

Photography - Hellmuth Conz



Hellmuth Conz, a veteran photographer from the Licht School of Photography, is currently conducting regular photography workshops for the 2nd semester CE and CS students. Beginning with an introductory session on 16th December, 2023, Mr. Conz detailed his personal history with photography, his time in the army and his eventual moving to India where he has spent the last two decades teaching photography at University level, alongside his own professional workshops and projects.

We resumed classes after the Christmas break on the 6th of January, 2024. Mr. Conz made presentations on the basic principles of photography by elaborately covering the history of photography and cameras - analog and digital. The class was able to apply a practical lens to the material covered aided by Mr. Conz's extensive collection of cameras and negatives (glass, metal, polyester and cellophane). He informed the class on various subjects including the basic settings on cameras, framing, lighting and the relevant terminology required to comprehend the basic functions of modern-day camera apparatuses. He has also given the students an open invitation to aid him in the scanning of old negatives of his previous works dating back decades.

The class was simultaneously required to submit themed practical assignments on 'Colours', 'Street Fashion' and 'Photo story' – the latter is our most recent assignment and is still ongoing. Mr. Conz has also conducted field trips for the students at the following locations, the Indian Christian Cemetery Trust, Russell Market and Dhobi Ghat – again, the latter is our most recent assignment, the date of the field trip is yet to be decided.