

Before, During & After: Here Now (How To Keep The Balance) Online Reading Group #2

Reading List:

As these files are quite large, you will be sent a link to download the PDF files upon booking your place. If you are interested in reading them but can't attend, please request them by email from robyn.haddon@sitegallery.org

1. *Songs of the Factory: Pop Music, Culture, and Resistance* by Marek Korczynski. Chapter 1: Reach Out I'll Be There

This chapter gives an overview of an ethnographic study that the author conducted at a factory that manufactures blinds - it touches on interesting theories around music in the workplace and how we socially engage with music, as well as music in relation to capitalist oppression versus workplace resistance.

2. *Songs of the Factory: Pop Music, Culture, and Resistance* by Marek Korczynski. Side steps

In this PDF document there are two extracts from the book that cover the history of music in the workplace, and the significance of Saturday Night Fever.

3. *The Vietnam War Divided The Country, But Music United The Troops*

Short excerpt from *We Gotta Get Outta This Place: The Soundtrack of the Vietnam War*, a book published in 2015 by Craig Werner and Douglas Bradley exploring Vietnam soldiers' relationship to music listening.

BONUS - if you are interested:

***Songs of the Factory: Pop Music, Culture, and Resistance* by Marek Korczynski. Chapter 6: Songs mentioned by the factory workers**

For the study, the author asks the workers - "Is there a piece of music that speaks to you in any way about your working life at McTells?" - this chapter is worth skipping through to read about certain songs and what they mean to the factory workers.