## The Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art Presents: *Graph IV*



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY'S

MOSS-THORNS

GALLERY of ART

& The Patricia A. Schmidt Gallery Lobby















**Directs FHSU Issues and Solutions:** 

Monday October 28 - Friday November 1, 2024

A devised

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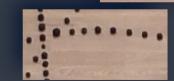
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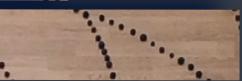












### Steve Hilton

 Artist/Activist Steve Hilton is a unique blend of scientist, artist, maker, and coach. He facilitated discussions about issues that pull us apart and help unite us. He led individuals in creating a raw clay sculpture that expressed their feelings, values, or ideas and created a maze/pattern that connected our experiences in a unique pattern/path (Graph).



### Graph IV

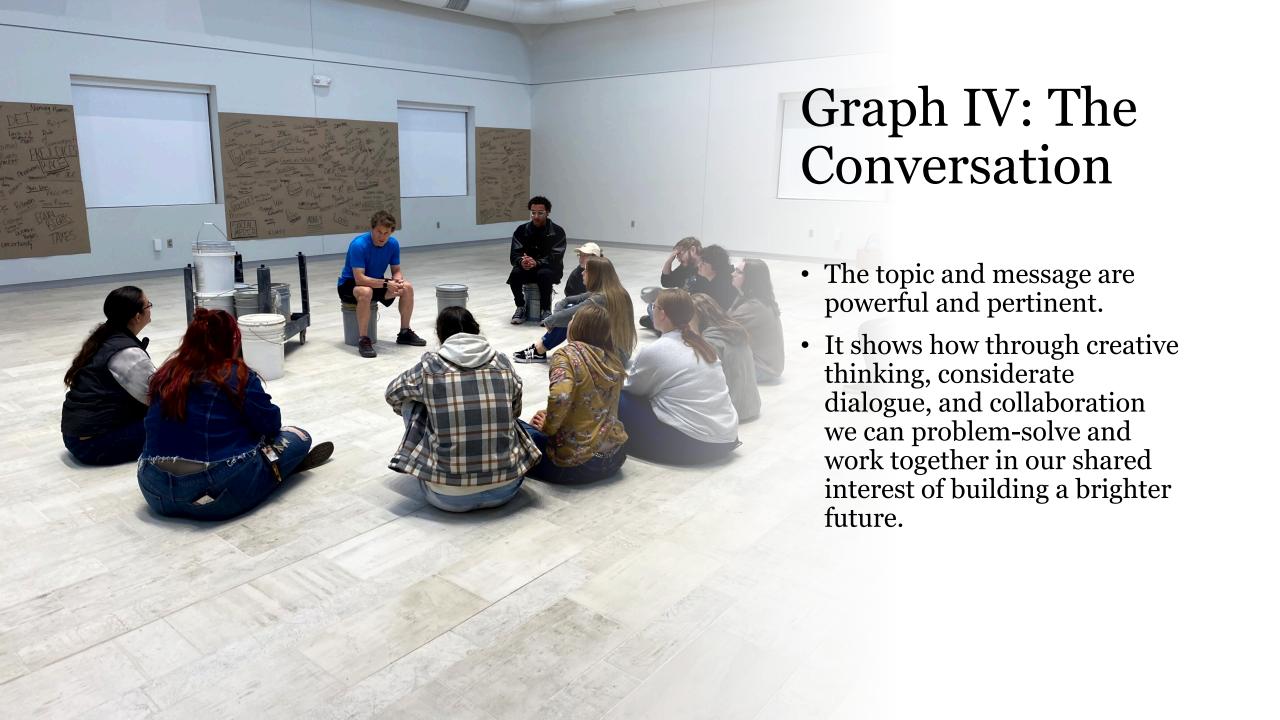
- As we face the future, issues can divide us:
  - This interactive and hands-on learning experience hosted in the Moss-Thorns Gallery offered an opportunity to dialogue about our values, concerns, and visions for our shared world and created a visual artifact of that path in raw clay and black marbles.
  - Emphasis was on actions we can implement to help unite us all.
- Sustainable: the installation was made of raw clay and at the end the clay was recycled.





