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***Sirco Ceguro***, Video installation, 2026

The first time Liv Schulman got money to make a film – a \$1000 grant from a private art foundation – she decided to document the rapid shrinking of the sum as she had it converted from one currency to another. *La Desaparición* (2013) follows her while she makes her way to a number of currency exchange offices in the tri-border area of Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina, where inflation has relentlessly grown since the economic slump of the 2000s. As she loses control of her money, the artist in front of the camera shows signs of losing control of herself, slipping towards a state of paranoia that makes it difficult for her to distinguish between consciousness and her capital. The city becomes her favorite film set and a character in its own right. Shaped and deformed by its economic activity, it is a living organism in which actors are introduced as disruptive elements and play deeply disturbed individuals. At the heart of Schulman's films are indeed the ordinary psychiatric conditions of populations living in the market economy era. These disorders are evidenced in bodies racked with unchecked desires and grandiose tirades that are imbued with a melancholic mood as they spill out postcapitalist prophecies. Her alienated characters – including the most salient of them from the three-season series *Control* (2011-2016), the detective who wanders the city on foot – aren't looking so much for their salvation as for a physical connection with reality and above all some meaning in what is happening in the world.

*Sirco Ceguro* ("Cecured Sircus," would be a good translation that likewise switches around the initials of the two words), was shot in Microcentro, the heart of Buenos Aires, whose skyscrapers with their one-way glass façades recall the identical image seen in any commercial center around the world while concealing an economy on the brink of collapse. Except for a lone scene that shows some kind of spying taking place, Schulman chooses to film only the shimmering surfaces of the façades. The image constantly includes in the frame the reflection of her filming what we are watching. That reflection reaches the eye at the very same time the surrounding reality does in an effect of reciprocal contamination and reversibility that remains Liv Schulman's secret sauce and source of her unique art, her great asset.

Beyond this formal conceit, however, the film also deals with doubles, simulacra, and speculation (drawing on the mental and financial senses of this last word as well as its Latin root, *speculum*, mirror) in a plot centered on market derivatives known in that part of the stock-trading world as "mirror assets". These are substitute assets that are introduced into a market when companies, due to a weak economy for example, no longer have sales rights to the original assets. The fictional story features clownish secret agents whose look and behavior would raise heaps of suspicions were it not for the fact they slip totally under Sirco Ceguro the radar – wouldn't everything seem normal in a bonkers world? The narrative, moreover, is diffracted, split over several screens in the exhibition venue, which has been disguised to look like some public administrative bureau trying to compensate for the prevailing austere mood with colorful walls.

There are precious few works that describe with so much excitement a world that is so desperate. At this point in watching *Sirco Ceguro*, it's hard to keep your hips from swaying to the beat of the soundtrack (created by Miguel Garutti), which lends the video installation the energy of a ballet beyond the protagonists' psychological and bodily exhaustion. Schulman's work has a large dose of the comic throughout but that trait is far from being the only tool for her sharp critique or the only form of emancipation. *Sirco Ceguro*, by replacing the concept of opacity (in terms of power and finance) with that of reflection, also morphs into an allegory about a possible change of outlook and way of acting. And we clearly see how in the deadly cycle of repetition slight variations in the reflection can bring something unexpected into view.

Julie Portier

translation by John O'Toole

Ph: Jesús Alberto Benítez

Direction and screenplay : Liv Schulman

General production : Daniela Varone

Assistant director : Lucía Benavente

Director of photography : Daniela Prado Sarasúa

Direct sound : Chiara Ribaudo and Emma Dupuy

With : Bel Gatti, Iara Portillo, Ana Paula Méndez,

Lulo Demarco

Costumes : Vil Schulman

Assistants : Patricia Pedraza, Félix Kornberg,

Juanita Tapia

Sound design, mixing, and music composition :

