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*Conceptual Exercises: Ewa Partum’s Artistic Practice (1965–1982)*

**Abstract**

Polish-born artist Ewa Partum is considered a pioneer of Eastern European feminist art produced within the conceptual idiom. Partum’s work can be chronologically divided into Polish (1965–82), West Berlin (from 1982–1989) and transnational/global (post 1989) periods. The heterogenic practice of Ewa Partum includes many different artistic formats such as conceptual poetry, performance, installation, photomontage, film, intervention, statement and action.

In my presentation I will concentrate on Partum’s art realised in communist Poland within the framework of conceptual and feminist discourses. I will discuss the problems related to the genealogy of Partum’s practice, her inclusion/exclusion as a conceptual artist in Polish art history and the feminist aesthetic employed by Partum’s in her performative works. I will also characterize the profile of Galeria Adres founded and run by the artist in Lodz (1972–1977) focusing on its specificity in the context of the Polish artistic culture of the 1970s and considering its transnational aspirations.

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