

Brutally Bungalow

Lecture Performance

Saturday, 21st of August

8.30 PM

In the courtyard of ChertLüdde / BUNGALOW

Ritterstraße 2A, 10969 Berlin

In the frame of his current exhibition *Our Sorrows will turn into Actions* at BUNGALOW, Arijit Bhattacharyya participates in the program *Mies in Mind*, a parcour exhibition organized by Index Berlin in collaboration with the Neue Nationalgalerie, which after several years officially reopens its doors in Berlin.

For this occasion, Arijit will present the public with a lecture titled *Brutally Bungalow*, taking place on Saturday, the 21st of August at 8.30 PM in the gallery and BUNGALOW courtyard, exploring the connection between the South Asian origin of the word “Bungalow” and its associations with local Bengali architecture, and its violent transport to the Western world resulting in its extreme influence in modernist architecture.

Reflecting upon the legacy of Mies van der Rohe, Arijit approaches the origins of modernist architectural design and its touchstones, such as the iconic low house and transparent openings recalling a veranda structure, the latter of which has South Asian origins. Through an illustrated reading, the artist takes us on a journey back in time to rediscover the origins of the modernist tradition and its contemporary political consequences in India.

Arijit Bhattacharyya (1994, India) is an artist and independent curator currently living and working in Weimar, Germany. His practice revolves around contentious narratives of resistance through social engagements, design interventions and lecture-performances. His artistic discourse is deeply rooted in the dissecting trajectories of socio-political history and its implications in cultural practices. As a curator, he is invested in artistic negotiations that investigate methods of social disobedience. He holds a Masters in Fine Arts from the Bauhaus Universität Weimar and also holds a Masters in Visual Art from the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.



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