We’re Still Lying and Other Truths

The phrase “we’re still lying” embodies a paradoxical speech act. If we affirm “we’re lying” we are at the same time also telling a truth. Thus, the question of truth compels us to reevaluate, not only its contemporary meaning, but also our intellectual political practices. This issue of Tiresias attempts to explore some of the theoretical and political notions of truth.

From the theoretical point of view, what are the implications of such an “old” concept? By stressing its significance today, we posit the question of truth and its own temporality. What are the contemporary discourses that consider truth? Are there any that capture truth in its essence? If so, what does truth look like in its essential form? Does our geographical location have a particular relevance in our approach to truth? What are the languages of truth today?

Finally, considering the current era of neo-liberal global economy, how does political discourse embody truth? Does truth do the same with power and knowledge? How do different disciplines or areas of study incorporate or reject the questioning of truth? Does our position on truth change when we take into account our daily intellectual lives?

Suggested topics concerning the notion of Truth:

- Simulacra before Truth
- Politics and Praxis
- Universality and Particularity
- Memory and History
- The Aesthetics of Identity
- The Economics of Poetry
- The Poetics of Truth
- Immanence and Transcendence
- Reality and Fiction
- Arts and Philosophy
- Law and Justice
- (Post)modern Thought


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