# Graph IV: The Conversation

- **Polarization**: state in which the opinions, beliefs, or interests of society no longer range along a continuum but become concentrated at opposing extremes.
- Using the above definition of polarization, consider different issues, and topics that often lead to strong disagreements or emotional reactions in society today. Some words or phrases can cause people to feel divided or bring up beliefs and values that make it difficult to find common ground.
- Students, Faculty, and Community were asked to consider the following questions to guide their thinking:
  - Are there certain topics that tend to lead to heated arguments?
  - Which issues or topics do you think create "us vs. them" mentalities or seem to split people into opposing groups?



# Graph IV: The Results

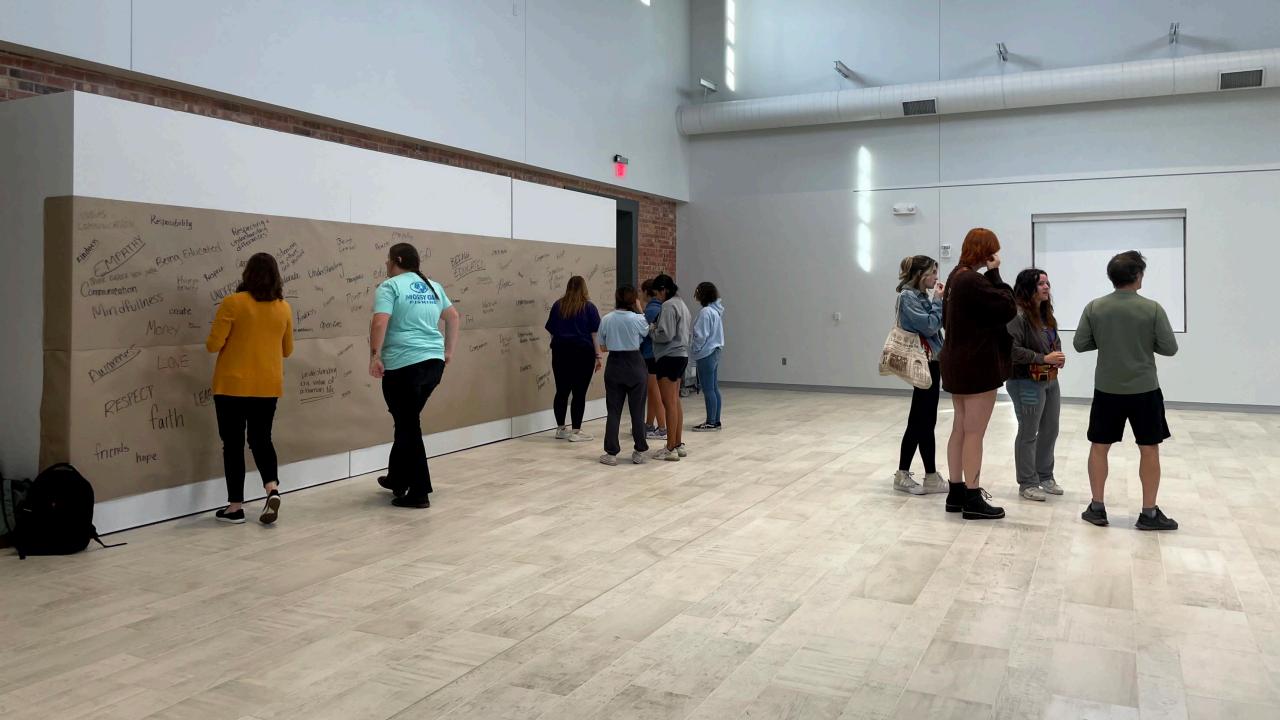
- "Graph IV" was a powerful representation of how when we converse/work together we can disagree yet still be respectful.
- Steve and his four students led a discussion with 200+ FHSU students, faculty, and community participants.
  - The participants' conversation and voices helped create "Graph IV"!
- This was an amazing experience for all to be a part of!





