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inSITE97 Conference Explores Private Time in Public Space

SAN DIEGO/TIJUANA—"Private Time in Public Space--Romance and Violence in the City," is the title and focus of a three-day conference, Nov. 20-22, sponsored by inSITE97, the University of California, San Diego's Office of Latin American Studies, Stuart Collection, and Visual Arts Department and the Liberal Arts and International Programs of UCSD Extension and the Colegio de la Frontera Norte. The conference is free and open to the public. Contact Mary Beebe, UCSD, at (619) 534-2117, or Sharon Reo, inSITE97, at (619) 544-1482 for information.

The keynote address by artist Vito Acconci, will be delivered Nov. 20, at Copley International Conference Center, Institute of the Americas, UCSD, at 7:30 p.m. His presentation, which will be in English with Spanish translation available, will be open to the public at no charge.

Acconci is an internationally celebrated artist, whose work probes the limits of public and private space and lures the viewer into the action. His piece for inSITE97 is located on both sides of the border where the U.S./Mexico border fence extends into the Pacific Ocean.

Acconci is so influential in the discussion of urban public space that the name and thrust of the conference was derived from his article "Public Space in a Private Time," published by *Critical Inquiry*, Summer 1990.

The conference will include two panels: "Private Eye/Public Sphere" features professors Susan Buck-Moss of Cornell University, Néstor García Canclini of the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana in Mexico City, Johanne Lamoureux of the University of Montreal and moderator Thomas Reese, deputy director of the Getty Research Institute of Santa Monica. "From the Arcades Project to Shopping Malls and Roadside Kitsch: Configurations in Public Space" will feature panelist Vito Acconci of New York, George Lewis of UCSD and Beatriz Sarlo of the Universidad de Buenos Aires and moderator Tomás

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Ybarra-Frausto of the Rockefeller Foundation, New York. Introductions will be provided by Peter Smith from the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies at UCSD and José Manuel Valenzuela Arce from the Colegio de la Frontera Norte.

The programs on Nov. 20-21 will be at the Copley International Conference Center, Institute of the Americas, UCSD. The program on Nov. 22 will be at the Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Blvd Abelardo L. Rodríguez #2925, Zona del Rio, Tijuana. The conference begins each day at 10 a.m.

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