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# Political Landscape

Art, Resistance, Salzkammergut

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The Ausseer Land and its environment is a particularly striking region of the Salzkammergut. To this day, the mountain landscape has lost none of its picturesque appeal, and has salvaged a collective political history that has moulded this part of the countryside and its people. In the mid-1940s, a great many actions both for and against Hitler's fascist rule were concentrated here in the Austrian Salzkammergut, a traditionally popular summer resort formed by a triangle that stretches between the high mountains of the present-day states of Salzburg, Upper Austria and Styria. Parts of the partisan-like resistance used the impassable areas of the high mountains as retreat. After the collapse of the Nazi-Regime also National-Socialists were hiding in the mountains or lived

anonymously in the region. Likewise a burning lens many events culminated until May 1945 as for instance art robbery, betrayal, active and passive resistance, escape and murder. These complex and ambiguous times have normative effects on our political system until today. 2015 marks 70 years since Europe's liberation from national-socialist totalitarianism, at which point only few living witnesses will remain.

The art project "Political Landscape" addresses a specific landscape and processes the issue of individual and collective memory in several steps. Parts of the project will be located in the valley, and another part in the high mountains, a third part will be presented in the museum Kunsthaus Graz. The artworks develop new perspectives on the landscape and help to enhance a broad regional debate and social awareness of the political of landscape and everyday culture from a contemporary artistic perspective.

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### 3 Openings

#### **City of Graz**

**10 July 2015, 7 pm**, Kunsthaus Graz, Lendquai 1, 8020 Graz

#### **Altaussee**

**11 July 2015, 12 am**, town hall, downtown, 8992 Altaussee

Round trips by bus with artists to Altaussee, Bad Aussee, Topplitz See

#### **Totes Gebirge**

**12 July 2015, 10-6 pm**, hiking tour starting at Blaa-Alm along Nagelsteig to Ischler hut and retour. Mountain experience and hiking outfit is necessary.

Please register: [kioer@museum-joanneum.at](mailto:kioer@museum-joanneum.at)

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