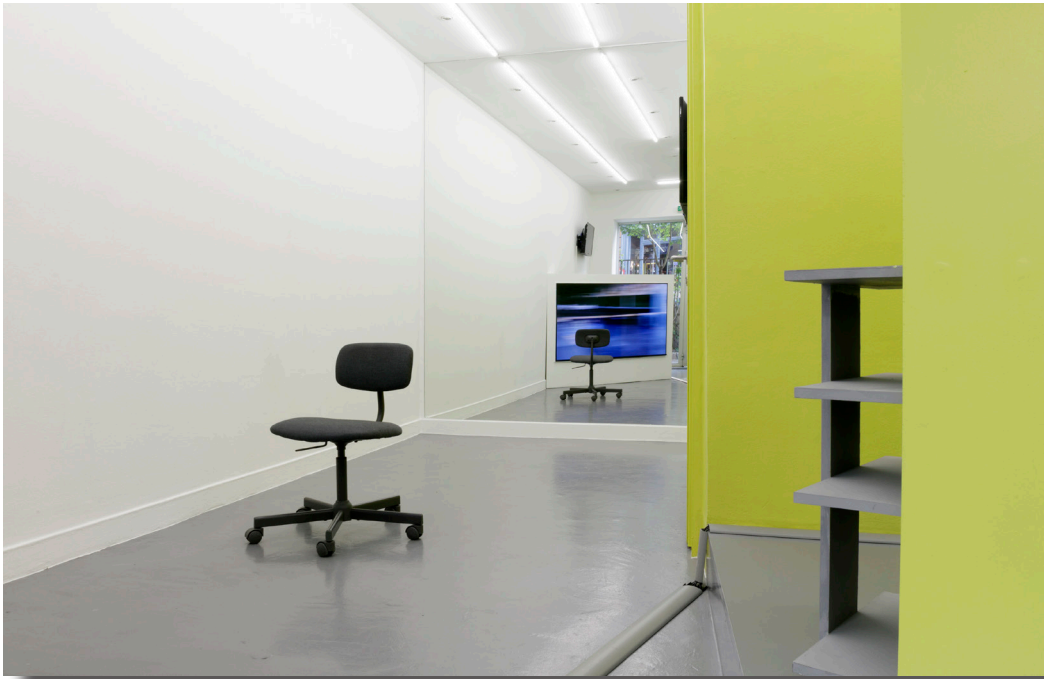
Miguel Garutti

Editing : Liv Schulman

Calibration : Armin Weihmuller Marchesini

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Graphism : Tom Cazin



**Sirco Ceguro**, Video installation, 2025- 2026. 62 Minutes in a loop.

Main video: <https://vimeo.com/1120951248> Satélite 1: <https://vimeo.com/1143478573?fl=ip&fe=ec> Satélite 2: <https://vimeo.com/1143500110?fl=ip&fe=e> Satélite 3: <https://vimeo.com/1143501620?fl=ip&fe=ec> Satélite 4: <https://vimeo.com/1143502498?fl=ip&fe=ec> Password: kino2025



***Hombres Argentinos (Argentine Men).***

Mixed media, variable measurements, 2026.

Piedras Galería participates in ARCOmadrid 2026 as part of ARCO2045: The Future, for Now, a section curated by Magalí Arriola and José Luis Blondet that proposes thinking about the future through its immediate, unstable, and paradoxical character. The section approaches the future not as a promise or a linear projection, but as a time shaped by repetition, déjà vu, recent memory, and the fragility of all prediction.

Within this framework, the gallery presents *Hombres Argentinos (Argentine Men)*, a project by Liv Schulman composed of six sculptures and five drawings, installed across both spaces of the section, in pavilions 7 and 9 of the fair. *Hombres Argentinos* consists of six sculptures made of ceramic, wicker, hardened textiles, and printed T-shirts.

These absurd humanoid figures are stitched together like bones using strips of locally harvested wicker. Each sculpture incorporates, within its spatial arrangement, a series of ceramic objects that—crafted by hand and produced quickly—refer to exclusively Argentine spirits and liqueurs, pistols, cigars, and cured hams.

The materiality of the works is interrupted by a series of collages made with glossy paper, crepe paper, and school materials, drawing on women's and fashion magazines as well as napkins from Buenos Aires bars. Offset printing, wickerwork, basketry, and ceramics—materials historically associated with craft—come together to configure an absurd masculinity, forged within the context of a brutal Latin American economy, where political stupidity emerges as both an identity marker and an economic resource. This group of sculptures is organized into two clusters: Debt and Depression. In Debt, the sculptures wear T-shirts bearing phrases that link economic, affective, and social indebtedness. In Depression, the texts refer to exhaustion, medication, forced adaptation, and loss of orientation. Both groups function as two out-of-sync choruses of the same tragedy: Argentine men are depressed because they are indebted, and they are indebted because they repeat an inherited, exhausted, and increasingly unworkable model of masculinity. What persists is performance—a devalued masculinity sustained by precarious forms of consumption and by a craft practice that was once feminized labor and now appears as a possible space for recomposition. *Hombres Argentinos* proposes a reflection on the relationship between economy and affect, between debt and depression, between craft and theater—a territory where collapse become visible. The five drawings that accompany the sculptures expand the universe of *Hombres Argentinos*, reinforcing its narrative and symbolic dimension and establishing a graphic counterpoint that dialogues with the material precariousness, humor, and theatricality present in the three-dimensional works.



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Installation consisting of eight cardboard theaters of 50cm x 70cm, LEDs, Arduino programming, sound archive, 39 minutes in a loop.  
*Todo es Prestado* (Everything is borrowed) at Piedras Gallery. Buenos Aires, 2025. <https://vimeo.com/1086044019?share=copy>. Ph: Tirco Matute



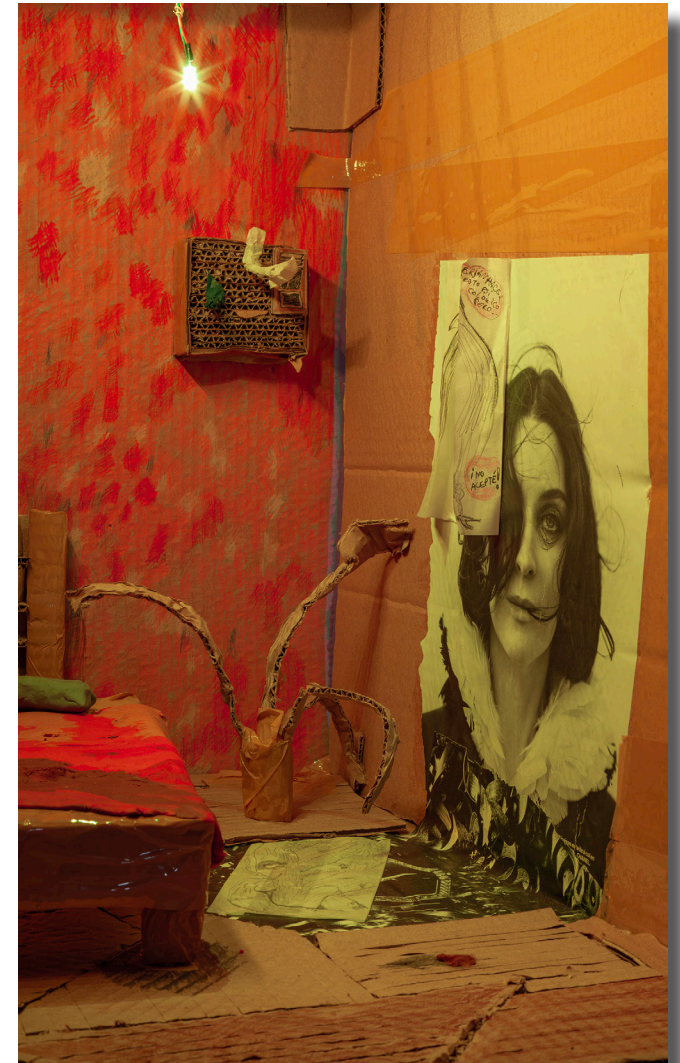
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*Un círculo que se fue rodando (a circle that rolled away)* Video 6K, 35 min. 2024. *Todo es Prestado* (Everything is borrowed) at Piedras Gallery. Buenos Aires, 2025.

