultures?

Navigation, immersion, and interactivity in which viewers are engaged as Internet users, online co-creators and potential “netizens”, initiate new positions and subjectivities, from the anonymous and the hacker to the whistleblower. How can one counterbalance the sophisticated instruments of the society of control? What is the role of images and media in the struggles of peoples, from the historical “agit-prop” to cybernetic activism, today considered, on a sociological level, as a “participatory culture”? All these new forms in the digital age renegotiate boundaries between art, activism and forensics, and thus challenge the perspective of the author and the place of the viewer.
OPENING NIGHT OF THE SYMPOSIUM

Monday, May 27th, 8:00 P.M.: Screening / Q&A - Centre Georges Pompidou, cinema 2

**Screening:** Gwenola Wagon, *Globodrome* (video, 62’, 2011-2012)

Q&A with the artist. Discussion led by Aline Caillé (Université Paris 1 - Panthéon Sorbonne) & Jérôme Game (HEAR-Mulhouse, Columbia University-New York)

*Globodrome* is an enquiry in the representations of Earth using a virtual globe, which follows Phileas Fogg and Passepartout’s itinerary in Verne’s “Around the World in Eighty Days”.

PROGRAM OF THE SYMPOSIUM


9:15 a.m. Welcoming participants

9:30 a.m. Opening of the Symposium - **Jane M. Gaines** (Columbia University – New York)

9:45 a.m. Aline Caillé / Judith Michalet (Université Paris 1 – Panthéon-Sorbonne): « Extensions, Movements and Reconfigurations »

Tuesday, May 28th, 10:15 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.: « Rethinking Documentary Today »

Over the last twenty years both the theory and practice of documentary have extended to new forms entailing an unprecedented diversification, ranging from film installations made by artists in the Museum to images captured by smartphone and made by actors themselves. Many dialogues were thus initiated between different mediums, artistic fields and fictional modes, but also with new actors, from social and militant worlds. This enlargement also brings new friction with the sphere of audiovisual media (online press and television, digital content publishers, etc.) or with digital platforms and networks. This panel will question the position of documentary practices today at the conjunction of these different mutations.

Moderation: **Jane M. Gaines** (Columbia University – New York)

10:15 a.m. **Debashree Mukherjee** (Columbia University - New York) :

« An Alternative History of Documentary: Contestations between a Local Film Industry and a Colonial Propaganda Apparatus »

In this paper I locate an alternate history of the emergence of Indian documentary cinema in the fraught relations between the mainstream Bombay film industry and the colonial propaganda apparatus during the Second World War. As the British colonial government reconsidered the urgency of producing propaganda films in India, from 1940 to 1945 a series of propaganda formats and models of production were adopted and replaced. The British Ministry of Information and the Government of India (GOI) had neither the inclination nor the resources to build a local colonial filmmaking infrastructure, but Bombay’s film industry had a ready pool of personnel, production facilities, exhibition venues, and distribution contacts. The resulting sphere of collaborative production resulted in agonistic debates about the scope and purpose of propaganda while also determining what was to count as “documentary” in postcolonial India.
10:45 a.m. Q&A

11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m: Break

11:30 a.m. Michael Renov (University of Southern California):
«Bearing Witness: The Documentary Art of Testimony»

Responsive to the recurrence of genocide, terrorism, trauma and state violence, a broad swath of contemporary documentary art-making has taken a turn toward the testimonial. Intent on the production of what Leshu Torchin has called “witnessing publics” that is, audiences hailed as subjects willing to take responsibility for the suffering of others, testimonial documentary artworks have taken many forms: films, both live action and animated; museum and gallery installations; immersive journalism. Here I will survey the political, ethical and aesthetic stakes of this documentary embrace of the testimonial gesture.

12:00 a.m. Astrid Deuber-Mankowsky (Ruhr-Universität Bochum):
«Affective Political Work on the Document»

The current movements of the Queer Archive and post-cinematic filmic installations experiment with aesthetic processes, which I will refer to as affective political work on the document. These aesthetic processes take part in the contemporary transformation from medial culture into medial affect culture. At the same time, however, they also react to this development: they conceive of the notion of affect aesthetically and link it to the question of politics, i.e. with the question of a public sphere and the possibility of “collective utterances” that are non-representative. The “affective political work on the document” becomes at the same time political work on the notion of affect.

12:30 a.m. Q&A

Tuesday, May 28th, 2:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.: «Practices, Tools and Methods»

To what extent do visual technologies and new cinematographic practices develop tools, methodologies and contexts that can carry a theoretical agenda? If it is possible to achieve legitimate research objectives by choosing to focus on the creative role of artists, how can artistic research not only build new knowledge, but also transform ways of understanding and analyzing the complex and heterogeneous aspects of the contemporary world? The purpose of the “Practices, Tools, Methods” panel is to examine the conditions under which certain current documentary practices function as alternative investigative methods that challenge our ways of seeing, acting and knowing.

