

Bio

Jan Zalesak

Born in Kyjov, south-east Moravia, on 7th July 1979. Grew up in Veseli nad Moravou, town of about 13.000, where attended 5 years at a primary school. Was lucky to become a part of the first year of renewed tradition of 8-year secondary grammar schools program which could happen due to the Velvet Revolution. At the secondary school enjoyed literature, arts and English language. Was a member of a school team of the Debate League organized partially by the Open Society fund Prague. In the year 1998 started to study the East Bohemia University in Hradec Kralove – program for secondary school teachers with a specialization in the Czech language and Literature and in Art. Graduated with a dissertation at the Art Department. Since year 2003 has been studying PhD program at the Art Department of Masaryk University in Brno (a topic of my dissertation is analysis of the strategies of dealing with artworks in the art education a context of its wider value frameworks). Between years 2003 and 2005 was teaching part-time art at the secondary grammar school in Brno-Lisen. In the school year 2005-2006 took a year off from the Department and was teaching art at the Ampleforth College in North Yorkshire, England. Since year 2004 has been cooperating occasionally with Atelier, a Czech art magazine, writing mostly reviews on art exhibitions in Brno.