Graph IV: Discussion



















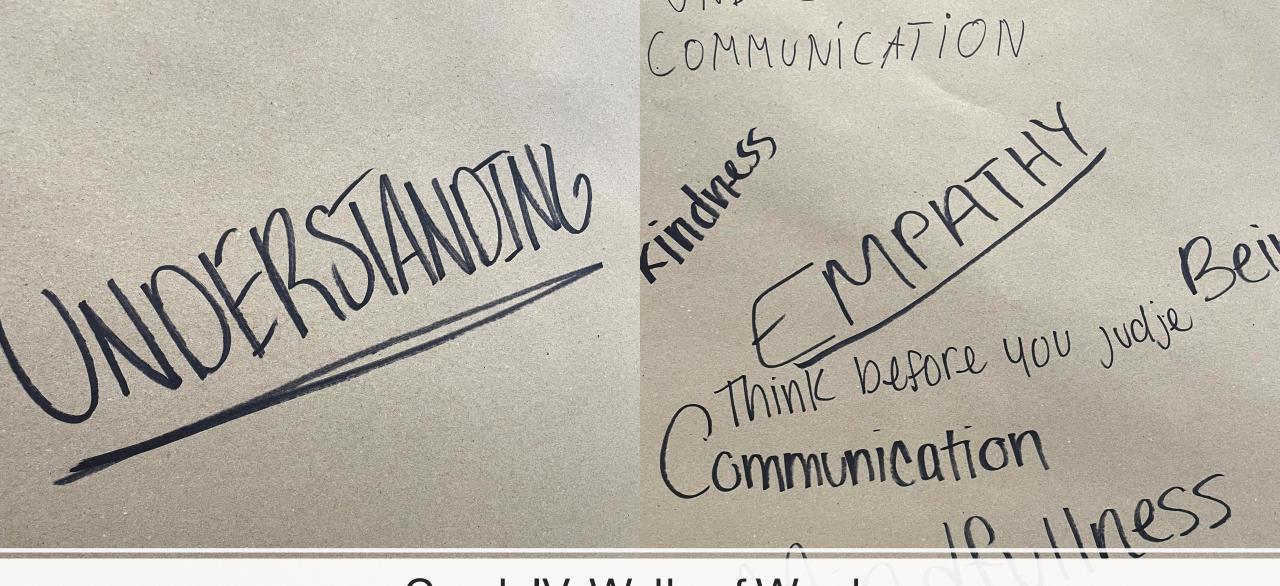


Graph IV: The Creation of Spheres









Graph IV: Walls of Words

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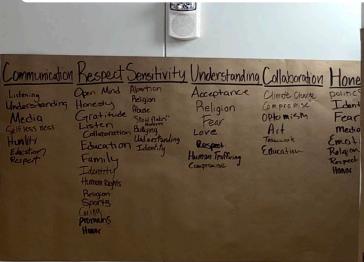