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Speculation is both content and form in Liv Schulman's work. Whether religious, economic, or emotional, her dizzying reasoning is the rhetoric she chooses to capture an equally fast-paced and absurd reality.

*Todo es prestado* (Everything is Borrowed), her third solo show at PIEDRAS, brings together two parallel narratives: the film *Un círculo que se fue rodando* (A Circle That Kept Rolling, 2024) and *Dios* (God, 2025), a play without actors, or perhaps a visual radio drama, anchored in eight scenes constructed inside cardboard boxes.

Familiar with dioramas, *Dios* (God) invites viewers to engage in intimate, scaled contemplation, where the scenery is made of basic materials, like the god they depict. Like a pre-modern theologian, the protagonist tests divine existence through heretical and hilarious methods because, how can one prove that one is still the same when one becomes God's girlfriend?

In *Un círculo que se fue rodando* (A Circle That Rolled Away), sequence shots accompany the frenzy of downtown Buenos Aires as we listen to a polyphony of passers-by's conversations, brimming with symptoms and pathologies. As in any contemporary metropolis where incoherence and fragmentation reign, if, amid the dizzying overlap of theories and opinions, we look up to the sky in search of answers, what shines down on us is not a revelation, but the illuminated sign of a transnational financial company atop a skyscraper.

The ceramic creatures that welcome us to the exhibition wear T-shirts from the film, whose phrases participate in the endless conversation of pedestrians. Like fragments detached from the film, these mobiles made of guns, flowers, gin and liquor bottles condense a reality made up of loose pieces and broken signs. After all, if any unity persists, it is invented in the details.

Text by Sofia Reitter. Ph: Tirco Matute

Text by Santiago Villanueva:

[https://piedrasgaleria.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Todo-es-prestado\\_Santiago-Villanueva.pdf](https://piedrasgaleria.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Todo-es-prestado_Santiago-Villanueva.pdf)



### **HOMBRES ARGENTINOS 1, 2 Y 3.**

Ceramic, dried flowers, screen-printed T-shirts, and steel tension cable. Variable dimensions. *Todo es Prestado* (Everything is borrowed) at Piedras Gallery. Buenos Aires, 2025.



Exhibition view *Un círculo que se fue rodando* at gallery anne barrault, Paris, France, 2024. Video 4k, led signs, ceramics, textile, hair, helium balloons and partial brooms. Ph: Aurélien Mole.



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Exhibition text by Santiago Villanueva:  
<https://galerieannebarrault.com/en/exposition/liv-schulman-2024/>



***un círculo que se fue rodando (a circle that rolled away)***

**Video 6K , 35 min. 2024.**

<https://fidmarseille.org/film/un-circulo-que-se-fue-rodando/>

In the streets of a 2023 Buenos Aires' Microcentro in Argentina, a group of 40 characters wearing T-shirts with axioms printed on them move in a strange choreography scattered in five long shots. The camera moves through the streets, banks and bars, picking up words and arranging meaning as a long poem is composed, the characters appearing and disappearing from the shot as they stand next to each other on the stage which is the street, reorganizing the meaning of what is being evoked and set in motion. Through the arrangement of the characters and the sound that envelops the entire scene and the off-screen, with dialogues that enter, leave and recount personal and collective anecdotes, this film looks at a kind of psychiatric portrait of a post-colonial society obsessed with esotericism, psychoanalysis and the economy of missing institutions. An axiomatic logic that supports a world inspired by the affects of capitalism starts writing the absurd, as it allows us to confront the governmental crisis of the present days. These characters are gradually beginning to wear increasingly complex slogans that are becoming axiomatic: a word on the economic crisis, the psychiatric problems that come along and the general mental health of a nation enter the need for a new revolutionary contraceptive method which starts spreading across the city.



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***The Sickness into Death***

Performance 15min, 2024.

Secession, Vienna.

liv schulman is about to dive into the topic of smoking, which is essentially a discussion about mortality and the passage of time. In an unique monologue style, they unveils their latest commissioned performance piece. Drawing inspiration from Søren Kierkegaard's exploration of despair, the performance delves into individuation, Cartesian logic, and the concept of faith in a higher power. Embracing the philosophy of an utterly desperate self that is pushed to its limits, the protagonist of Sickness unto Death weaves a narrative that appears to emerge from a series of smoking holes in the walls.

The Sickness into Death was performed within the frame of Slime, an exhibition curated by Joshua Simon.

