

Meetings for Humans and Cockroaches

Mediterranean Biennale Sakhnin instance

Cockroaches and Humans seem to share a repulsive reaction when meeting each other. This repulsive reaction is based on false perceptions and a true imagination. The practice of searching from that meeting of contradicting conjunctures comes from attempting to link these perceptions into physically real imaginary meeting points.

Cockroaches are seen in kitchens - because they rather like cleaning materials. They run away from Humans because they think Humans are dirty.

Humans tend to sense a repulsion towards Cockroaches based on a perception that roaches are dirty. (Unlike some spiders, Cockroaches are not poisonous..)

How to search Meetings for Humans and Cockroaches?



mediterranean biennale 2013 instance

Meetings during the mediterranean biennale in Sakhnin

Using samples of local plants found in the site where the new Sakhnin contemporary art museum is planned to be built^{*(note #1)}. Locals were asked for their preferred scents. Each preferred scent was added to a mixture of water and bleach^{*(note #2)} inside a water gun.

Following the mixture making, each was sprayed at an “operational meeting point”^{*(note #3)}.

The sequence of asking for a preferred scent + adding to bleach and water in the water gun + spraying, was repeated throughout a 2 days period of practice.

Notes:

Note #1



Site for future contemporary art museum

Note #2

The mixture contained bleach as a cleaning material to imagine attracting cockroaches. The human scent preference was altered from person to person - pending on personal preferences. (e.g. Individual Y fancied a certain scent - it was added to water + bleach. After spraying, Individual Z was asked to choose a scent and the process was repeated.)

Note #3

Operational Meeting Points are where elements meet in an urban environment. e.g. junctions, traffic lights, roundabouts, benches, etc..



A roundabout in Sakhnin town centre