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前言

影像社会学的人文立场

王璜生(广东美术馆馆长)

轰轰烈烈的"第三届广州二年展,与后殖民谈再见"刚落下帷幕。"第三届广州国际摄影双年展,看真D.com"就 特赛轰烈烈登场了。又是一个"三"字头,第三届广州三年展的前言开篇我写道;老子有言:道生一,一生二,二 生三,三生万物。"三"确实是一个新的点,新的高点和新的起点。

作为广东美术馆自主策划的重要品牌。一是"广州三年展",二是"广州国际摄影双年展",一个是宪出其实验性 和文化前沿性的大型当代艺术展览活动;一个是强调其历史与当下文化交互关系,坚持影像社会学人文立场的专业 性学术性展示活动。

"摄影"是一个有着根据每变性的艺术门类。专业性并不仅仅指摄影的技术性,而恰恰,摄影是样脑着技术〔科技】的发生和发展而产生及活伸的,我们绕不开它的这种专业给技术性和技术的专业性。但是,专业与技术结往往是历史、社会文化的催生物,同时也对历史。社会文化产生看共构的关系。摄影、从其产生已起。就开始并体现出它见证历史、参与历史和社会建构的特殊专业品质。摄影、也因其较强的历史建构意义及与时代的文化、科技之间的密切关系。因而在社会学的意义方面和专业的形态发展上不断地体现出它独特的历史与当下、技术与时代的文化交互特征。从"摄影"到"影像"、"照相"到"图像志",从"个人生活"到"社会课观"等等,无不以独物的方式和视角是现着社会和时代对"摄影"的赠与求,同时,摄影也以这样多层面的发展的形态介入社会文化活动,成为根浆文化的重要组成部分和主要研究对象。

基于这样的思考。广东美术馆于2002年开始,着于于系统化的摄影学术活动。包括策划学术代摄影展宽。研讨会、出版。还有专业性的收藏。于是,我们在专业的摄影图片机构FOTOE及摄影家合作支持下,策划了"中国人本。纪实在当代"大型摄影展览,并以专业的原底片冲印方式,按博物馆收藏要求,收藏了全部的六百未件作品。2003年11月这一展宽显现给了社会。由于它的专业性操作、社会学的意义和独立的人文立场,以及美术馆专业收藏的行为。引起了国内外文化界、摄影界、博物馆美术馆界等的普遍关注和好评。随后在北京、上海,德国伯林、法兰克福、德累斯顿、郡尼黑、斯图加特、英国爱丁堡、美国纽的等地巡展、出版了中文简体学版、繁体字版、法文版、英文版、德文版等的展览图表,可见影响之大。在这样的基础上和社会的影体期待下,广东美术馆开始进行"广州国际摄影双年展"的规划和策划,并于2005年1月推出了"省届广州国际摄影双年展2005"。

从第一届开始,我们就提出这样的基本宗旨、坚持影像社会学的人文立场和国际化的视野、参与和推动中国的当代

Foreword

A Humanistic Take on Photographical Sociology

Wang Huangsheng, Director of GDMoA

As soon as the Third Guangzhou Triennial was drawing to a close, the third Guangzhou Photo Biennial has been set for stage. It's the number three again. In the foreword to the Third Guangzhou Triennial, I wrote, Lao Tse once said, Out of Tao comes Unity; out of Unity comes two; from two comes three; from three all things come. Thus we consider three to be a new point, a new level and a new start.

Guangzhou Triennial and Guangzhou Photo Biennial are two of the most important brands created by Guangdong Museum of Art. The former one features experiments in contemporary art and avant-garde cultural events. While the latter places a heavy emphasis on cultural interactions between history and the contemporary time. It is an exhibition of photos with references to their social and humanistic implications.

"Photography" is a specialized form of art. It is important to understand that the development of photography parallels with that of technologies. No one can circumvent this underlying technical aspect in photography. But technology is often a product of the times and socio-historical developments. They altogether form a symbiosis relationship. Photography, ever since the day of its inception, has been bearing witness to history, been part of history, and an essential component of social development. It is this interwoven relationship between photography, historical narratives, changing culture and technology that defines the unique role of photography in presenting the past and recording the present. From photography to visual images, from photo making to photographical history, from private life to social landscapes, all of these are reflections of the demand of the society for photography in different times. Photography penetrates into social life, through all these multitudes of dimensions, and becomes integrated parts of visual culture and a main focus of visual culture studies.

Based upon these judgments, since 2002, GDMoA has been engaged in a series of academic activities, including photography shows, seminars, publications, and specialized showcases. With partnership from POTOE, we launched "Humanism in China: A Contemporary Record of Photography" in November 2003. All the photos shown were developed from the original films and altogether over 600 pieces of work were shown and collected by the Museum. Thanks to the Museum's professional arrangements, emphasis on sociological implications, independent humanistic concerns and the initiative actions of work collection after the show, this event was well received by people from cultural, photographical and museum people from all across the globe. The catalog of this show was later published and was translated into Traditional Chinese, French, English and

摄影及文化的双展。第一届的主题为"城市、重视",旨在关注现代化进程中城市发展的问题。及人在这样的时空 中"观"与"核观"。"他"与"被视"。的双重境遇,摄影以它独特而直接的语言表达方式直面这样的社会和人的 问题及境遇。"第二届广州国际摄影双年限2007"以"左右视线"为标题,将关注的重点由空间话题转换到时间坐 标上,力图在自定义的中国当代摄影史的框架下,凸现这一传播效应极强的视觉文本的动态特质。对当代中国多元 的摄影现象的生成、分化、就变与演进,以及在日趋国际化的背景下中国摄影象、艺术家与外部文化引力之间所产生的交互与返发模式的助步程效。