<https://vimeo.com/988132845>

ph: Natascha Unkart

video: Max Reinhold



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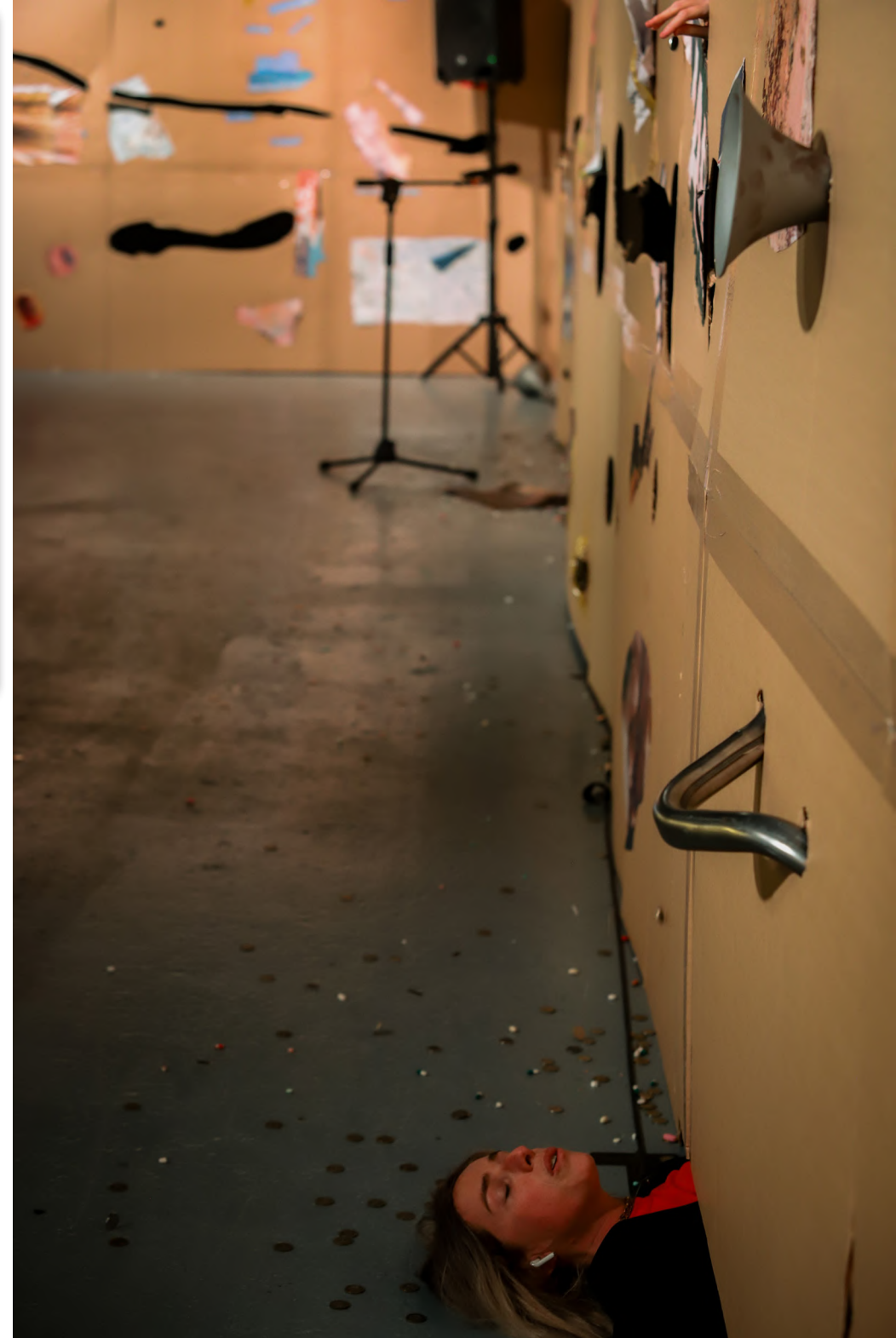
***Descartes Borderline  
Performance  
Arteba 2023, 16min.***

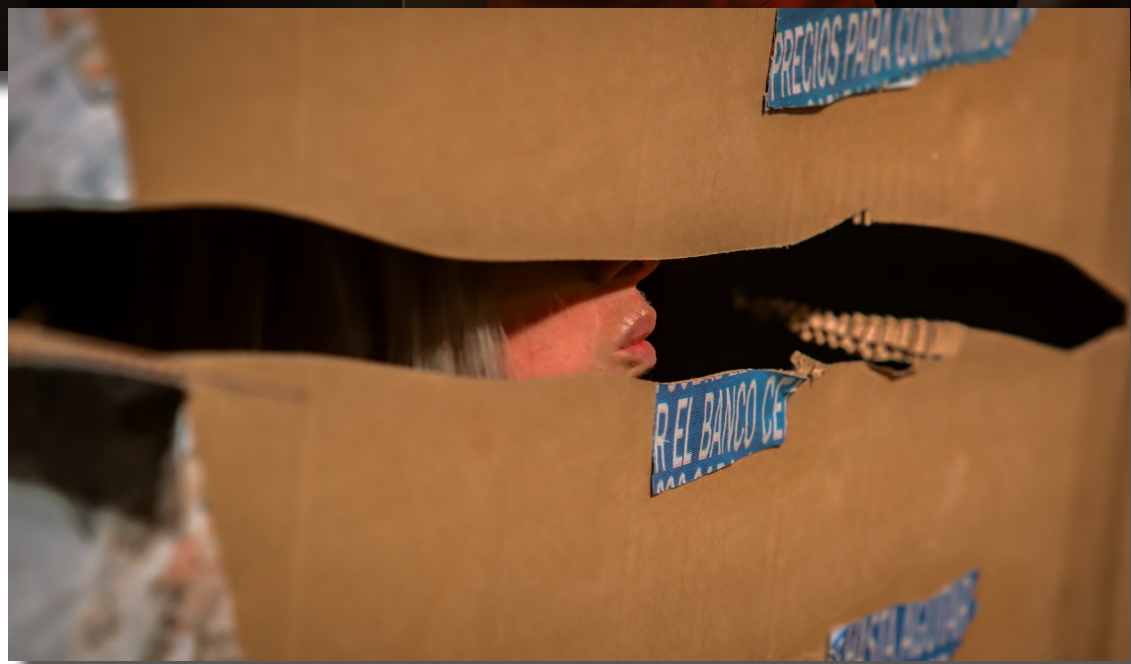
Descartes-Borderline is a performance that takes place in a space where the walls have been duplicated by a cardboard wall that runs through the entire space. On this second wall there are a series of holes from where things and body parts come out at different moments of the performance. Other holes spit objects of mass consumption such as a cell phone, cleaning supplies, soap, chewing gum, slime, smoke, trumpets, expired pills and coins. Between the first wall and the second wall the performer will move around telling a monologue about a logical event that happened to her after a free diagnosis she received in the street where a group of men instead of calling her “crazy” calls her “Borderline”.

