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Valentina Peri is an independent curator and author based in Paris.

Her work examines the role of technology in contemporary culture, with a focus on love and intimacy in the digital age.

She has curated exhibitions, published writing and given lectures on a broad range of topics in these areas.

In 2025 she curated <u>Artificial Intimacies</u>, a group show drawing parallels between the growing presence of companion chatbots apps based on Artificial Intelligence and the manipulation of online romance scammers.

Her travelling exhibition <u>Data Dating</u> about love in the Internet age has been presented in Paris, London, Brussels, Geneva, Brescia between 2018 to 2022. In the context of this exhibition, she co-edited an essay collection published by Intellect: <u>Data Dating. Love, Technology, Desire</u> (2021).

In 2022, she started researching the phenomenon of Internet romance scams in Ghana, and published the book "The New Romance Scammer's Instructor", a collection of original messages from Ghanaian love scammers. In 2023 she continued this research in Ivory Coast and edited the collection, "Le brouteur galant. Manuel de l'arnaqueur sentimental" a collection of love texts from ivorian romance scammers (known as "brouteurs"), published in 2024 by Editions UV.

In 2022, she received a <u>Fluxus Art Projects Grant</u> for her curatorial research on the history of dating and technology before Internet. It was presented as an exhibition in London in 2023: <u>The Museum of Dating</u>. In this context, she presented her film "<u>Joan Ball</u>. <u>The Lady of Computer Dating</u>" (2023, 35'). The french version of the Museum of Dating, <u>Le musée des rencontres</u>, has been presented at Chroniques Biennale 2024-25 (Marseille/Aix).

She was one of the artists in residence of the European program <u>BEYOND MATTER Eu</u> at Tirana Art Lab (Albania), where she realized "<u>Her Boyfriend Came Back from the War</u>" (2022), an augmented reality project based on the history and photographic archive of her grandfather during World War II, and her grandparents' love correspondence.

From 2011-21, Valentina was associate director and curator at <u>Galerie Charlot</u> in Paris, a gallery specializing in new media art.

Valentina is also a co-founder of <u>SALOON Paris</u>, an international and diverse network of women identifying art professionals, in Paris and many other cities, part of the <u>SALOON Network</u>.

Her work has been featured in international media including: Libération, ELLE, Télérama, France Inter, Canal+, France 5, La Repubblica, Il Corriere della Sera, Il Sole 24 ore, Causette, Fisheye, RTBF, Hyperallergic, Usbek & Rica, The Brussels Times, Damn Mag, among others.

ARTIFICIAL INTIMACIES

2025 Exhibition

CURATOR

Valentina Peri

ARTISTS

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VENUE

House of Arts, Gallery 99, Brno, CZ



Drawing parallels between the subtle manipulation of online romance scammers and the growing presence of AI companion chatbots apps like Replika, the exhibition <u>Artificial Intimacies</u> examines the rise of recreational romance and the gamification of intimacy online, while reflecting on the evolving emotional dynamics between humans and non-humans as we step into the age of Artificial Intelligence.

The term artificial in the title refers not only to Al-driven technologies that interact with, simulate, or even exploit human desires for friendship, intimacy, love and sex, but also evokes its Latin root, artificium in its sense of clever means of cunning and deception designed to create illusions and disguise reality.

Intimacy and love are traditionally built through iterative, day-to-day interactions: mutual attention, generosity, and emotional sharing. Romance scammers have long demonstrated how easily this dynamic can be emulated. Now, algorithmic processes can do it too, thanks to the continuous perfection of natural language processing (NLP) and Large Language Models (LLMs) mirroring emotional connections and triggering human responses that are indistinguishable from those experienced with fellow humans.

What does the intersection of human desires and machine-driven interactions reveal about the evolving dynamics of love, companionship, and emotional vulnerabilities in a world increasingly shaped by technology? How does this phenomenon sharpen our understanding of empathy, kinship, and emotional dependence in the age of AI?



THE MUSEUM OF DATING

LE MUSEE DES RENCONTRES

2024

Exhibition

CURATOR

Valentina Peri

ARTISTS

Olivier Cheval Lordess Foudre Valentina Peri Jérôme Saint Clair

PARTNER

Biennale CHRONIQUES

VENUE

Archives Michel Vovelle, Aix-en-Provence Nov 2024-Jan 2025

WITH THE SUPPORT OF

Fluxus Art Projects
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Watermans
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The exhibition "The Museum of Dating", launched in London in 2023, aims to place the contemporary phenomenon of online dating within a broader spectrum of older technologies, practices, narratives, cultural and media artifacts.

Online dating has only recently become a culturally and socially acceptable phenomenon, but the use of technology to match singles has a long history. In the 1960s, computerized dating services appeared in the Anglo-American world, which worked through questionnaires, punch cards and customized algorithms. In France, the emergence of the Minitel Rose in the 1980s facilitated the connection of strangers seeking a soulmate or a virtual flirt.

For the French version of "The Museum of Dating", curator Valentina Peri presents an ongoing timeline of the history of dating with a focus on France. From the boom of the personal ads in the press in the 1940s, to the creation of the first online dating site in the 1990s, each stage marks a major evolution in the practices of romantic encounters.

"The Museum of Dating" makes it possible to shed new light on key categories of historical understanding such as gender, generation, class, race and social status, through analysis of the power dynamics at play in partner selection. This historical study of dating can also help to better understand the ability of seemingly neutral technologies to extend the power and belief systems of particular groups, replicate heteronormative categories and create new social needs.



LE BROUTEUR GALANT

MANUEL DE L'ARNAQUEUR SENTIMENTAL

2024

Book

EDITOR & CONCEPT

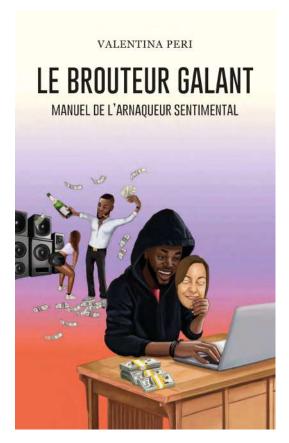
Valentina Peri

PUBLISHER

UV Editions

TEXTS FROM

Ivory Coast





Bonjour chère amie mademoiselle ou madame, Je suis nouveau sur le site et j'aimerais bien me faire de nouveau amis...

Valentina Peri collected the texts brought together in this manual from romance scammers in Côte d'Ivoire, known as "brouteurs".

<u>Le Brouteur Galant</u> delicately reveals their strategies and procedures. Through its pages, the reader is transported into a narrative with undeniable performative power, where romantic communication proves to be both a trap and a source of addiction.

