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Invitation to a presentation

Grass Mud Horse Style:
Ai Weiwei and the history of political art in China

by Professor Ming Tiampo, Carleton University

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Library and Archives Canada, Room 156, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa

Refreshments and conversation following the presentation
Everyone is welcome.*

From August 17 to October 27, the Art Gallery of Ontario will be showing *Ai Weiwei: According to What?*, the first North American retrospective of the internationally renowned Chinese artist's work. Ai Weiwei has emerged as a prominent critic of the Chinese government, bringing together art and politics in provocative and often poetic ways. This lecture provides a preview of Ai Weiwei's exhibition, surveying Ai Weiwei's career and situating it in a snapshot history of the relationship between art and politics in China from the Yuan dynasty to the present.

Ming Tiampo is Associate Professor of Art History at Carleton University. She specializes in post-1945 Japanese art, and examines the cultural consequences of globalization through her interest in transnational modernism. Her book, *Gutai: Decentering Modernism* (University of Chicago Press, 2011) is the first book in English to examine Gutai, and takes their transnational activities as a springboard for suggesting new ways of writing world art history. She has published and lectured in Austria, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States, and co-curated the exhibition *Gutai: Splendid Playground*, up now at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York (2013). Tiampo serves on the board of the Institute for Cultural Inquiry, Berlin, and is a founding member of the Center for Transnational Cultural Analysis at Carleton University.

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