From this event begins a reasoning that should lead to a commercial opportunity, a new way of approaching capitalism: with more creativity, with less rigidity. Guided by a Cartesian logic falsified to the extreme, the protagonist of Descartes-Borderline tells a story that seems to extend through a series of holes in the walls. The text reasons through different states of consciousness of a diagnosis freely attributed in economic liberalism. This diagnosis provokes a crisis, but a crisis can also be a call for opportunity. The opportunity to provoke a business, an economic niche or a labor reconversion. Using a very free interpretation of the DSM and its different application to the methods of life, the performer gives us a text where the logic of a very particular reason, builds an almost pantheistic economic system.

With the participation of Sofia Ungar and Clara Esborraz.

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***Une vieille terre pour une nouvelle chanson qui sonne comme la vieille chanson avec le même-même et le vieux vieux et rien de rien de rien de nouveau.  
(An old land for a new song that sounds like the old song with the same old same old and nothing new nothing new.)***

4K Film 40.25 min. 2023.

This fiction, filmed on the Carnac alignments, in Brittany, France, shows us an extinct posthuman world where a group of household electric appliances have acquired a series of affects. Together they stage a series of epic and mitologic tragedies where an air conditioner named AC suffers the adventures of being poor and orphaned in a loveless world in the midst of climate change. The film is interpreted in different ancient languages and idioms that gather the area from ancient times such as breton, gallois, welsh, latin and french.



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### ***Spinoza-Borderline***

Performance 18min.

Performed at Ricard Fondation on June the 19th 2023 within the frame of *Les Mots Troubles* cabaret organised by Eva Barois de Caevel and Julie Bena.

In this performance I crawl on my back across the stairs of an auditorium, with my eyes closed, telling the story of a group of men that out of nowhere calls me *borderline* in the street. This monologue gives place to a logical event that happens to me after receiving this free diagnosis. From this event I begin a reasoning that should lead me to a commercial opportunity, a new way of approaching capitalism: with more creativity, with less rigidity. Guided by rational logic falsified to the extreme, the text travels through different states of consciousness to a diagnosis freely attributed to economic liberalism. This diagnosis provokes a crisis, but a crisis can also be a call for opportunity. The opportunity to provoke a business, an economic niche or a labor reconversion. Using a very free reading of the DSM and its different application to our methods of life, I try to outlay the logic of a very particular reasoning, built into an almost pantheistic economic system.

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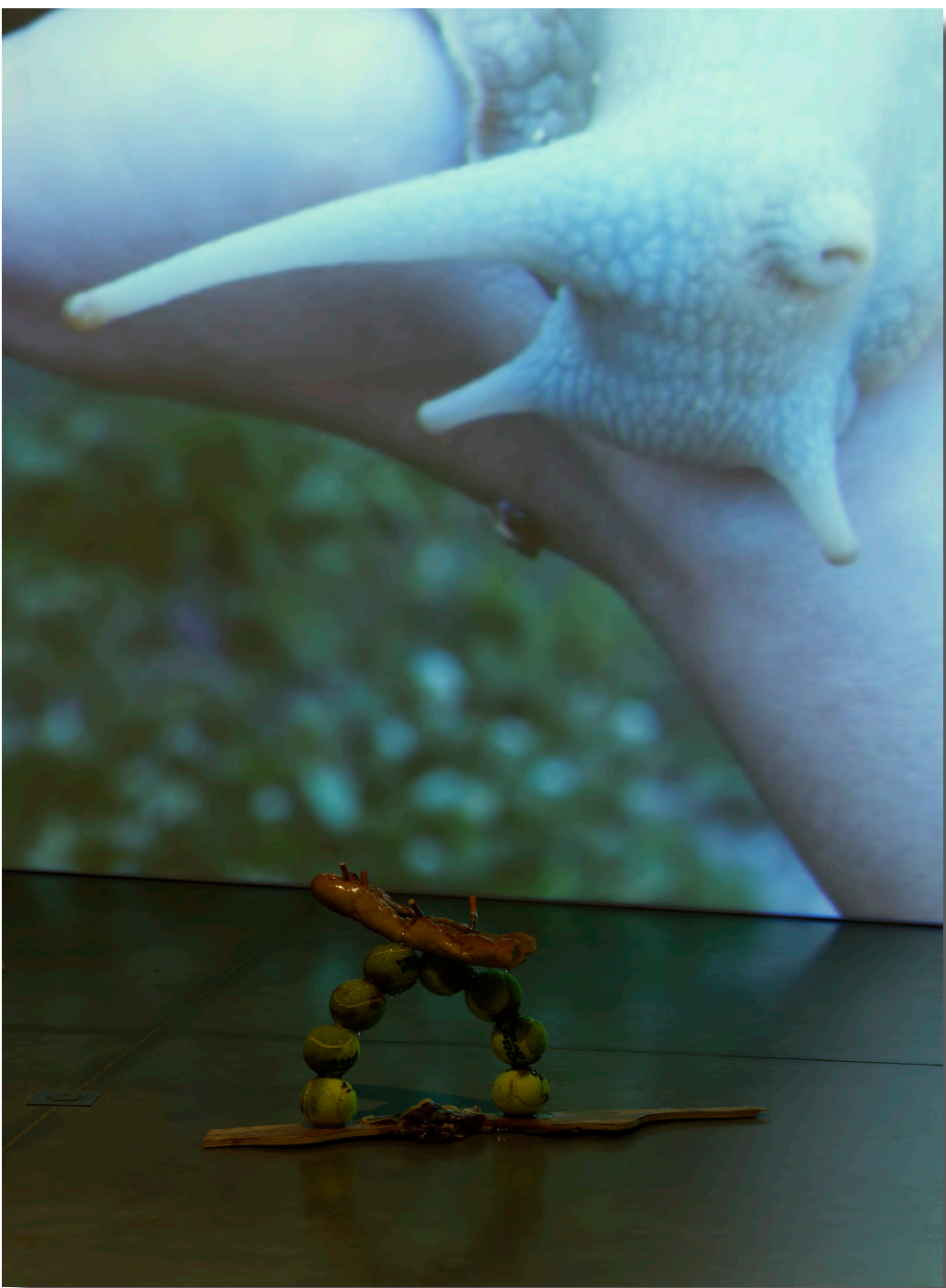