<u>Le Brouteur Galant</u> is the heir to the tradition of Secrétaires galants, letter-writing manuals for love letters dating back to the 18th century, which inspire both the title and structure of this publication. It traces the different stages of the scam process: from introductory texts to the discovery of the scammer's fake profile, and concludes with the Mini Dictionnaire du Broutage in the Nouchi language.

A hybrid object between a work tool, a manifesto of Ivorian sagacity, and a tribute to contemporary romance mediated by technology, Le Brouteur Galant defies all classification and stands as a living testimony to a vibrant social and economic phenomenon in West Africa.

More info



UN-DATING THE OBVIOUS

Performances

CURATORS

Valentina Peri Dyana Gravina

ARTISTS

Magali Desbazeille
Day Eve Komet
Lordess Foundre
Loïs Soleil & Cecilie Fang Jensen
Noam Youngrak Son
Fantasia Malware (Jira Duguid, Chloê
Langford & Gabriel Helfenstein)
Benjamin Sebastian

VENUE

Iklectik London



General framework: How can new technologies relate to embodied knowledge and practices, and can this conversation redefine narratives for 'engendered bodies'? What's the future(s) o of gender and sexuality in the 21st century? How do we pioneer possibilities for identities existing outside univocal and patriarchal scripts?

The last of these first 3 stages of research, (2022-2023), hosts guest researcher and curator Valentina Peri will examine the role of technologies and computer dating in contemporary culture.

Technologies can seem neutral while extending and replicating the power and belief systems of particular groups, in order to keep the power. Using intersectionality in the analysis of the history of computer dating the research offers insights into the history of sexualities' intersection with technology, the replication of heteronormative institutions and ideals, and the ability of technologies to create social categories of "needs."

Extending the reflection and critical perspective of the exhibition "The Museum of Dating" curated by Valentina Peri at Watermans London (until 23 of April), the objective of the intervention at IKLECTIK is to give space to queer positions on computing, intimacy, love and desire which interrogate the infrastructure of heteronormativity, and to contribute to the large and growing set of conversations about diversity in technology, in the past, present and speculative futures.

THE MUSEUM OF DATING

Exhibition

CURATOR

Valentina Peri

VENUE

Watermans, London Feb-April 2023

WITH THE SUPPORT OF

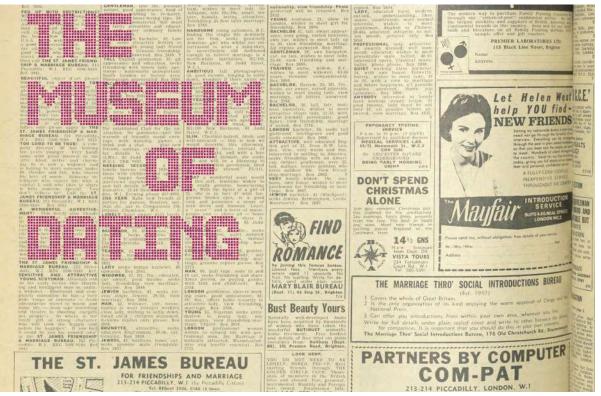
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The aim of the exhibition "The Museum of Dating" is to place the contemporary phenomenon of online dating within a spectrum of older technologies, practices, narratives, cultural and media artifacts.

Curator Valentina Peri presents for the first time her movie «Joan Ball. The Lady of Computer Dating", together with an ongoing timeline of the history of dating with a focus on England and the emergence of dating mediated by computerized technology, from the 50's to the creation of the first online dating site in the mid 90s. Part of the exhibition is also a selection of cultural artifacts and mass culture productions that are put into perspective through this chronological reconstruction.

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THE LADY OF COMPUTER DATING

2023

Film

Written, Directed and Produced by Valentina Peri

DOP, Creative Direction and Editing: Jhneyfy Muller

Photography: Norbert Kniat

Running Time: 35 min

<u>WATCH</u>

WITH THE SUPPORT OF

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In 1964, a young entrepreneur woman who ran a London marriage bureau came to the conclusion that computers were the future of dating. Joan Ball set up the first computer dating agency in the UK: The Saint James Computer Dating Service, later known as COM-PAT.

In the film "Joan Ball. <u>The Lady of Computer Dating</u>", Valentina Peri brings Joan Ball's forgotten story to life: she meets her in London in 2022 and documents her astonishing story through a filmed interview accompanied by the personal archives of "the lady of computer dating".

Valentina Peri tracked down Joan Ball through a cross-search of the Internet, meeting her in London in 2022 and documenting her amazing story through a filmed interview accompanied by the personal archives of the "lady of computer dating".

The film Joan Ball. The Lady of Computer Dating by Valentina Peri in collaboration with filmmaker Jhenyfy Muller, premiered in 2023 in the conext of the first iteration of the Museum of Dating in London. Valentina Peri's curatorial research was supported by <u>Fluxus Art Projects grant</u>.

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DATA DATING DESIRE

2022

Group Show

CURATOR

Valentina Peri

ARTISTS

!Mediengruppe Bitnik Adam Basanta Jonas Blume Marco Cadioli Elisa Giardina Papa Tom Galle John Yuyi Moises Sanabria Dani Ploeger Molly Soda

VENUE

Mo.Ca, Brescia Italy, Sept-Dec 2022

DEDICATED WEBSITE

datadating.online



What does it mean to love in the Internet age? How are digital interfaces reshaping our personal relationships? What do new technologies imply for the future of the romantic sphere? How do screens affect our sexual intimacy? Are the new means of connection shifting the old paradigms of adult life?

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This forced self-isolation and touch-less condition proved to be a significant driver for many people to move their romantic lives into the digital realm, inspiring new ways of courting, dating and catching, for both confirmed and novice users. .

By bringing together the work of several international and Belgian artists, the exhibition Data, Dating, Desire attempts to explore new directions in contemporary romance and map the unprecedented connections between desire, emotion, technology, and economy in the post-pandemic world.





