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# Disorderly Group Behavior in Public Space

A public event

Elmo Vermijs

The participants of the *Disorderly Group Behavior in Public Space* research group based in Amsterdam present the first results in an open forum to discuss various issues that surround public space, architecture, and social psychology.

In our daily lives, we are regularly confronted with situations that could be described as ‘disorderly group behavior in public space’. Many situations can easily be imagined, but also raise questions: What do we mean with the terms ‘disorder’, ‘group’ and ‘public space’? And what conditions influence these situations?

Over the course of 2014, a research group initiated by architectural designer Elmo Vermijs focused on this topic – aiming to connect and research the architectural and social psychological aspects. Several experts from both disciplines were consulted, and a wide range of issues were discussed, such as: performativity, acting, unpredictability, (social) media, democracy, crowd control, individuality, public sphere, and semi-public space.

As an attempt to understand as well as question these situations we kindly invite you to our public event, which will dive deeper into the topic of disorderly group behavior. The evening consists of a presentation of short case studies, a (theoretical) diagram, and questions as well as tentative results from the researchers' individual projects. This will show the extent of the research and act as a starting point from which the relation and boundaries between architecture and social psychology are brought into question.

With insights from special guests Professor Lara Schrijver and Assistant Professor Daniel Lakens, we welcome your thoughts and encourage conversation.

Date: Wednesday 17 September 2014

Program starts at 20.00

Moderator: Jeroen Boomgaard, lector LAPS (Lectoraat Art & Public Space), Gerrit Rietveld Academie

Location:

Auditorium

Het Nieuwe Instituut

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About the Invited Guests:

Architect Lara Schrijver (Professor at University of Antwerp) focuses on the role of architecture in the city, and its responsibility in defining the public domain.

Social Psychologist Daniel Lakens (Assistant Professor in Applied Cognitive Psychology at Eindhoven University of Technology) examines how individuals form groups through bottom-up processes such as movement synchronization.

About the Research Group Disorderly Group Behavior in Public Space:

Members of the research group include initiator Elmo Vermijs, member of the research group of the Lectoraat Art and Public Space, Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam and participants Abba el Bahrawi, Nikola Knezevic and Katinka de Jonge (in collaboration with Céline Talens) from the School of Missing Studies of the Sandberg Instituut, Amsterdam.

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