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Reasons for the conference

For a long time, symbols reigned and images were subordinated to them. Most of these images were constitutive – and constituent - symbols of the civilizations to which they belonged.

But in a given moment – its dating might constitute one of the themes of this conference – everything was drastically transformed: symbols looked like loosing their luminescence, progressively vanishing, whereas images, liberated from symbols, began to invade all spaces, giving birth to a new form of landscape.

Thus, the discrediting of symbols has come to coincide with the kingdom of images, which takes the shape of an apotheosis of their power of fascination.

But, while being detached from the symbols that once anchored them, the images that mould the new contemporary landscape seem to fork in two opposite directions. On the one hand, they are increasingly ethereal, fleeting, and unreal, completely dedicated to the seductive gesture. On the other hand, they are bitter, rough, vividly real and thus, are heading for the realm of violence.

Today, what balance can we strike with such transformations?. And how do subjects live this transformation of their symbolic and imaginary universe, of their universe, in short, as necessarily made up of symbols and images? To what extent does this mutation affect the terms through which subjects recognize their identities and confront their relation with their own bodies?

This is the open range of topics for the IV International Conference of Textual Analysis to be held in Segovia from 8th - 11th November, 2006.
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