HER BOYFRIEND CAME BACK FROM THE WAR. AND THEY NEVER SPOKE ABOUT IT AGAIN

2022

Augmented Reality
Postcards, Texts and Website

ARTIST

Valentina Peri

VENUE

Tirana Art Lab, Tirana, Albania, 2022

AUGMENTED REALITY APP

HBCBFTW

Developed by transmatter.art

AUGMENTED POSTCARDS

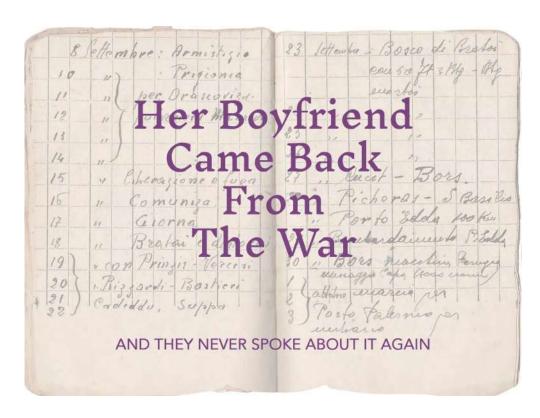
POSTCARDS

DEDICATED WEBSITE

hbcbftw.com

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Beyond Matter Eu Tirana Art Lab



The starting point of this project was the discovery of my Italian grandfather's WWII photo archive and the love correspondence between my grandparents at that time.

The aim of <u>Her Boyfriend Came Back From The War - HBCBFTW</u> is to reactivate this archive through the use of Augmented Reality (AR), and to trigger a re-enactement of individual and collective memories through <u>AUGMENTED POSTCARDS</u> inspired by the archive and my research in Albania on its traces.

The "Her" in the title refers to my Italian grandmother, Manfredina Falchi and the « Boyfriend » is her husband to be, my Italian grandfather, Giuseppe Peri (Peppino). From 1939 to 1943, Albania was an Italian protectorate and during WWII more than 100.000 Italian soldiers were deployed to the Balkan front to fight alongside the Germans. This was the war her boyfriend was fortunate enough to survive.

After the armistice of 8 September 1943, when Italy capitulated to the Allies, Peppino became a deserter, a straggler, fleeing the former Nazi allies and their concentration camps for more than one year. His fate, together with that of more than 20.000 men like him, has remained hitherto largely untold in Italy.

This project attempts to reconstruct this story through the fragments I collected alongside my research and a journey to Albania, and to address some aspects of Italy's postcolonial heritage and Albania's postcommunist present.

This project is the result of my 2 months residency at Tirana Art Lab, in Tirana, Albania, in the framework of the European Project Beyond Matter, Cultural Heritage on the verge of Virtual Reality.

More info



TECHNO ROMANCE Data, Dating, Desire

Group Show

CURATOR

Valentina Peri

ARTISTS

!Mediengruppe Bitnik Adam Basanta Crosslucid **Dries Depoorter** Elisa Giardina Papa Tom Galle John Yuyi Moises Sanabria Beatrice Gorelli Noemi Iglesias Marc Lee Joana Moll Ingo Niermann & The Army Of Love Eva Ostrowska Dani Ploeger Addie Wagenknecht & Pablo Garcia

VENUE

Electron, Geneva, Avril-March 2022

PRESS CLIPPING

Link

DEDICATED WEBSITE

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The massive scale of this phenomenon is evidence enough of its potential for profit and an extensive collection of user data and raises questions about the planned obsolescence that is supposedly inherent in this business model: the idea that online dating companies acknowledge the search for partners as a recreational activity and a product of the libidinal economy to be endless consumed.

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THE NEW ROMANCE SCAMMER'S INSTRUCTOR

2022 Book

EDITOR & CONCEPT

Valentina Peri

THE BOOK

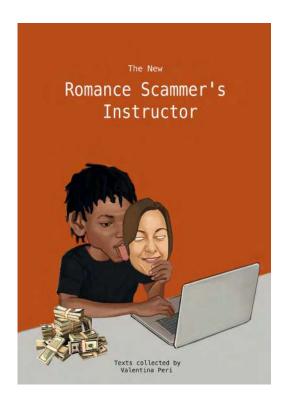
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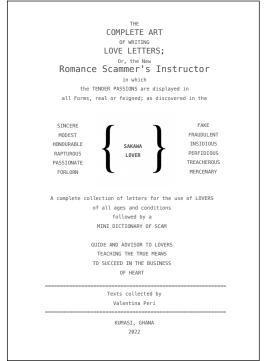
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Institut Français Ghana pIAR, Kumasi, Ghana iMAL Brussels

TEXTS FROM

Ghana





The New Romance Scammer's Instructor is a collection of Ghanaian romance scammers' messages that I collected and edited in a book.

A romance scam, also known as an online dating scam, is when a person gets tricked into believing they are in a romantic relationship with someone they met online. In fact, their other half is a swindler using a fake identity to gain enough of their victim's trust to demand money from them.

In Ghana the phenomenon of Internet scamming is called "Sakawa", a term defining illegal practices that combine modern Internet-based fraud with African spiritual rituals. The type of fraud that prevails in the cybercrime business in Ghana is online dating or romance scam.

Often scammers follow specific scripts, because they use pre-written texts, known as "formats", templates ready to be copy-pasted into the conversations with their "victims" (mugu).

During my artistic residency at pIAR - PerfocraZe International Artist Residency in Kumasi (Ghana), I have been searching for these formats with the idea of publishing them as a collection of texts, in the tradition of 18th and 19th-century manuals for love letters-writing, also known as "The Lover's Instructor" in the UK, "Secrétarie Galant" in France and "Segretario Galante" in Italy.

They were guides to composing love letters that offered examples of correspondence, templates, and general tips to support the many lovers who did not possess great linguistic gifts or a lively imagination.

The parallel between these publications and the «formats» of the Ghanaian scammers seemed strikingly obvious to me.

More Info



DESIRE IS SOMETHING BOUNDLESS

CURATOR

Valentina Peri Gloria Aino

ARTISTS

Will Fredo Elisa Giardina Papa Inés Moldavsky

VENUE

peer-to-space (online)
January-March 2022



The eighth edition of PARS PRO TOTO is based on the overarching concept of human desire. The stories told by artists Will Fredo, Inés Moldavsky and Elisa Giardani Papa address the ever-changing power relations between humans and non-humans, highlighting grievances and transcending spatial, political and gender boundaries.

In The Men Behind the Wall, Israeli filmmaker Inés Moldavsky makes herself the subject of her investigation and, between virtual phone calls and concrete encounters, experiences the physical space in Palestine that is personally foreign and even forbidden to her. In his work Sexual Healers TV (Episodes 1-3) the artist Will Fredo dedicates himself to the thematic field of sex work and body politics in the form of a webcast channel, bringing subjective perspectives into the light of discourse. In Technologies of care/worker 7 - bot?virtual boyfriend, Elisa Giardani Papa illustrates the invisible labor force of online workers and negotiates the question of desire on the disembodied level between fictional individuals and the human ego. Inherent in all three works are questions of authenticity and institutionalized notions.