***Brown, yellow, white and dead dead. Season 2.*** Video 4k. Miniseries in 4 episodes.

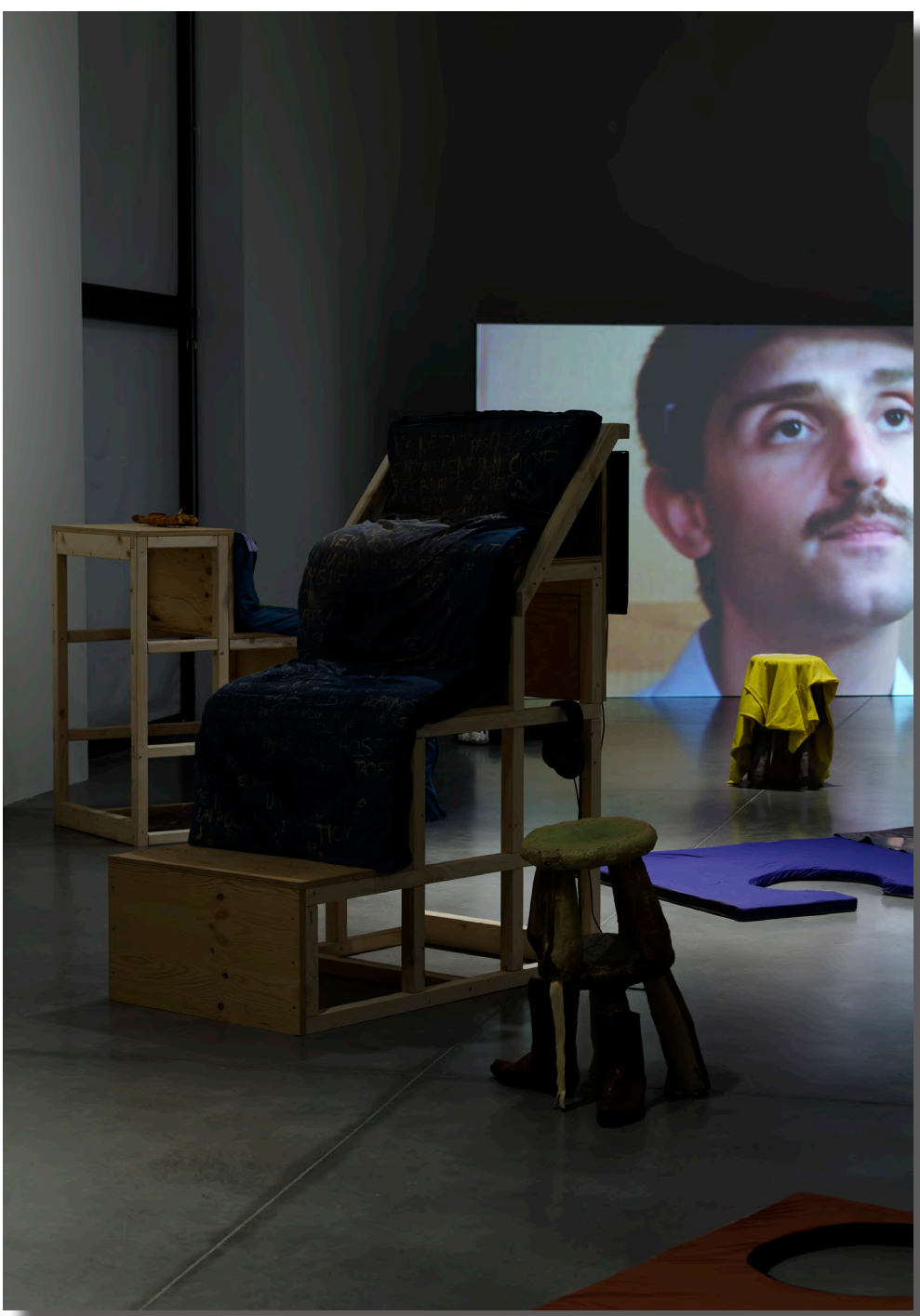
Two film producers, an artist, and an unemployed actor are making a horror film. Its protagonists are a group of neighbors who retreat to the basement of their building out of sheer enthusiasm for homebrewing and Tupperware, where they bring a monster to life. With its cardboard set and its home-made costumes, this miniseries is itself an example of such DIY entrepreneurialism. In work and brainstorming meetings, the male fantasy of perfect consumption arises. In this season the characters find themselves in the midst of an identity crisis. Job reconversions, procrastination and entropy are the main ingredients of an ontological question: how is it possible to keep being in this era of extreme discomfort and alternative therapies? <https://vimeo.com/764879550>, <https://vimeo.com/764879999>, <https://vimeo.com/764880210>, <https://vimeo.com/764902893>  
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***The New Inflation.*** Installation view at gallery Anne Barrault, Paris.  
Wooden pannels, ceramics, polimeric clay, resin, textiles.  
*The New Inflation*, 63 min. Video 4K. 2022. <https://vimeo.com/695993535>



Exhibition view Anne Barrault Gallery. Paris. Ph: Aurelien Mole.

