

Art in the Age of Competitive Cultural Nationalism

Discussion Event
2.00pm
Saturday 27 October
Market Gallery
334 Duke Street,
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Marita Muukkonen of the art magazine FRAME, and formerly of NIFCA, has stated: "Looking at recent policy and political developments in arts and culture in Finland and the EU it becomes clear that cultural-political instrumentalisation and economisation is infused with nationalist and protectionist tendencies, and that is a growing concern."

She also identifies the strengthening tendency of the transformation of cultural politics into cultural economics, the idea of arts and culture as a competitive factor of national economic growth.

What does the separatism of global competition, one that acts as a vehicle for national and cultural chauvinism, mean for cultural workers in Scotland?

Marita's text – 'Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Possibilities for Contemporary Art Institutions to Function as Critical Political Spaces'* will form the basis for the discussion, organised by Market Gallery in collaboration with Variant magazine.

*Part of the Public Preparation series for the upcoming Biennale of Young Artists, in Estonia, www.biennaleofyoungartists.org



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