Based on the title of the screening, which is taken from a quotation from Ovid, the works refer to the fact that desire is able to transcend various forms of man-made boundaries. With Inés Moldavsky on the geographical level, with Elisa Giardani Papa on the level between human and non-human and with Will Fredo in the oscillation between coming out and leading a double life.

Can desire really be something boundless?

SWIPE RIGHT! Data, Dating, Desire

2021

Group Show

CURATOR

Valentina Peri

ARTISTS

!Mediengruppe Bitnik
Adam Basanta
Crosslucid
Dries Depoorter
Elisa Giardina Papa
Tom Galle
John Yuyi
Moises Sanabria
Noemi Iglesias
Lancel/Maat
Joana Moll
Ingo Niermann & The Army Of Love
Eva Ostrowska
Dani Ploeger
Addie Wagenknecht & Pablo Garcia

VENUE

iMAL, Brussels, Oct 2021- Feb 2022

PRESS CLIPPING

Link

DEDICATED WEBSITE

datadating.online



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By bringing together the work of several international and Belgian artists, the exhibition SWIPE RIGHT! Data, Dating, Desire attempts to explore new directions in contemporary romance and map the unprecedented connections between desire, emotion, technology, and economy in the post-pandemic world.



DATA DATING Love, Technology, Desire 2021

Book

EDITORS & CONCEPT

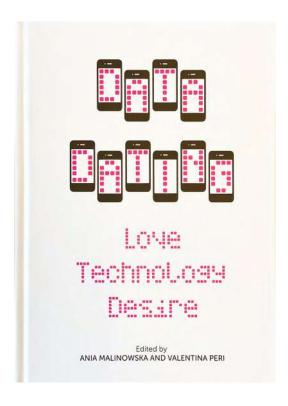
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The collection approaches the query with critical essays and works of new media art to look into the construction of love and its practices in the time of digitally mediated relationships. With expertise coming from recognized researchers, critics and artists in the field of media and cultural studies, it analyses relationship trends and affect cultures that have emerged from technological acceleration.

Data Dating: Love, Technology and Desire is a comprehensive study of love and intimacy under digitalism. Organized around ten chapters and ten works of new media art, the collection offers an extensive critical analysis of technologized romance (and other emotional relations), as well as provides an insight into the codification, execution, deployment, and evolution of the patterns of togetherness in the so-called Tamagotchi era.

Central to the analysis is the carbon-silicon dynamics of love's contemporary DNA and libidinal techne – practiced in the environment where screens, interfaces, algorithms, data protocols and non-organic objects of affection and affect delineate, organize and program the trajectories of encounter, limerence and erotic pleasure.

More importantly, the collection includes landmark works of new media art coming from prominent new media artist gathered around 'Data Dating' – new media art exhibition, curated by Valentina Peri (co-editor of the collection) and presented in Paris, Tel Aviv and London. As such, the collection proffers a unique and original critical approach – one that combines artistic practice and cultural criticism – to comment upon the transformation of human relationships and emotional standards under technological development with reference to the social change and cultural condition.

More Info

SUBTERRANEA

CURATOR

Valentina Peri

ARTISTS

Nicolas Sassoon Rick Silva

VENUE

Galerie Charlot, Paris, 2020

CATALOGUE

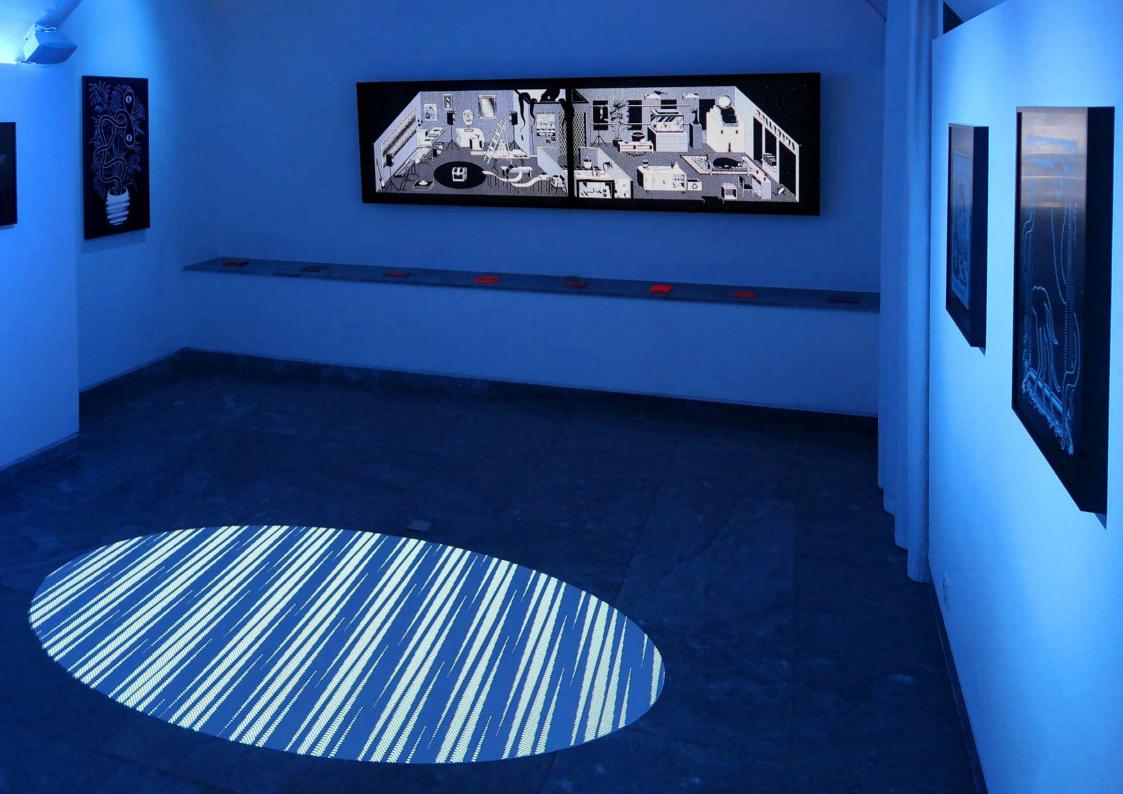
Subterranea, 2020



Since Plato's Myth of the Cave, the «underground» has been the locus of many narratives: in the literary tradition of the West, subterranean environments have functioned as a mental landscape, a social terrain, an ideological roadmap, and a place for hidden realities to dwell. The reasons for going underground can be manifold: a quest for scientific truth, for technological power, for aesthetic inspiration, or an attempt to escape some natural and ecological disaster. Most of the time, those who venture into subterranean realms are both time travellers and spiritual pilgrims. They plunge below the surface of material reality on a quest for the truth that lies hidden below.