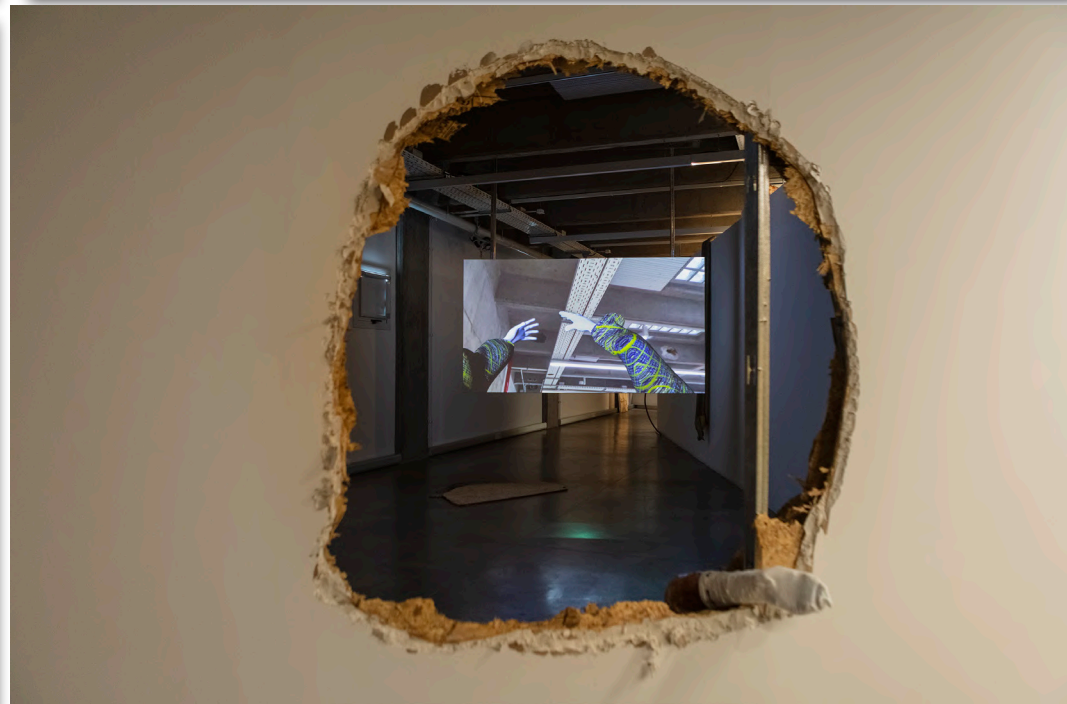


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**persona.** Video HD 16.58min. Installation views at Fundacion Andreani. <https://vimeo.com/687844632>

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***Brown, yellow, white and dead.*** Video 4k. Miniseries in 4 episodes. Episode 1: 22.10', episode 2: 16.59', episode 3: 13.29', episode 4: 18.49'.  
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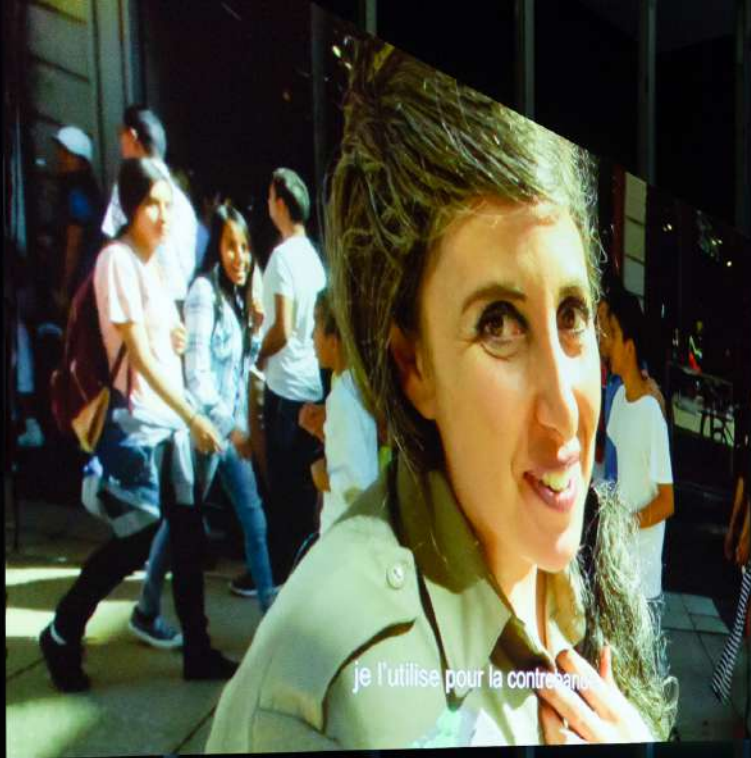


***A Somatic Play, installation view. 2019-2020.***

In present-day Mexico City, borders no longer take place and are scattered everywhere, creating cracks in the social and commercial fabric of the city. A group of six customs agents interpreted by the same actress are placed on these invisible borders regulating the flows of anxiety, eroticism, languages, formal and informal trade.

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Video HD 28min04.