"第三届广州国际摄影双年展2009"以"赛真D.com"(Sightings; Searching for the Truth)为标题,从这个标题的字文上阐述。"春页0"来自于粤语中的常用词,意思是"香清楚—血";而"com"则是最适用的网络语汇,包含有以新媒介传播信息和影像的寓意。其实,以这个标题作为本届双年展的主题,其主要的看眼点是"看"(视)和"真"(实)的摄影本体问题,语问摄影与人类生活和社会现实的基本经验和可能性。在"看"与"真"的前提下,展开以摄影对于社会现实的介入与表述。强调摄影对于社会与人生"真"的问题的持久关注,力图从中原现本的影像社会会意义。同时也提示和关于摄影中所包含的现实与虚乱的双重通义。

"第三届广州国际摄影观年展"由三个部分"主题展"、"特展"和"学术研讨会"组成、"主题展"包括六个单元;分别是"写真"、"感光"、"显影"、"放大"、"国际视野"和"纪录片专题展映 针孔,来自现场"; "特展"为"庄学本有年诺辰回题展1909-2000";"学术研讨会"有,一、《摄影的"看"与"真";第三届广州国际摄影观年展学术研讨会》;二、《庄学本有年诺辰回题展专题研讨会》(作为"人类学与民族学联合会第16届世界大会"影视人类学论坛的一个单元)。本届摄影观年展的主旨强调回归到摄影媒介的本位,从摄影的自身媒介特点出发,展开26在历史、传统、社会与当代艺术中的拓展等多重维度和立场,从中研究摄影表现与社会历史的

影像社会学的人文立场和愈义建构,应该说是"广州国际摄影双车展"一直坚持的出发点和目标方式。影像社会学关注的是影像的发生、发展、与社会、时代、历史的人文之间的关系、以及思想史、文化史的观觉是现等等。因此,三届下来的"广州国际摄影双车展"一直追踪。追问、探付着摄影图像的历史形成及与社会互生、互动。互证、互为问题的视觉之化现象。从第一届"城市·重视",追踪摄影的产生与城市记录,城市人精神需求和生活方式的历史过程,进而探讨城市的发展之于人的生存处像及城市的膨胀之于人性和社会的关系等等的问题,"重(Chong)视"城市,其实是"重视"摄影与城市描述和表达,"重视"城市的社会学现象和摄影的视觉文化愈义。而第二届的"左右视线",重点落实于中国现代摄影的发生和发展与近30年中国社会现实从精神、文化到艺术的深层关系,摄影作为艺术、它自身的表达方式、观念等构成了多重的形态,记录和创造了与社会多重的文化关系。第三届的广州摄影双车展继续于从摄影影像的特殊历史和艺术形态出发,探讨"看"(视 和"真"(实)的图像学和社会学的相关问题,而这种"探讨"医特看一定的人文立场,强调和明确摄影与人一社会一历史的逐渐能聚成思想特征。自觉地凸现摄影的效治历史与政治伦理即创度。坚持在与人生、社会、历史的真实维系中是

German. The exhibition later toured to Beljing, Shanghai, Berlin, Frankfurt, Dresden, Stuaggart, Edinburge and New York. It is with this picture in mind that GDMoA embarked on planning the photo biennial and released the first Guangzhou Photo Biennial in January 2005.

Ever since the first exhibition, we bear this notion in mind: stick to the humanistic stance and standing firm with the international perspective, promoting contemporary photography and art. The first Photo Biennial was themed Re(-)Viewing the city. It is about urbanization in modern society and the dual positions of the watching and the being watched of man in such time and space. Photography depicts this in a direct and intuitive way. It was an attempt in probing the social and personal prolems and difficulties. The 2007 Guangzhou Photo Biennial was themed Evolution. Its focus shifted to the time scale, placing an emphasis on the effectiveness of photos being used as a means of transmission in the history of Chinese contemporary photography. It was also a primary research on the interaction model of exchanges between Chinese photographers and their international counterparts.

The theme of the 2009 Guangzhou Photo Biennial is Sightings: Searching for the Truth. Taken literally, "看真D" comes from a slang word in Cantonese, meaning to look more clearly. While ".com" is a common expression on the Internet, with connotations of using new media in information and visual circulations. With this theme we try to make a probe on the ontological meanings of photography, a probe into the past and possibilities of photography bearing testimony to human life and social realities. We put an emphasis on the truth of life as rendered in photography, and dig into the sociological concerns of photography. On top of that, we would also like to read into the dual implications of photography in both the reality world and the virtual world.

The 2009 Guangzhou Photo Biennial comprises of three parts: the main show, the special show and symposiums. There are altogether six sections in the main show: Remembering, From Negative to Positive, Phenomena, Spectacle, International Program and Documentary Films - Pinhole: From the Spot. The special show is Zhuang Xueben: A Centenary Retrospective 1909-2009. We have two symposiums that include The "Sightings" and "Truth" in Photography: Symposium of 2009 Guangzhou Photo Biennial and Symposium of Zhuang Xueben: A Centenary Retrospective 1909-2009 as a part in the 16th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences.

The humanistic take and narratives have been the baseline and objective of Guangzhou Biennial. Visual sociology is about the rise of images and their relations with changing times, society and history. All through these years, Guangzhou Photo Biennial has been tracking, questioning, and thinking about the socio-historical contexts in which photos have been made, and the mutual interactions between history, photography and the society. In the first Biennial, we tracked the development of photography and its records of city life, spiritual demand of city dwellers and their lifestyles. It is an emphasis on the role of photography in documenting the city and the awareness of sociological and visual cultural significance of photography.

In the second Biennial, we focused on the rise of Chinese contemporary photography and its relationship