

CircoloBateson

The Circolo Bateson, founded in Rome in 1990 as a laboratory for the study of Gregory Bateson's work, is a seminar meeting place regarding the epistemology of living systems.

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Dollar Image, 1989

George Washington's face dissolves revealing continents

"Somewhere (...) is a region where you are partly blown by the winds of reality and partly an artist creating a composite out of the inner and outer events." ASU p. 223

Genetically Modified Money



Minidollar, 2007

Shrinking by drying out:
so operate heads reducers ...



G.M.O. Genetically Modified Dollar, 2005©

No more arrows in the eagle's claws,
only olive branches

"... It is possible that the aesthetic approach may provide short cuts to the evaluation and criticism of plans for action." ASU p. 257



Take a sniff, it smells good!

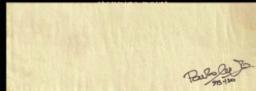
Banknotes burst into flames
under the gaze of the observer

"... The whole of possessiveness would come out very differently if we viewed our possessiveness not numerically in terms of pounds or dollars but relationally." ASU p. 311



Tazebau Venezia Pechino, 2005

A dollar skinned traveling from Venice to Beijing
collecting signatures and moods at every



Tazebau s'pace, 2006

With Paolo Nespoli in outer-space,
23 October 2007

Paolo Monti Between art and science

The artist Paolo Monti has been taking part in the Seminars organised by the Circolo Bateson for several years with a number of his works on the "un-usability" of banknotes. His procedures involve the concrete and material de-structuration of banknotes and their symbolic value.

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Cash, 1991

- Real money?
- Yes. Provisionally ... a parallelepiped

"... In biology there are no values which have the characteristic that if something is good, then more of that something will be better (...). Money is shown to be certainly unbiological and perhaps antibiological ..."

ASU p. 297

"... In the world of patterns and ideas irony is everywhere; and by irony you may (perhaps) reach that small enlightenment which is a moment of seeing the larger gestalt." ASU p. 298



Subtraction, 1988-2001

We cut off fine strips from the edge of banknotes ...