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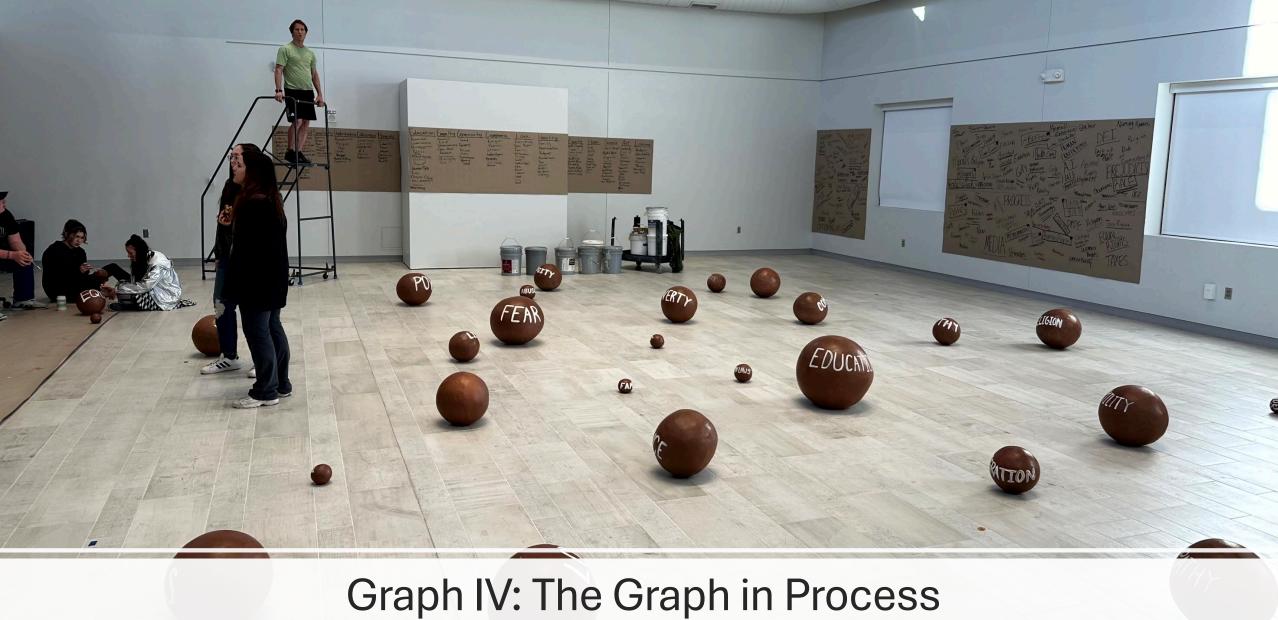
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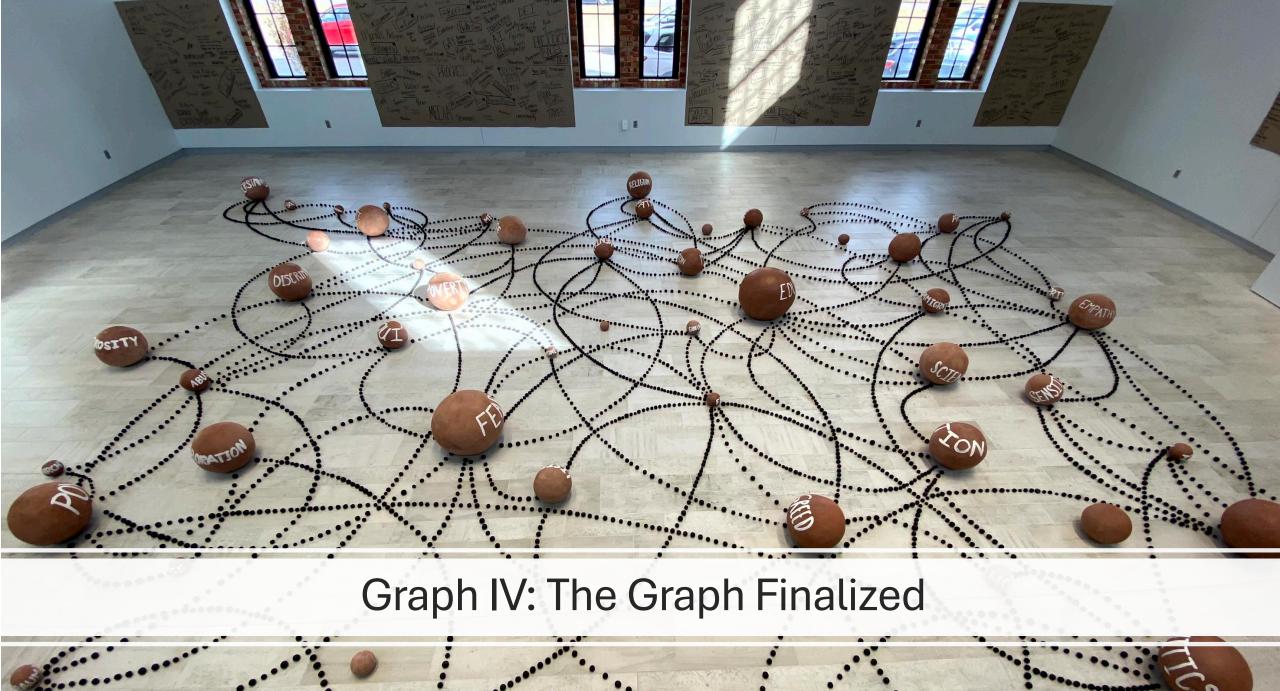




















