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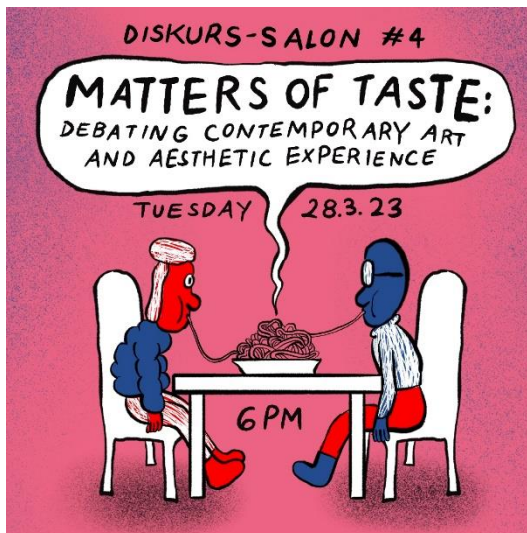
### **Discourse Salon #4. Matters of Taste: Debating Contemporary Art and Aesthetic Experience**

**28 March 2023, 6 pm, Museum of Communication Berlin / Kaffeehaus Dallmayr**

#### **IN ENGLISH**

Event as part of the exhibition

**ARGUMENTS. An Approach** 7 October 2022 – 27 August 2023



Matters of Taste. What is beautiful? What is an eyesore? What is art? How does art produce aesthetic experiences?

To explore these questions, Philippine artist and researcher meLê yamomo is turning the Museum of Communication Berlin into a social art space, creating an open mix of sound laboratory, social kitchen and discussion space. The different stations offer food and taste performances by artist Ariel William Orah as well as experimental live music by composer and musician Mo'ong Santoso Pribadi played on trash instruments from recycled waste. Both these artists come

from Indonesia. The discussion group addresses the political issues behind the tricky question of taste in art. Who decides what is art? Is it the artists or institutions – or the audience? Art historian Eva Bentcheva and artist Zoncy Heavenly join forces to debate this much disputed topic. The discussions are hosted by art activist Promona Sengupta.

- 6 pm **Guided tour ART**  
as part of the special exhibition ARGUMENTS. An Approach
- From 7 pm **Social Art Space** with **food, taste** and **sound performances** by artists **Ariel William Orah** and **Mo'ong Santoso Pribadi** and **discussion group** with **Eva Bentcheva** (art historian) and **Zoncy Heavenly** (artist), t.b.c.  
Host: **Promona Sengupta**, curator and art activist



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**meLê yamomo**, curator of the evening's events, deals with such issues as the global and colonial history of sound and performance, the migration of sounds, queer aesthetics and post-/decolonial acoustemologies. He researches, studies and teaches performance, music and sound in various European and Asian universities and projects.

**The event is held in English.**

**Date:** Tuesday, 28 March 2023

**Time:** 6 pm

**Place:** Museum of Communication, Kaffeehaus Dallmayr  
Leipziger Straße 16, 10117 Berlin

**Admission:** € 8, concessions € 4 at ticket desk  
etickets plus € 1 booking fee [etickets](#)

Photos and more [press materials](#)

More details on the [exhibition](#) and the [Discourse Salon](#)

Social Media: **#DiskursSalon #StreitAusstellung**

The **Discourse Salon** series takes its inspiration from the four themed rooms – MONEY, LOVE, POWER, ART – in our current temporary exhibition **ARGUMENTS. An Approach** and discusses them in various formats. The four Discourse Salons are followed by three further events on 16.05.2023, 20.05.2023 and 21.05.2023 // **WRESTLING. An audio walk with a live performance by hannsjana**

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