

ESSAYING ART: PRACTICE TUTORIAL ARTISTIC RESEARCH

CAFÉ CHERCHER FORMAT

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art cafe for unfinished projects

CAFE

/ with research
/ with performances
/ with poetry

CHER

/ with dance
/ with videos
/ with music

CHER

/ with drinks
/ with soup
/ with you

What is Café Chercher?

Café Chercher is a platform to present unfinished research projects. These research projects typically exist between the realms of art and science; artists involved in research and researchers involved in the arts. Every last Tuesday of the month we organize evenings with presentations, with performances, with music, with prototypes, with soup and with drinks. Artists, scientists and researchers from various disciplines and institutions are invited to share their research processes in a presentation or performance. They are questions, hypothesis, try-outs, prototypes etcetera. Participants are practitioners, students, phd researchers, and professors from different disciplines and institutions. We provide an informal and intimate atmosphere with room for doubt and for discussion. Join us in asking questions with exclamation marks and giving answers with question marks. We provide an informal and intimate atmosphere with room for doubt and for discussion. Join us in asking questions with exclamation marks and giving answers with question marks.

Format:

The format of Café Chercher is simple and flexible, we provide an informal and intimate platform for research in progress. These research projects typically exist between the realms of the arts and the sciences; artists involved in research and researchers involved in the arts. We stimulate experimental ways of sharing art-research projects and works. After each contribution, there is time for questions, suggestions, and discussion.

Participating:

In preparation for the event, we ask the following information:

Name participant:

Background :

E-mail:

Website (or one image of your project):

Research field(s) :

Current question(s)/doubt(s) :

One word :

After we have received this information, we will contact you to make an appointment (either in person or on Skype) to discuss your plans and ideas for the evening.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Contextualized artistic contribution 10-15 minutes (30-minute window)

This contribution is based on sharing an unfinished art and research project. The focus of the contribution is on current questions, current doubts, and hypotheses. The contribution can be in a variety of forms like a performative lecture, a dialogue or debate, a workshop, a participatory happening, and so forth.

Artistic contribution 5-10 minutes (15-minute window)

This contribution is based on sharing an unfinished artistic work, this can be a prototype, an experiment, or

a try-out. The contribution can be an artwork, a design piece, a video, a performance, a music piece, a dance piece, a theatre piece, or a poetry reading, and so forth.

Location and facilitation

The event is organized every last Tuesday of the month from September till May (excluding December) from 18.00 hours till 21.00 hours. The event is hosted at [VOX-POP Creative Space of Humanities UvA](#) (Binnengasthuisstraat 9 Amsterdam). At this location there is a projector, a projection screen, and a modest sound installation. There is also a television and a whiteboard available. The space is half round with windows all around and there are chairs for the guests, pictures are available on request. Entrance and soup are free thanks to the Rietveld Research Group, the drinks are free charge for presenters and performers. There is a mobile bar with drinks and a television for [Clippings](#) on top. Pictures and video registration will be made for the archive, if you have objections please let us know.

The Café Chercher team will be present at the location from 16.00h till 21.00h. Between 18.00 and 18.30 the moderator (Emily) will briefly talk to the participants and ask some additional questions if needed. If you want to come earlier to prepare, the doorman will open the door (otherwise phone Emily at 0645024248).

Digital material

If you have a digital material, please send the material through WeTransfer, or bring on a USB-device so we can transfer it to the laptop before the start of the event.

Schedule

Below you'll find the basic tentative schedule. We are open to suggestions for longer and shorter contributions.

17.00-18.00	Build-up
18.00-18.15	Home made soup and drinks (Opening talk by Emily and Dalida)
18.15-18.45	Contribution 1 :
18.45-19.00	Contribution 2 :
19.00-19.15	Break
19.15-19.45	Contribution 3 :
19.45-20.00	Contribution 4 :
20.00-20.30	Drinks with small snacks! (optional: Panel talk with the presenters)
20.30-21.00	Build-down

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

All the best.

[Emily Huurdeman](#) and [Dalida Georgiou-Achmet](#)

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