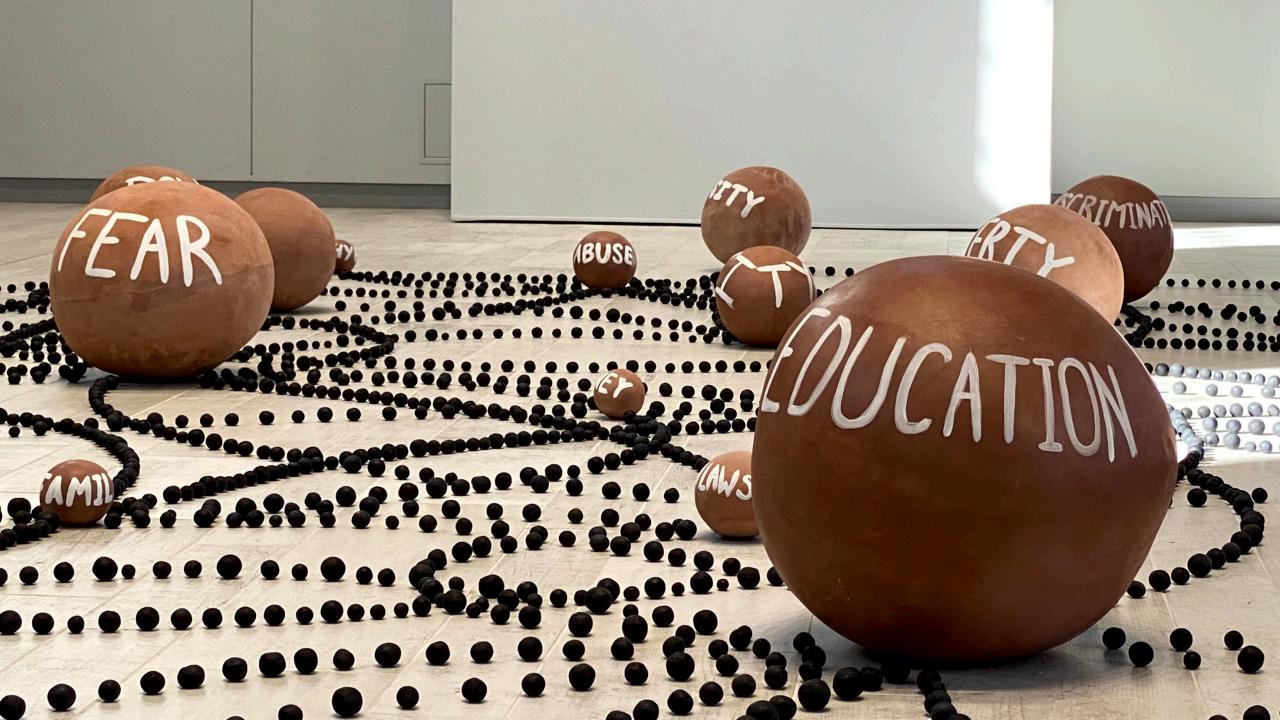










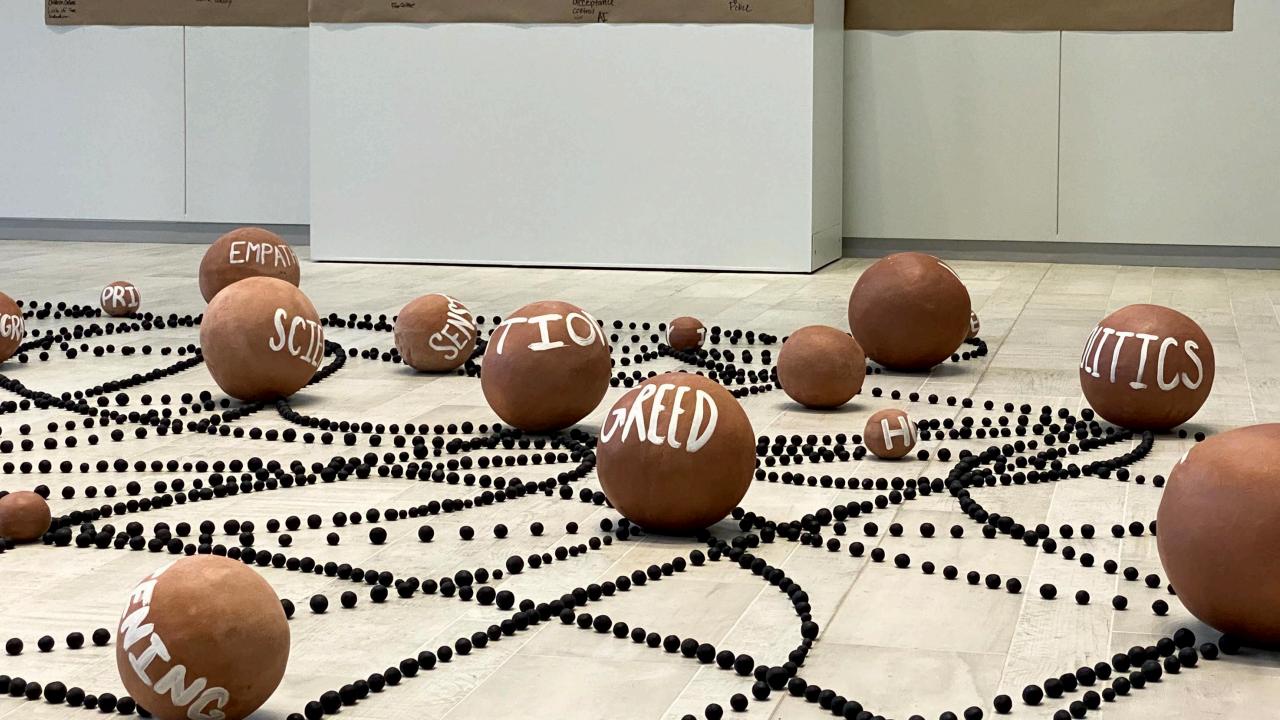








