



Tiresias

Culture, Politics and Critical Theory



We're Still Lying and Other Truths

The phrase “we’re still lying” embodies a paradoxical speech act. If we affirm “we’re lying” we are at the same time also telling a truth. Thus, the question of truth compels us to reevaluate, not only its contemporary meaning, but also our intellectual political practices. This issue of *Tiresias* attempts to explore some of the theoretical and political notions of truth.

From the theoretical point of view, what are the implications of such an “old” concept? By stressing its significance today, we posit the question of truth and its own temporality. What are the contemporary discourses that consider truth? Are there any that capture truth in its essence? If so, what does truth look like in its essential form? Does our geographical location have a particular relevance in our approach to truth? What are the languages of truth today?

Finally, considering the current era of neo-liberal global economy, how does political discourse embody truth? Does truth do the same with power and knowledge? How do different disciplines or areas of study incorporate or reject the questioning of truth? Does our position on truth change when we take into account our daily intellectual lives?

Suggested topics concerning the notion of Truth:

Simulacra before Truth
Politics and Praxis
Universality and Particularity
Memory and History
The Aesthetics of Identity
The Economics of Poetry

The Poetics of Truth
Immanence and Transcendence
Reality and Fiction
Arts and Philosophy
Law and Justice
(Post)modern Thought

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