Nicolas Sassoon's approach to the underground, and to some realities that are "submerged", both in geological and social terms, follows in the wake of Félix Guattari's intuition: that we need to think of ecology not only in terms of nature but, at the same time, from the standpoint of subjectivity and social relations.

Now that our species wields geological force, as the theories of the Anthropocene have proved, the goal would be to enhance our receptivity to the impersonal life that surrounds us, and to elicit a more subtle awareness of the complex web of hidden connections that exists between bodies and things, ultimately enabling a deeper awareness of the political ecology we inhabit.



POMPEII MMXIX

CURATOR

Valentina Peri

ARTIST

Dominique Pétrin

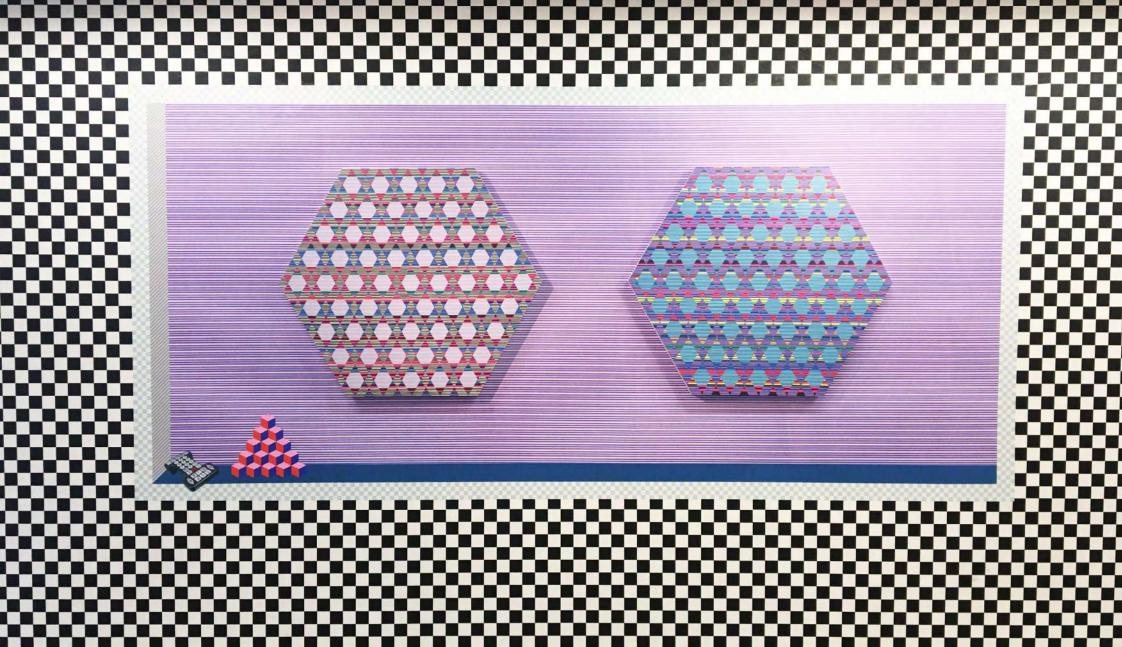
VENUE

Galerie Charlot, Paris, 2019



Domestic and virtual space merge, the screen no longer being a barrier between real and virtual, but a frontier that the artist enjoy to cross over and over, collecting new elements each time. Superimposed windows, toolbars, banners, columns, data and 3D objects underpin the architecture of her aesthetics yet surprisingly analog in its execution. Its motifs, a kind of digital tapestries that cover the walls and floor, play with the archaeology of digital technology, strictly linked to the loom, but also with the contemporary history of design, from Eduardo Paolozzi to the Memphis Group.

Dominique Pétrin's environments are very colourful, pop and apparently naive geometric spaces, but which reveal in a second respect a certain unease and detachment. Lucid dream, psychotropic experience or badtrip?



CITE-JARDIN

CURATOR

Valentina Peri

ARTIST

Sabrina Ratté

VENUE

Galerie Charlot, Paris, 2019



For her first solo exhibition at Galerie Charlot, Sabrina Ratté presents a selection of videos and digital prints.

Sabrina Ratté's works, with their pseudo-Brutalist steps, bring traces of the architect's work and echo back to the unbuilt constructions of the visionary Étienne-Louis Boullée or even the illusory labyrinths of Piranesi and Escher, where stairs lead deeper into the maze or back impossibly to where they began. Ratté reminds us that however logical modern architecture has seemed, it all originated in that complex, barely fathomable and often-illogical place we call, the human imagination. Between immersion and detachment, her videoportals lead the viewer into impossible places, from the flora and topography of imaginary landscapes to undulating waveforms and strange masses of glitches and plasma, which are unreachable but transforming.

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Excerpt from Darran Anderson's text

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SOUND VIBES

CURATORS

Valentina Peri Valérie Hasson-Benillouche

ARTISTS

Jacopo Baboni Schilingi Adam Basanta Peter Beyls Laurent Mignonneau Christa Sommerer Roberto Pugliese Katharina Zimmerhackl

VENUE

Galerie Charlot, Paris, 2019



The exhibition «Sound Vibes» highlights a selection of artworks dealing with physical and material features of sound that suggest uncharted trajectories between aurality and vision.

The artworks in the show explore different soundscapes in which visitors are invited to dive through sight and hearing, in their unpredictable connections with form (Adam Basanta); frequencies (Roberto Pugliese); the body (Jacopo Baboni Schilingi); wind (Peter Beyls); water (Adam Basanta); the voice (Katharina Zimmerhackl); human noises (Laurent Mignonneau & Christa Sommerer).

New forms of notation are also confronted: sound and image are therefore combined to create a metalanguage through graphic signs. If Roberto Pugliese rearrange historical experiments in the representation of music, Katharina Zimmerhackl's score is based on the mechanical recordings of the bouts and tremors of hysterical bodies.

The exhibition tries to reframe sound not only as a material subject to experimentation as acoustic data, but also as a space and place for the body and the senses, and as an object of culture and human agency.



DATA DATING

2018-2020

Group Show

CURATOR

Valentina Peri

ARTISTS

!Mediengruppe Bitnik

Adam Basanta

Olga Fedorova

Zach Gage

Tom Galle

Thomas Israël

Moises Sanabria

Antoine Schmitt

Jeroen van Loon

Addie Wagenknecht

Pablo Garcia

John Yuyi

VENUES

Watermans, London, 2020
Galerie Charlot, Tel Aviv, 2019
ZKM, Karlsruhe (presentation), 2019
Galerie Charlot, Paris, 2018

BOOK

<u>Data Dating. Love, Technology, Desire</u> 2021

DEDICATED WEBSITE

datadating.online

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What does it mean to love in the Internet age? How are digital interfaces reshaping our personal relationships? What do new technologies imply for the future of the romantic sphere? How do screens affect our sexual intimacy? Are the new means of connection shifting the old paradigms of adult life?

