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THE REAL THING?

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The Royal Photographic Society, in collaboration with the National Media Museum and the University of Westminster, is organising a series of events for 2009, entitled “The Real Thing? - Staging, Manipulation and Photographic Truth”.

Moving through the past 170 years of photography, “The Real Thing?” will consider different photographic technologies and applications, from combination printing to digital imaging. Each event will focus on issues relating to photographic representation: the role manipulation has in constructing photographic meaning, and the extent to which new technologies test our belief in the veracity of photographic realism.

By combining historical perspectives with analyses of contemporary practice, “The Real Thing?” hopes to tease out similarities between widely varied and disparate imaging techniques, to explore the enduring relevance of staged photography and the consequences of its myths, metaphors, facts and fictions.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 30

Last date to submit your own version of Rejlander’s “Two Ways of Life” Society competition with a prize of £500

APRIL 25

The University of Westminster: conference on art, advertising, photojournalism, editorial and fashion. Dr David Bate, Andy Golding, Professor Mitra Tabrizian, Colin Jacobson, Dr Sophie Triantaphyllidou, Professor Penny Martin **£15**

JULY 11

National Media Museum, Bradford: conference looking at staging and manipulation in a historical context and how it has influenced contemporary image-makers. Dr Carolyn Bloore, Professor Calum Colvin, Tom Hunter, Marta Weiss **£20**

Other events will be arranged throughout 2009 and information will be added to the website address below.

FOR BOOKING AND MORE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE EVENTS VISIT:

www.rps.org/education/visual-literacy-conference-and-events-2009

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