

We need to talk!
The MAK is starting the new art education format
Conversation Pieces

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The MAK is starting the new art education format *Conversation Pieces* on 4 October 2022: artists, activists, scientists, and personalities from various communities will be invited to talk about select objects from the MAK Collection. *Conversation Pieces* is dedicated to themes like diversity, feminism, participation or loneliness, symbiotic bodies, racism in collections, planet care, and much more. The MAK will be used as a polyphonic place for the exchange of ideas and to engage in various sociopolitical discourses and problems that enable new perspectives on an extraordinary collection. The series starts against the background of a maiolica bowl with a *Conversation Piece* with the sociologist and author Dr. Laura Wiesböck on the topic of *Enormous transformations: on male structural violence against women as part of the Western narrative* (Tuesday, 4.10.2022, 7 pm, MAK Forum).

At the beginning of the format series is an actual conversation piece – a maiolica bowl from the Italian Renaissance. These ceramic objects were mainly designed to provide topics for and stimulate conversation, a real *Conversation Piece*. The selected bowl shows mythological scenes from Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. All scenes are linked by the metamorphosis of women fleeing from male sexual violence.

The sociologist and author Dr. Laura Wiesböck talks with us about what everyday metamorphosis rituals women still apply today to protect themselves from sexual assaults. We also ask about the societal significance still ascribed to the preservation of the "purity" of the female body. How do modern male perpetrators still successfully create "safe spaces" in which they can exercise violence against women – whether in sports, art and culture or in the media industry?

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Further dates

Tue, 1.11.2022, 7 pm
(All Hallows)
On death and its place in our life
With the intensive care physician Dr. Gunnar Gamper

Sun, 13.11.2022, 4.30 pm
Following new patterns
For the Weekend of Graphic Arts
With the graphic designer Univ. Prof. Enrico Bravi

Tue, 20.12.2022, 7 pm
Dinner for One
On Christmas as the celebration of loneliness and on spaces for being together
With the psychiatrist and initiator of the platform against loneliness Dr. Karin Gutiérrez Lobos

Tue, 10.1.2023, 7 pm
On the fest
With the DJ, music producer, and networker Electric Indigo

Tue, 24.1.2023, 7 pm
On the exhibition *FOLDS*
With the artist and photographer Elfie Semotan

Tickets € 10

Plus admission to the museum
€ 15, reduced € 12, Tuesdays 6–9 pm: admission € 7
Free admission for children and teens under 19

Please register at <https://www.mak.at/transformations>

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