Moderation: Gwenola Wagon (Université Paris 8 Vincennes - Saint-Denis)

2:30 p.m. Nico Baumbach (Columbia University - New York):
«The Direct Cinema Revolution: 50 Years Later»

It has been half a century since Jean-Louis Comolli published the two-part essay “Le détour par le direct” in Cahiers du Cinéma issues 209 and 211 of February and April 1969. In the essay, Comolli announced that direct cinema “clearly marks the occurrence of a revolution” as momentous but in some ways even more important than the birth of the sound film. The paper returns to Comolli’s essay and contrasts it with early writings on direct cinema in the North American context to think about what direct cinema might mean in the 21st century and to ask whether the revolution ever took place.
Camille Bui (Université Paris 1 - Panthéon-Sorbonne):

« Documenting in absentia : three cases of inquiries in and through images made by others »

Gabriel Mascaro's *Domestica* (Brazil, 2012), Marcelo Pedroso's *Câmara Escura* (Brazil, 2012) and Dominic Gagnon's films (Quebec) have all been edited from footage not recorded by the filmmakers themselves, but born from different devices: loaned cameras, cameras hidden in boxes and videos found online. Through the comparative study of these cases, I would like to question what becomes of the documentary inquiry when it gives up on the author-character co-presence, a key experience in the the tradition of direct cinema, both at the ethical and at the epistemological level.

3:30 p.m.  Q&A

4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: Break

Bruno Elisabeth (Université Rennes 2):

« Jean-Gabriel Périot and the delicate art of the archive »

For twenty years, Jean-Gabriel Périot’s cinema expresses itself through short films in which the archive plays a major role. This “poor” cinema openly claims its political convictions. At the crossroads of experimental cinema and creative documentary, it notably addresses the issues of violence, destruction and catastrophe, thus imposing itself by its prominent topic. From a corpus of a dozen films, we will try to define and locate the filmmaker’s documentary approach, from both a formal and theoretical point of view.

5:00 p.m.  Evgenia Giannouri (Université Paris 3 - Sorbonne-Nouvelle):

“Inhabit Documentary, troubling research: aesthetics and ethics in the light of “research-creation””

The paper examines two films resulting from collaborations in the field of creative research. *Tower. A Concrete Utopia* (2015), directed by photographer Sammy Baloji and anthropologist Filip De Boeck, invites us to a guided tour of a building located in the municipality of Limete, Kinshasa (Congo). The commented tour by the designer of this enigmatic structure reflects the legacy of modernist colonial architecture in Kinshasa and the way the city pursues the principles of colonialist infrastructure. Sammy Baloji and Filip De Boeck lead cultural and research projects halfway between artistic practice and anthropological fieldwork. *Du 2x4 au plan nord : La route, la maison en dur et le lieu du ban* (2013), Louise Lachapelle (in collaboration with Alexandre Huot), is interested in the bungalow, emblematic figure of North American residential housing as well as symbol of the American dream. For several years, Lachapelle has been developing cycles of "creative research" programs focusing on the relationship between the practice of place, coexistence, and the construction of community identities. Her approach combines teaching, research and activism.

The films chosen in this study, considered as documentaries in the broad sense and screened in the context of cultural and academic events, highlight the performative aspects of theoretical practice and question the ethical, aesthetic and economic issues of the creational processes that engender them.

5:30 p.m.  Q&A

6:00 p.m.  End
Wednesday, May 29th, 9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.: « New Political Uses of Documentary »

With the supposed gain in accessibility (both in the production and broadcast of images) that it implies, the digital age is now redefining political uses of the documentary. Militant cinema of the 1960s-1970s, both collective and discursive and often confined to alternative distribution channels, has given way in the 21st century to extremely varied and more widely disseminated approaches that this panel will modestly attempt to give an account of. From representation of current local or world political tensions and the use of archival images as a reminiscence of past events, contemporary uses of political documentary will be analyzed in their appropriation of new technological tools and in the aesthetic proposals resulting from it, as well as in new means of dissemination. Beyond that, it is the political scope of these works that will be examined if not evaluated.

**Moderation : Jérôme Game** (HEAR-Mulhouse, Columbia University - New York)

9:30 a.m. **Dork Zabunyan** (Université Paris 8 Vincennes - Saint-Denis) :
« Dignity and the Unworthy: Documentary Faced with the Monotony of the Flow of Images »

Criticism against the undifferentiated flow of images circulating on the Internet is undoubtedly legitimate, yet a fundamental aspect of this overflow of audiovisual data is often neglected: the parameter of sameness, the fact that this cataclysm of images and sounds, all reproduce the same pattern of demonstration. With regard, for example, to situations of extreme conflict, such as the war in Syria, it appears that what we most frequently see is ruined cities, bruised bodies, mass human displacements. Two questions thus arise with regard to contemporary documentary production: how to show bodies and peoples without falling into a mixed form of martyrology and voyeurism, which usually constitutes the basis for their media treatment? And what would be the “unseeable part”, the “missing image” of these extreme situations (exile, death) that the documentary could henceforth make visible, without failing to respect the dignity of those who, at the risk of their lives, are confronted with situations of such indignity?