By bringing together the work of several international artists, the exhibition Data Dating attempts to explore new directions in modern romance: new forms of intimate communication, the process of commodification of love through online dating services and hookup applications, unprecedented meeting and mating behaviors, the renegotiation of sexual identities, and changing erotic mores and taboos.

Data Dating aims to promote debate on the ways in which society is responding to one of the greatest challenges of today: mapping the new connections between emotion, desire, culture, technology, and economy by considering Internet as a social practice, a shift of society at large.



REMAINS

CURATOR

Valentina Peri

ARTIST

Quayola

VENUE

Galerie Charlot, Paris, 2018



What happens to the sublime in the age of Anthropocene? How can we represent a nature that is no longer incommensurable if, as Hans Blumenberg has suggested, this shipwreck in which life on earth seems to be at stake has "no spectator"?

In the preliminary stage, Quayola's digital equipment only records 3D points. Later, in the studio, the artist explores and selects different aggregates of the recorded spatial coordinates. It is precisely from this idea of assemblage that we must think, understand and represent the world: as an original and hybrid composition of nature, culture, subjects and objects, human and non-human.

To adapt to this new world, we will need new ideas, new myths, a new conceptual grasp of reality, and therefore a new way of representing it.

This «collaborative survival», will require a world where «science fact and speculative fabulation need each other» (Donna Haraway, *Staying with the trouble*, 2016), a world in which data will only make sense through the filter of art and human sensitivity, and new aesthetics will help us to define reality.



ARCHEONAUTS

CURATOR

Valentina Peri

ARTISTS

Morehshin Allahyari

Quayola

Evan Roth

Eduardo Kac

Nicolas Maigret (Disnovation.org)

Maria Roszkowska (Disnovation.org)

Clément Renaud (Disnovation.org)

Laurent Mignonneau &

Christa Sommerer

Yaron Attar

Yael Burstein

VENUES

Galerie Charlot, Tel Aviv, 2018 Galerie Charlot, Paris, 2017



The neologism « Archeonauts », from which this exhibition draws its title, is a portmanteau conflating the root of « archeology » with a word meaning « seafarers » in ancient Greek.

The word « Archeonaut » identifies an archetype, that of a being in a state of itinerancy, a traveler through time and space, a wayfarer moving back and forth between West and East and deploying him- or herself in the networks of the Internet; it suggests a meeting of faraway worlds and unpredictable junctions between « the pasts and the futures, the future pasts and the past futures » (Jussi Parikka, What is Media Archeology, 2012). Thus, this neologism pinpoints an anthropological universal involved in a quest for meaning through an archeological gaze.

Against this backdrop, the exhibition « Archeonauts » attempts to bring together a group of artists who are also activists, theorists and visionaries. Out of sync with the present, like beings from a distant future confronting the artistic and technological ruins of a lost civilization, they delve into a global pre- and post-internet material and immaterial culture.



SYSTEMS UNDER LIBERTY

CURATOR

Valentina Peri

ARTIST

Ben Grosser

VENUE

Galerie Charlot, Paris, 2015

CATALOGUE

Systems Under Liberty, 2015

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How is software shaping our culture, and vice versa? What does it mean to be citizens of a software society? Benjamin Grosser's work addresses such issues as Surveillance, «Man-Machine» and «Machine-Machine» interactions, Artificial Intelligence, and Big Data. The artist approaches his subject matter through the lens of an artistic practice of «culture jamming», or cultural sabotage. Benjamin Grosser sets out to hijack software platforms that have become part and parcel of our everyday life through a tactic of «poaching» (M. de Certeau, The practice of Everyday Life). By imagining unintended applications and designing new extensions for Facebook, Gmail, Artificial Intelligence Systems, IP Localisators etc., the artist subverts the mechanics of IT services that are in the same time surveillance systems and data collectors.

His ironic approach elicits an effect of detachment, which alerts users to some of their automatisms and to their place in the dominant cultural order. In so doing, Grosser lays the groundwork for an anti-discipline that enables us to assert ourselves as active historical subjects from within the current regime of technological power. A healthy antidote to passive victimhood and an instrument of peaceful resistance, his « digital disobedience » points towards chances of escape.



CURATED EXHIBITIONS

Nov 2024-Jan 2025 THE MUSEUM OF DATING, Chroniques Biennale, Archives Vovelle, Aix-en-Provence

Exhibition about the History of Dating and Technology
Artists: Lordess Foudre, Olivier Cheval, Jérôme Saint Clair, Valentina Peri <u>+info</u>

April 2023 Un-Dating The Obvious. Love, Desire & Care, Iklectik, London

Exhibition and Performances

Artists: Magali Desbazeille, Day Eve Komet, Lordess Foundre, Loïs Soleil & Cecilie Fang Jensen, Noam Youngrak Son, Fantasia Malware (Jira Duguid, Chloê Langford & Gabriel Helfenstein), Benjamin Sebastian +info

Feb-April 2023 THE MUSEUM OF DATING, Watermans, London

Exhibition about the History of Dating: "Computer Dating in the 60's and 70's" +info

Sept-Dec 2022 DATA, DATING DESIRE, Mo.Ca, Brescia, Italy

Group show about dating, love and intimacy in the post-pandemic world

Artists: !Mediengruppe Bitnik, Adam Basanta, Marco Cadioli, Tom Galle, Elisa Giardina Papa, Dani Ploeger, Moises Sanabria, Molly Soda, John Yuyi, The New Romance Scammer's Instructor +info

April-May 2022 TECHNO ROMANCE, Festival Electron, Le Commun, Geneva

Group show about dating, love and intimacy in the post-pandemic world

Artists: !Mediengruppe Bitnik, Adam Basanta, Crosslucid, Dries Depoorter, Tom Galle, Pablo Garcia, Elisa Giardina Papa, Noémi Iglésias, Joana Moll, Ingo Niermann & The Army of Love, Dani Ploeger, Moises Sanabria, Eva Ostrowska, Addie Wagenknecht, John Yuyi +info

Jan-Mar 2022 Desire is Something Boundless, peer-to-space, online

Group show of video art works which focus on very personal stories narrated by the artist

