International Symposium
Literaturwerkstatt and
Haus der Kulturen der Welt
Berlin 2–4 December 2011

In the economic South, access to global flows of goods, technology and ideas increasingly occurs through a culture of piracy that sidesteps the global juridical and economic norms set, for instance, by the WTO. To date, academic discourse has addressed such practices of piracy predominantly from three different angles, viewing them either in terms of criminal theft, as expressions of creative freedom, or as acts of anti-capitalist resistance.

Against such overtly ideological readings, this conference promotes a re-orientation that focuses on postcolonial piracy primarily as a strategy of access to global modernity and as a culture that demands to be understood in its own right. Participants will discuss examples from across the globe that show how both everyday and artistic strategies of medial copying and recycling are currently changing legal, economic, social and aesthetic concepts of authorship and originality.

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Friday, 2 December 2011

Literaturwerkstatt (Kulturbrauerei)
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10:30 – 11:00 Opening and Introduction

11:00 – 12:00 Keynote (1)
Ramon Lobato (Melbourne):
“Between Formal and Informal Media Economies: The Instrumentality of Piracy”

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Papers
Volker Grassmuck (Berlin):
“A Proposal for Legalising Small-Scale Physical Copyright Piracy: Book Publishing, Video Films and Music in Developing Countries”

Sönke Zehle (Saarbrücken):
“Authorizations to Act: Media Piracy and the Rules of Algorithmic Culture”

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee

15:30 – 17:00 Papers
Nitin Govil (San Diego):
“When Hollywood Was New”

Satish Poduval (Hyderabad):
“Hacking and Difference: Reflections on Authorship in the Postcolonial Pirate Domain”

Evening – Haus der Kulturen der Welt
Worldtronic Festival for global electronic music (special focus: Ghana)

Saturday, 3 December 2011

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10:30 – 12:00 Papers
Dawn-Elissa Fischer (San Francisco):
“This Bridge Called Hiphop: Samples of Percussion, Piracy and Politics from Brazil and Colombia”

Adam Haupt (Cape Town):
“Music from the Margins: Access and Participation in South Africa”

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Keynote (2)
Henry Stobart (London):
“Poverty and Piracy: Local Music Recordings and Competing Interests in Bolivia”

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee

15:00 – 17:15 Papers
Marcus Boon (Toronto):
“Depropriation: The Real Pirate’s Dilemma”

Karen Salt (Aberdeen):
“Viral Activism: Haiti, Transmigration, and Transgressive Music”

Johannes Ismaiel-Wendt (Bremen/Berlin):
“De-Linking Afric C”

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Sunday, 4 December 2011

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11:00 – 12:00 Keynote (3)
Ravi Sundaram (Delhi):
“The Lives of Media Piracy”

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 13:20 Introduction
Ranjani Mazumdar (Paris/Delhi)
“Introduction to Superman/ Supermen of Malegaon”

13:20 – 14:30 Film Screening
Supermen of Malegaon (dir. Faiza Ahmad Khan, 2008)

14:30 – 15:30 Discussion
“Superman of Melegaon and Postcolonial Piracy”
with directors Shaikh Nasir Niyazi Shaikh (Superman) and Faiza Ahmad Khan (Supermen)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee

16:00 – 18:30 Plenary Debate
“Postcolonial Piracy and Creative Production Across the Globe”

Panelists:
Dawn-Elissa Fischer, Henry Stobart, Adam Haupt, Brian Shlimkovitz (aka Awesome Tapes from Africa), Ebis Alvarez (Meridian Brothers), Gebr. Teichmann