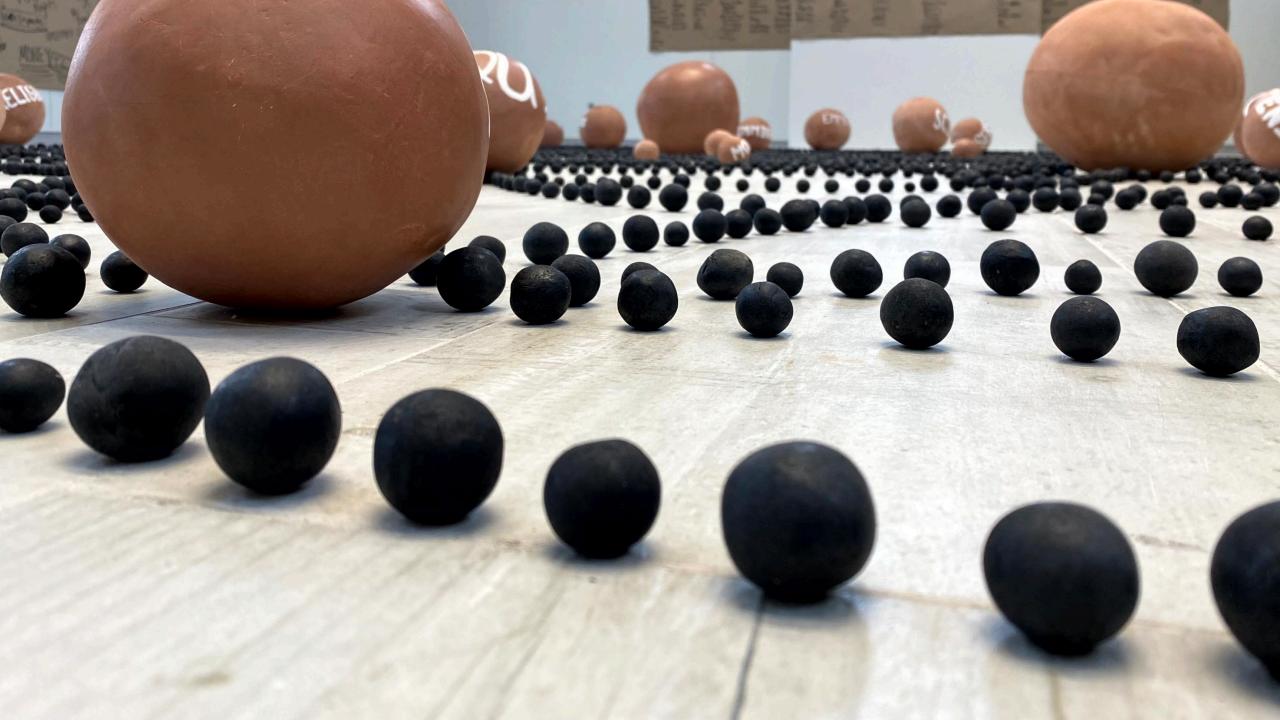


















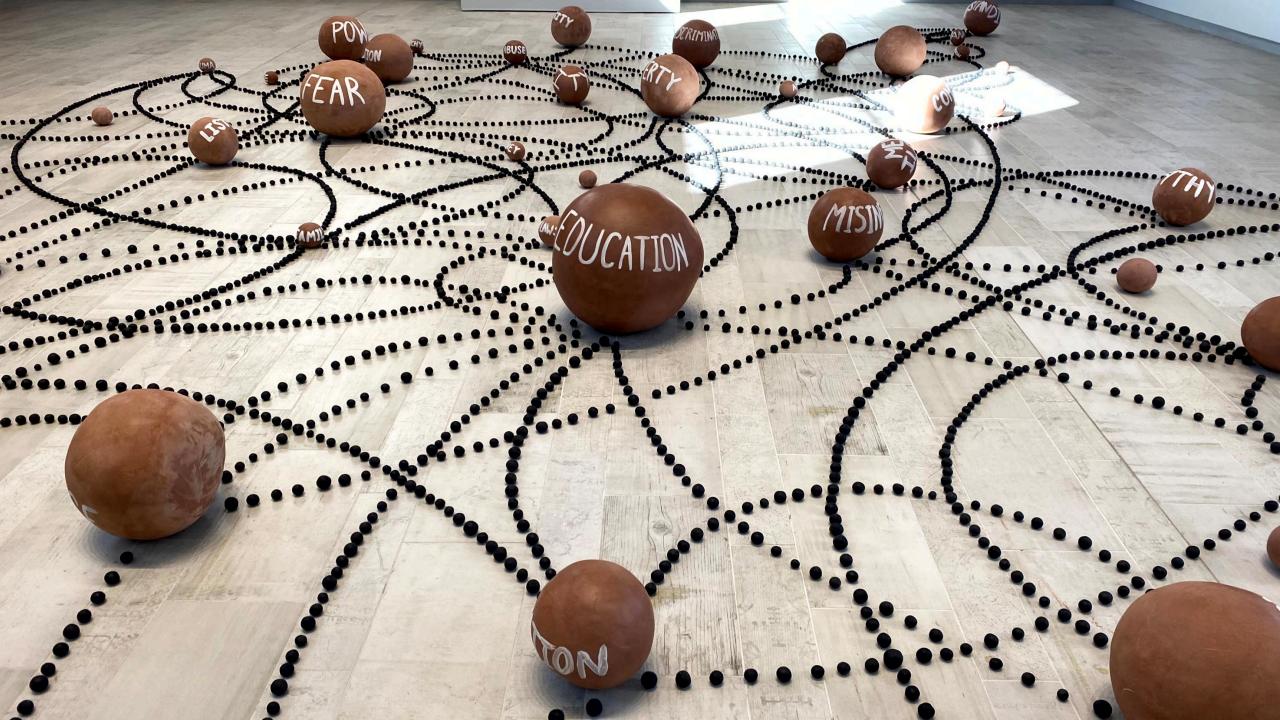






























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