

Intimate discussions (ID)

*a collection of rotating dinners...
throughout spring 007
to allow us to engage
with and beyond aesthetics and politics.*

March through May 2007

6 of us from 6 different peer communities, will host 6 informal, personalized gatherings. Each event will have its own characteristics, reflecting the specific social context and subjectivity of the host. Each event will invite participants to contribute in some way, creating reciprocity and intimacy.

Presented by Foreign Exchanges, Dorit Cypis, building models of engagement bridging aesthetics, ethics, conflict studies and somatic arts.

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#1

Can there be a Happy Art?

Hosted by *Matais Viegner*

Date: Sunday evening,
March 11 7PM

Meal & Potluck I will roast a leg of lamb, you bring the rest.
Participants: 21 (i.e. 7x3)

Is art antithetical to happiness, what indeed is happiness, are other things (justice, success, social change, beauty, meaning,) more important than happiness, in art and in life, etc? Put simply: what is happiness to you and what role can or does art play in it?

Location:

921 Robinson St, LA CA 90026

RSVP only : viegner@mac.com

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#2

Everybody wants to be American

Hosted by *Marjam Rahimzadeh*

Date: Sunday evening,
March 25 6PM

Potluck I will provide bread-style "Abenbrot" and wine. Please bring a little something...
Participants: 10

I would like to talk about the idea of cultural identities and what it means to be American. "Everybody wants to be American". How is the Nation a landscape for the body? How does national identity look and feel? What is the place of recreation and invention? Is this landscape of hope and fantasy the same for man and woman?

Location:

Oskoui + Oskoui/1617 Cosmo Street,
Hollywood CA. 90028

RSVP only : 323-369-0735
marjamoskoui@yahoo.com

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#3

Your First and Last Here

Hosted by *Cara Baldwin*

Date: Saturday evening,
April 7 7PM

Meal & Potluck I will make a red dish/beets, pomegranate seeds, plums & a bottle of red wine, some juice. All food and drink are welcome... please bring a little something.
Participants: 21 (i.e. 7x3)

An intimate discussion through politics: when was the first time you became aware of gender? Sex? Misogyny? Chauvinism? Feminism? What do you think these words mean? Do you care? What was the first dirty word you ever heard or said? The most unsettling? Who was the hottest feminist you ever met? Meanest? Smartest? Kindest? Dumbest? The most unlikely? What deep, dark desires and blindingly optimistic dreams do you still hold dear? Eat drink and spit it out.

Location:

My house, 728 1/2 North Parkman Ave, LA CA 90026 (a duplex behind 726)

RSVP only : feralysis@earthlink.net

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#4

When Lines are
Crossed, When
Fingers are Crossed:
Odes to Failed
Communication and
Commiseration

Hosted by *Irina Contreras,*
A.K.A cocacolachola

Date: a Sunday evening,
April 29 6PM

Meal & Potluck kombucha, juice and
vegan mexican and salad. Bring meat or
dairy if you crave these.

Participants: open

Is there such a thing as true
sympathy...a true way to
commiserate... to really
be empathic? What happens
when empathy fails, when we are
caught tokenizing or perhaps
being tokenized and letting it pass.
In real communities, we can be
critical of one another to move
forward. Let's eat, drink and
merrily swallow our pride and be
real with one another for a
change.

Location:

My house, F-Haus 2421 Valley View
Drive, LA 90026,
(Walking, bikes and magic carpet rides
highly recommended. If you drive please
park on Avon)

RSVP only : 323-679-5573

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#5

Applying Aesthetics
and Ethics in Everyday
Life.

Hosted by *Dorit Cypis*

Date: Saturday midday,
May 5 3PM

Wholesome finger-foods provided.
Bring drinks and sweets.
Participants: 12

We each are so smart about the
historical, aesthetic and theoretical
frames around questions of identity
and social relations, but do we
really know how to apply our
knowledges to everyday encounters
with the strangers around us? How
do we deal with "foreignness", our
own and each others? Where does
intimacy lie?

Location:

8417 Waring Ave. LA 90069

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#6

Feminist Art in
Relations to Race and
Ethnicity

Hosted by *Preston Bautista*

Date: Saturday midday,
May 19 2PM

Little Tokyo : Sohoju (Japanese
Restaurant) Dutch treat.
Participants: 15-18

The Japanese American National
Museum will present the panel
discussion "Sculpture as a Feminist Art
Form" , May 19, 2-4 pm. I invite you to
this panel and then to see the show,
"The Sculpture of Ruth Asawa:
Contours in the Air." We will then walk
down the street to the Far Bar to have
drinks and dinner at Sohoju. Panelists
Laura Meyer, from CalState Fresno, and
artists Yuriko Yamaguchi, Anna Sew
Hoy, and Elizabeth Turk will be invited
to join us for dinner as well.

Location:

The Japanese American National Museum
369 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA
90012

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