Sleeping with Books

A photographic series ongoing (2011-), by CAECILIA TRIPP

'Sleeping With Books' blurs the boundaries between civil rights struggles and collective dreaming. Taking the form of a photographic dreamscape, it mingles the intimate moments of sleep, unconsciousness and awakening with ideas of freedom. The “sleeping” books dwell on the metaphysical space of imaginative agency, as a space of resistance, relation and opacity, triggering a world of shared futures. Everyone becomes their own agent in the appropriation of ideas, experiences, perceptions, passions, concepts and imaginaries inspired by these books as an archive of "living knowledge".

The Collective Act of sleeping with Walter Benjamin's Klee's Angelus Novus, Anarchism, John Cage and James Baldwin among many others, becomes as such a “partition” of a collective dreamscape for everyone.

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Sleeping with Books will also exist as an Edition in monumental formats.

Using filmic installation, photography as well as participatory performance, Caecilia Tripp’s conceptual work is entangled with the space of collective imagination as a space of transgression of social and cultural boundaries. Beyond geographical borders and with a poetic mind it deals with forms of freedom, utopia and civil disobedience at the crossroads of globalization, shining a light on the invention of new languages, sounds, cultural codes and social imaginary as a permanent process of “making history”.

Caecilia Tripp is based in New York. Her works has been shown internationally in galleries, museums such as PS1/MOMA New York / USA, Museum of Modern Art, Paris / France, Center of Contemporary Arts, New Orleans / USA, 7th Gwangju Biennale 2008, Gwangju / South Korea, Clark House Initiative, Bombay/India, Brooklyn Museum New York, Bronx Museum, New York, USA, Contemporary Art Center of Ivry, Le CREDAC. She is currently preparing her solo show for AGYU Toronto, Canada.

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