



## CITYWIDE 2013 CONFERENCE

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As part of the conference, Berlin-based performance artist Jens Reulecke will offer a performative workshop.

### Shifting Weight: the production of space as an act of trust

Date/Location:

October 31 - November 3, 2013

The Graduate Center, City University of New York,  
Rooms 5409 and 5414

#### Concept

The workshop *Shifting Weight* experiments with a certain potential of intuition while getting in contact with public space. The process deals with that which is hidden rather than which catches the eye. There is no obvious or explicit performative attitude, since the center of the process is formed by an attitude of restraint.

The workshop leader supports participants in entering a state of mind where increased focus brings to the fore a force hardly noticeable to the public. That force develops a powerful presence with the result of *shifting weight* away from the spectacular and the well-known. The overall movement is a turning away from the familiar; it goes beyond mere understanding, like a removal from certainty, so that possibility moves beyond the present. This kind of production of space is an act of trust.

## Program

Four workshop sessions are offered:

Monday, October 28th - 10:00- 2:00

Tuesday, October 29th - 10:00-2:00

Wednesday, October 30th - 10:00-2:00

Thursday, October 31th - 10:00-1:00

The sessions will cover: Introduction to the subject and exercises; getting in contact within the public sphere; discussion of exercises.

Participants attending all four sessions will experience the most intensive process. It is also possible to attend only one, two or three sessions, since each session is prepared in a way that allows newcomers to connect.

The participants are asked to bring snacks for lunch if desired.

Venue: Graduate Center, City University of New York (365 5th Avenue at 34th Street, NYC) in room 5409 or 5414.

Workshop presentation: Friday, November 1st - 3:15 - 4:45 - Graduate Center, City University of New York (Room 5414)

All the workshop participants are asked to attend the presentation, if possible.

## About

**Jens Reulecke**, born in Berlin, studied fine arts (painting) at the Berlin University of Fine Arts, 1980-1986. He lived in England and Scotland 1988-1990, and in Niger, West Africa, 1992-2000. Jens experiments with sound, images, movement, language and installation to create performances in reaction to a selected environment, partly in cooperation with other artists. Reulecke also presents his photography/painting, objects and installations internationally at galleries and other institutions. He lives and works in Berlin. Since 2009 Jens has had several visiting teaching assignments at Chinese and German universities.

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Please register by email to [Jens.Reulecke@gmx.de](mailto:Jens.Reulecke@gmx.de) by October 21th. All the participants will be listed for permission to enter the building.

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