10:00 a.m. **Jane M. Gaines** (Columbia University - New York) :
« Documentary Activism: The Revolution That Was Not »

Despite its having not really happened (not to mention that immediate political gains were reversed), the Tahrir Square “revolution” in Cairo became a cause célèbre for the future of online political organizing. An explosion of sociological studies made a connection between the “Arab Spring” and the Occupy Wall Street movement as well as Geza Park in Istanbul, Turkey, in 2013. Occupy was further linked to the 2016 Women’s March on Washington, the Climate March, and the Hong Kong Umbrella movement. A short-lived Chinese Jasmine Revolution was said to have been “inspired” by the Arab Spring. At least one scholar posits the CyberLeft as a stage beyond the Old Left and the New Left as defined by media use. Media theory is thus pressured to link documentary form and world film distribution as strategic spread of revolutionary internationalism beginning around 1922 with the Internationale Arbeithilfe (IAH) in Berlin. This is an exercise in contrasting scale: new media “immediacy” as opposed to theoretical afterlives of montage theory; the “now time” of the image and the historical “before now” especially as it relates to the original futurity and utopianism of the Soviet theorization. Finally the challenge is to find connection between theories of the image and theories of history that address the problematic of multiple conjunctures, of so many times thought to be “new times”.

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10:30 a.m. Q&A

11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Break

11:30 a.m. Sébastien Layerle (Université Paris 3 - Sorbonne-Nouvelle):
« Back to Super 8 film. The collective creations of Les Scotcheuses in Notre-Dame-des-Landes »

Since 2013, the group Les Scotcheuses has been producing and distributing films in Super 8 in connection with citizen mobilizations and occupation movements such as the ZAD of Notre-Dame-des-Landes. Its members seem to reconnect with May 68 militant practices which defended an authentically “popular” cinema made with the participants of social movements. However they also reinvent "collective moments" of discussion and exchange and choose fiction to approach the realities of the struggle in a different way.

12:00 a.m. Antony Fiant (Université Rennes 2):
« Political Significance of two film installations of Wang Bing »

15 hours is a film installation shown in 2017 in Athens and Kassel for the 14th Documenta. Entirely devoted to the observation of a working day in a textile fabrication shop, the film duration coincides with its title. Beauty Lives in Freedom (4h25, 2018), shown in December 2018 at The Chantal Crousel Gallery, gathers the testimony of a Chinese political dissident, Gao Ertai, exiled to the USA. This talk will address the political significance of these two works, considering at the same time shooting methods, esthetics and dramatic choices, as well as the way it is screened.

12:30 a.m. Q&A

Wednesday, May 29th, 2:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.: « Deicipher Data »

Digital spaces have considerably transformed ways in which data is collected, but perhaps even more so disrupted the very idea of “data” – massification of data traffic, encryption, unlimited storage. Yet the encoded data is genuinely processed, modeled, organized and selected as an algorithm, and it affects our behavior and our lives. It thus seems important to “decrypt encryption”, to reveal and expose the way data shapes our lives if we want to escape from its control strategy. Such a process entails operations unidentified yet and requires us to enlarge our toolkit for artistic representation. What kind of algorithmic formatting is at work in digital devices and what investigative procedures may analyze and defeat them? This panel will examine the difficulties built into this new digital data and the operations that can detect and translate them.

Moderation: Guillaume Soulez (Université Paris 3 - Sorbonne Nouvelle)

2:30 p.m. Martin Goutte (Université Paris 3 - Sorbonne Nouvelle):
« New wave of data and documentary oldest pans »

Contemporary documentary practices which use digital tools may seem more able to address artistic and technological issues raised by Big Data. Decoding new formats and tools should indeed be more compatible with the criticism of data, which escapes our mental representations as well as established media. But to what extent are more traditional or academic practices also able to do this in a space apparently less likely to face the challenges posed by data and its uses in documentaries?
3:00 p.m. Aline Caillet / Judith Michalet (Université Paris 1 - Panthéon-Sorbonne) :
« The evidential paradigm extended to documentary research in the digital age »

Some documentary research intends to make visible the algorithmic architecture, which shapes our existences. Thus, the artist duo Bureau d’études asserts that the government operates data aesthetics in the way portraits of kings were used by the monarchy. Recently, in his exhibition Mordre la Machine (“Bit the Machine”), Julien Prévieux highlights an encrypted reality, which requires the elaboration of methods of decipherment. Along the lines of its expert assessments and counter-investigations, the pluri-disciplinary laboratory Forensic Architecture endeavors to reveal close relations among a broad multiplicity of discrete elements. How to describe and analyze these investigating practices in the digital age? To what extent would the evidential paradigm developed by Carlo Ginzburg in earlier times for another discipline offer tools to apprehend methods finally based on reading and interpreting clues?

3:30 p.m.  Q&A

4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: Break

4:30 p.m.  ROUND TABLE with all the participants, moderated by Guillaume Soulez (Université Paris 3 - Sorbonne Nouvelle).

6:00 p.m.  End of the symposium
Biographical Notes

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Most recently she has been engaged in a critique of the “historical turn” in film and media studies and is part of a group researching the internationalization of workers film and photo leagues in the 1930s. Professor Gaines held the first Visible Evidence conference at Duke in 1993 and with Michael Renov, co-edited Collecting Visible Evidence (Minnesota, 1999).

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