Artists: Will Fredo, Elisa Giardina Papa, Inés Moldavsky + info

Oct 2021-Feb 2022 SWIPE RIGHT! Data, Dating, Desire, iMAL, Brussels

Group show about love and intimacy in the post-pandemic world

Artists: !Mediengruppe Bitnik, Adam Basanta, Crosslucid, Dries Depoorter, Tom Galle, Pablo Garcia, Elisa Giardina Papa, Noémi Iglésias, Lancel/Maat, Joana Moll, Ingo Niermann - Army of Love, Dani Ploeger, Moises Sanabria, Eva Ostrowska, Addie Wagenknecht, John Yuyi + info

Oct 2020-Feb 2021 Subterranea, Galerie Charlot, Paris

Nicolas Sassoon's solo show about geology of media and the Underground +info

Jan-Mar 2020 DATA DATING, Watermans, London

Group show about love and intimacy in the Internet Age

Artists: !Mediengruppe Bitnik, Adam Basanta, Tom Galle, John Yuyi, Antoine Schmitt, Addie Wagenknecht, Jeroen van Loon, Pablo Garcia, Thomas Israel + info

Jan 2020 Wikifémia Computer Grrrls, Biennale Nova XX, Centre Wallonie- Bruxelles, Paris

Performance by collective Roberte La Rousse + info

CURATED EXHIBITIONS

Nov-Jan 2019 Pompeii MMXIX, Galerie Charlot, Paris Dominique Pétrin's solo show + info

May-July 2019 Cité-Jardin, Galerie Charlot, Paris Sabrina Ratté's solo show + info

Sep-Nov 2019 Sound Vibes, Galerie Charlot Paris

Group show dedicated to Sound Art

Artists: Jacopo Baboni Schilingi, Adam Basanta, Peter Beyls, Laurent Mignonneau, Christa Sommerer, Roberto Pugliese, Katharina Zimmerhackl + info

Nov 2018-March 2019 DATA DATING, Galerie Charlot, Tel Aviv

Group show about love and intimacy in the Internet Age

Artists: Adam Basanta, Tom Galle, John Yuyi, Antoine Schmitt, Addie Wagenknecht, Jeroen van Loon, Pablo Garcia, Thomas Israel, Inés Moldavsky + info

May-July 2018 DATA DATING, Galerie Charlot, Paris

Group show about love and intimacy in the Internet Age

With: !Medienaruppe Bitnik, Adam Basanta, Tom Galle, John Yuyi, Antoine Schmitt, Addie Wagenknecht, Jeroen van Loon, Zach Gage, Pablo Garcia, Thomas Israel

+ info

March-May 2018 Vestiges, Galerie Charlot, Paris Quayola's solo show + info

Nov 2017-Feb 2018 Archeonauts, Galerie Charlot, Tel Aviv

Group Show about media archeology Artists: Morehshin Allahyari, Evan Roth, Quayola, Christa Sommerer & Laurent Mignonneau, Yael Burstein, Yaron Attar + info

Sept-Oct 2017 DadaClub Online, (co-curated with Fabio Paris), Galerie Charlot Paris

Dadaclub.online is a collaborative project celebrating 100 years of Dada movement.

With original Dada works by artists Marcel Duchamp, Man Ray, Paul Citroën, Lazlo Moholy-Nagy.

With contemporary artworks by artists Andreas Agam, Domenico Barra, Aram Bartholl, Vasiliki Biska, Camilla Bassani, Marco Cadioli, Vuk Cosic, Ludovic Coutinho, Giovanni Fredi, Emilie Gervais, Fausto Gilberti, Thomas Israel, JODI, Inhye Lee, Jan Robert Leegte, Raquel Meyers, Esther Miquel, Rick Niebe, Zaven Paré, Leonardo Petrucci, Giulia Ravi Ravasi, Intimidad Romero, Evan Roth, Heinz Kralle Schielmann, UBERMORGEN, Eric Vernhes, Paolo Visentini

+ info

April-June 2016 Archeonauts, Galerie Charlot, Paris

Group Show about media archeology

Artists: Morehshin Allahyari, Eduardo Kac, Disnovation.org, Evan Roth, Quayola, Christa Sommerer & Laurent Mignonneau + info

CURATED EXHIBITIONS

Juillet 2015 Browsing Browsing, 6PM Your Local Time, (co-curated with Anne Roquigny), partner Link Art Center, Galerie Charlot Paris & Online A group exhibition taking place all over Europe at the same time and documented online through the hashtag: #6pmeu

Artists: Kim Asendorf, Anthony Antonelis, Emilie Brout & Maxime Marion, Gregory Chatonsky, Caroline Delieutraz, Reynald Drouhin, Constant Dullaart, Ole Fach, Dylar Fisher, Desvirtual, Emilie Gervais, Benjamin Gaulon, Emilio Gomariz, Benjamin Grosser, Jodi, Jérôme Joy, Eduardo Kac, Kamilia Kard, Julien Levesque, Maadona, Claudia Mate, Marika Dermineur & Stephan Degoutin, Mouchette, Eric Pajot, Jacques Perconte, Jim Punk, Jon Rafman, Casey Reas, Evan Roth, Rafaël Rozendaal, Sakrowsky, Yoshi Sodeoka, Systaime, Nicolas Sassoon, Miyo Van Stenis + info

Nov-Dec 2015 Systems under Liberty, Galerie Charlot, Paris
Ben Grosser's solo show about Surveillance and Al. In partnership with Arte Laguna Prize, Venice

+ info

Nov-Dec 2014 Face to faces, Galerie Charlot, Paris Inhye Lee's solo show. In partnership with Arte Laguna Prize, Venice + info

Nov-Dec 2013 Young Talents, Galerie Charlot, Paris Anaisa Franco's solo show

EXHIBITION OF PERSONAL ARTISTIC PROJECTS

Jun-Aug 2022 MATTER, ANTIMATTER, NON-MATTER, Tulla Culture Center, Tirana, Albania Group show for the end of the Beyond Matter Eu Residency at Tirana Art Lab, Curated by Adela Demetja Her Boyfriend Came Back from the War. And They Never Spoke About it Again <u>+info</u>

PUBLICATIONS (Selection)

