

What is an Event?

There is not an event, but ten events.

1. The event of art, in which something new - a novel combination of affects - is added to the world. This event might also involve an interruption/intervention in an already existing combination of affects (our habitual world). The event of art 2, in which these other worlds open us out to that which is non-world. The event of art as a confrontation with the void *and* the business of construction in the face of it.

2. The event of Life in which something arises - an inorganic force or movement - from within banality, superficiality and alienation. This event of life is creativity and will always contradict and counteract fascism. The event of Life 2, in which we invent our own lives from the matter and materials at our disposal (the world as it is).

3. The event of death, in which a temporary aggregate (a subject, a world, a performance) dissolves. This event is not a tragedy but the very force of life's emergence (the laws of impermanence and insubstantiality). The event of death 2, in which an apparatus of capture crushes life (this is a nihilistic event, in fact an *anti*-event).

4. The event of thought, in which the universe, at last, turns back and contemplates itself. This event is the human - and the potential for the *transhuman*. The event of thought 2, in which thought creates further ways of thinking (for example technology, or art).

5. The ethical event in which two or more conjoin and increase their capacity to act (friendship, and other stranger combinations). This is a joyful event. The ethical event 2, in which a body (for example a collaboration) begins to explore what it is capable of (this will involve a trembling responsiveness to the event of intensities and becomings (affects) on/in the body).

6. The political event in which the collective usurps the individual. This is always a rupturing event, a shaking up of our typical selves (the realm of opinion). The event of politics 2, in which dissent is always accompanied by affirmation (this is also called the event of revolution).

7. The event of love in which we become other, we become world. This is an event of desire, and a movement towards a specifically disinterested desire. It is also the event as encounter with the world (preparation is needed to allow this kind of event to happen).

8. The event of language. A janus-faced event that produces community as it stymies immediacy. This event is always accompanied by the event of laughter, a stammering and stuttering in which life calls out and meaning falters. This is also the event of hope.

9. The event of time's colonisation (capitalism). This reactive event is the event of our time. It can be combated by the true event of our dreams and of our imaginations (the constitution of other worlds, other temporalities). The event of time 2, in which the eternal *within* time is deployed against it. These events constitute the new battleground.

10. Repetition *as* event. Always to start again, to start anew (this is a guerilla warfare against representation). This event, like all true events, calls to the future and to a people-yet-to-come. This event is the vapour of history, it is the activation of immanence, of man's endless creativity. It is an event that breaks habit and produces something new. It is an event that calls us to life and to live.