2024 LE BROUTEUR GALANT. MANUEL DE L'ARNAQUEUR SENTIMENTAL (Editor) Info

2022 THE NEW ROMANCE SCAMMER'S INSTRUCTOR (Editor) Info

2021 DATA DATING. LOVE, TECHNOLOGY, DESIRE (Co-editor), Intellect UK/USA Info

2020 SUBTERRANEA (Editor & Introduction), Galerie Charlot Ed.

2020 DANI PLOEGER. BOMBS AND GRANADES (Essay), Zeeland Maritime Museum ed.

2019 ICI SONT LES DRAGONS (Preface of the Catalogue), Nouvelles Editions Scala

2018 DATA DATING (Essay), Galerie Charlot Ed.

2017 ARCHEONAUTES (Essay), Galerie Charlot Ed.

2015 BENJAMIN GROSSER - Systems Under Liberty (Texte d'introduction), Arte Laguna ed.

2014 INHYE LEE - Face to Faces (Texte d'introduction), Musaeum ed.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021- NOW Independent Curator
- 2021 NOW Curator, PEER-TO-SPACE, Berlin
- 2011 2021 Associate Director & Curator, GALERIE CHARLOT, Paris/Tel Aviv
- 2010 2011 Assistant GALERIE PATRICK SEGUIN, Paris

TALKS ABOUT MY WORK (Selection)

- 2024 "Intimacy and Desire in the Digital Age", La Nuit des Idées, Tabakalera, Saint Sebastian, Es
- 2024 "Le Brouteur Galant" La Générale, Paris, F
- 2024 "Le Brouteur Galant" book launch, Galerie Plateforme, Paris, F
- 2024 "Data, Dating, Desire: l'impact de la technologie sur notre intimité", Festival Accès, Pau, F
- 2023 "The Passion of Curating", Vienna Art Week, Vienna, AUT
- 2023 "Love, Lies and Romance Scam", Kikk Festival, Namur, B
- 2023 "Computer Dating", Watermans, London, UK
- 2022 "Strategies of Narration in the Virtual Reality", Manifesta 2022, Pristina, Kosovo
- 2022 "Matter, Anti-Matter, Non-Matter", Tulla Culture Center, Tirana, AL
- 2022 "Romance Scam in Ghana", Foundation for Contemporary Art, Accra, GH
- 2022 "Romance Scam in Ghana", iMAL, Brussels, B
- 2021 "Data Dating" Book Launch, iMAL, Brussels, B
- 2021 "Data Dating", Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera, Milan, IT
- 2020 "Data Dating", Watermans, London, UK
- 2020 "Data Dating", SALOON Wien @ Home (online)
- 2019 "Dating in Digital Worlds", ZKM, Karlsruhe, D
- 2018 "Data Dating. L'amour à l'age d'Internet", Université Paris 8, Science and Fictions Cycle
- 2018 "Error 404: Hazard and Serendipity", Stereolux, Nantes, F
- 2018 "Working in a contemporary art gallery", PSL, Paris, F
- 2018 BIAN, Biennale Interntationale d'art numérique, MontrEal, CA
- 2017 "Working in a contemporary art gallery", PSL, Paris, F
- 2017 "Drawing in the digital age", Foire DDessin, Paris, F
- 2013 "The digital medium in contemporary art", Show Off Media Art Fair, Paris, F

RESIDENCIES/GRANTS

- 2023 Flashart, Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- 2022 Fluxus Art Project, London, UK
- 2022 Beyond Matter Eu, Tirana Art Lab, Tirana, Albania
- 2022 perfocraZe International, Kumasi, Ghana
- 2021-2022 PiXii Co-Creation, Brussels, Thessaloniki, La Rochelle

2022 New Update Available, Jeroen van Loon, Centre Pompidou, Paris

2020 Floralia, Sabrina Ratté, Centre Pompidou, Paris

2019-2022 Quayola, Domaine de Chaumont-sur-Loire, France

2016 Facade Life, Antoine Schmitt, Grand Palais, Paris

JURY

2024 The World(s) We Want, Niio for SMTH

2023 ISEA 2023 Paris

2021 ISEA 2022 Barcelona

2020 DIGITAL COLLAGES

2019 Biennale nova xx, Centre Wallonie-Bruxelles

2018 FESTIVAL ART&VR / Recto VRso 2018, Laval Virtual

2018 ARCADI/BIENNALE NEMO

2017 PARSONS SCHOOL, Paris

CONFERENCES (Recent)

2024 "Femmes, Art, Patrimoine", Arc de Triomphe, Paris, F

2022 "(Im)Material Matter", with Sabrina Ratté and Lauren Moffatt", peer-to-space Virtual Art Space

2022 « Sex, Love, Pleasure », SALOON Network, Avec Bernadette Anzengruber, Cécile Babiole, Sara Dufour, Laura Mannelli, Valentina Peri, Jeanne Susplugas, Myo Van Stenis, Ivonne Thein, Sigolène Valax

2021 Corée Korea, UNESCO, Paris, F

2021 Palais Augmenté, Grand Palais, Paris, F

2021 « NOW WHAT? Towards a NEO Ecology », Online for SALOON Network, Avec Victoire Thevenin, Lauren Moffatt, Andi Arnovitz, Elise Morin, Magali Desbazeille, Anne Glassner, Nadine Kolodziey, Tahira Karim, Sigolène Valax, Emilie Zawadzki, Lorella Abenavoli & Claire Damesin

2020 « Claire Bréchignac & Kapwani Kiwanga » Galerie Jerôme Poggi

2020 « Running art spaces during COVID-19 crisis », Online

2020 « Human Learning », Centre Culturel Canadien, Paris

2020 « Arts & Culture Lab », Google Art Center Paris

2020 « Women in Technological, Scientific and Artistic Innovation », CWB Paris

2019 « Artistic Creation and Informatics », IRCAM Paris

2019 « A Laboratory for Neo-Feminism », Centre Pompadour (Ercourt)

2019 « Computer grrrls », With Marie Lechner, Lauren Moffat, Gaité Lyrique, Paris

2019 « Curators in Residency », Maison Populaire, Montreuil

2019 « Curating a Festival », With Géraldine Gomez, Centre Pompidou, Paris

2018 « Curating photography in a Museum », With Marta Ponsa, Jeu de Paume, Paris

MEMBERSHIPS

SINCE 2023 Active Member ICOM France

SINCE 2021 Active Member of c I e I a - Associations française des commissaires d'exposition Info

SINCE 2017 Co-Founder of SALOON Paris, international network of women art professionals Info

SINCE 2017 Board Member of SALOON Network, international network of women art professionals Info

QUALIFICATIONS

2020 MAXXI, ROME, Publishing Art & Architecture
2015 UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND UK, Curating After New Media
2013 ECOLE DU LOUVRE, PARIS, Art History
2009 UNIVERSITÉ DE SIENNE, Master II Cultural Anthropology (Contemporary African Art)
2006 UNIVERSITÉ DE BOLOGNE, Bachelor Cultural Anthropology

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