*Le Gouvernement. Installation views. Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, Nebraska. USA.*

## **Le Gouvernement.**

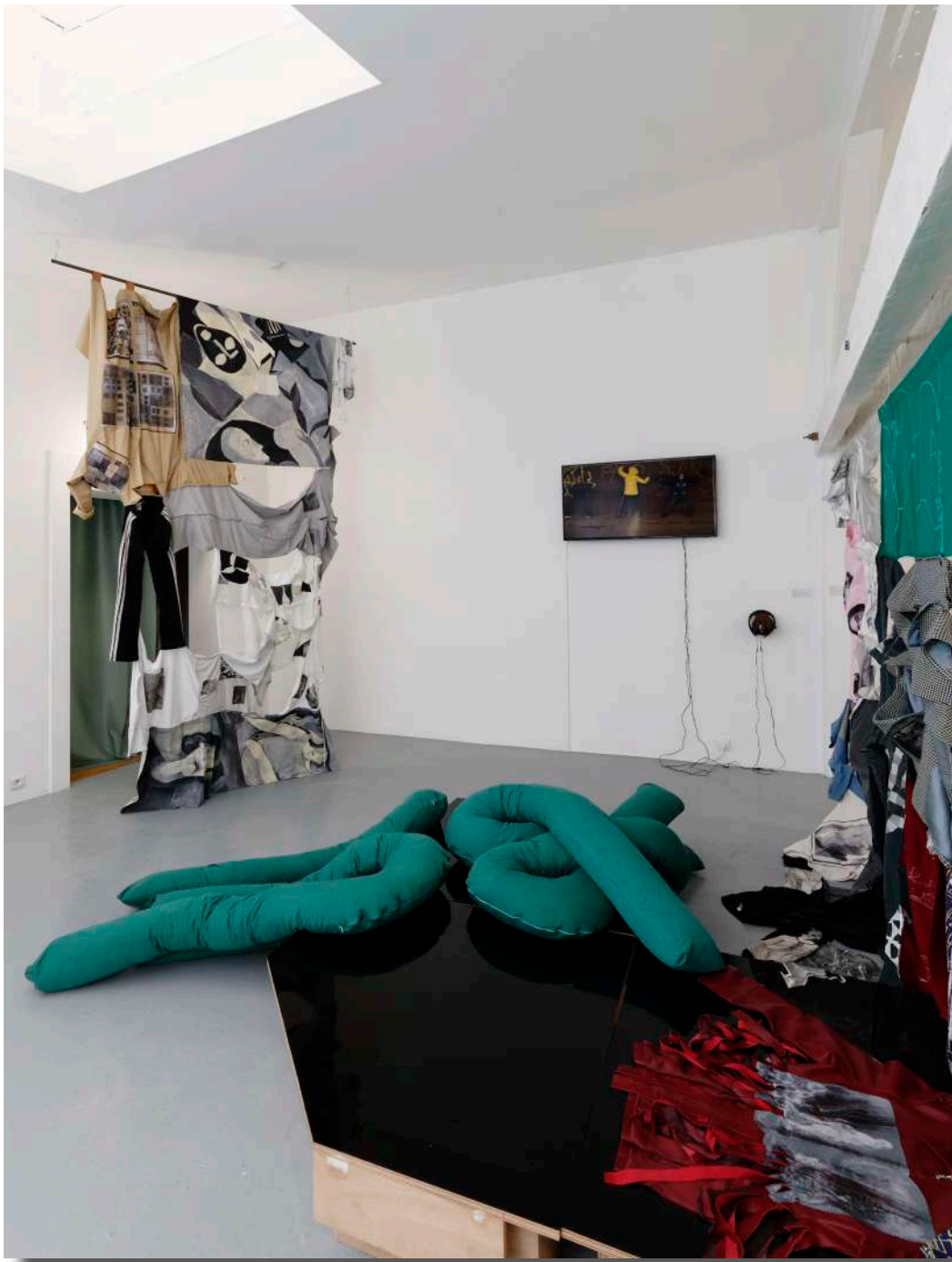
*Video HD, textiles, plateforme, acrylic resin, cables, pvc, televisions, projection.*

This six-episode fiction imagines the destiny and work of women, lesbian, queer, trans and non-binary artists who lived in Paris from 1910 – 1980. *Le Gouvernement* puts forward a narration of engaged art and a new way of telling the story -- not through retracing falsely universal events, fates or linear movements, but by creating stories that bring together multiple stories, images, thoughts, languages and sensations.

The episodes traverses and overlay over 70 years of history and hosts the stories and fate of artists that were erased from the great twentieth century modernist narrative, such as Maria Vassilieff, Esther Carp, Maria Blanchard, Carol Rama, Claude Cahun, Suzanne Malherbe, Marcelle Cahn, Pan Yuliang, Elsa von Freytag-Loringhoven, Shirley Goldfarb, Germaine Richier and Françoise Adnet. Real stories and anecdotes from the lives of these artists mix with fiction in temporalities that interweave and amalgamate into a dubious present. In total there are more than fifty-five characters who are played in turn by seven actresses and artists: Eden Tinto-Collins, Agathe Paysant, Catherine Hargreaves, Chloe Giraud, Manuela Guevara, Viviana Méndez Moya (Curtis Putralk) and Nicole Mersey. I try not to elaborate a linear, rational story, but to propose a collective construction that is the result of a long process of work involving shooting, rehearsals and improvisations. Identities circulate, evolve sometimes to dissolve: the characters are played by several different bodies, and vice-versa. Through a fictional historical revision, *Le Gouvernement* undermines the official narratives of the triumphalist histories and proposes new history of feminist art, one that allows all liberties, to the point of absurdity.



*Le gouvernement. Installation views, textiles, plateforme, acrylic resin, cables, pvc, televisions, projection. Villa Vassilieff, Paris 2019.*



*Le gouvernement. 2019.*



*Le gouvernement. Episode 2 "La Nouvelle Subjectiv e" Video 4K 30min. 2019.*



The Government. Installation views. Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, 724 S. 12th Street. Omaha, Nebraska. USA.



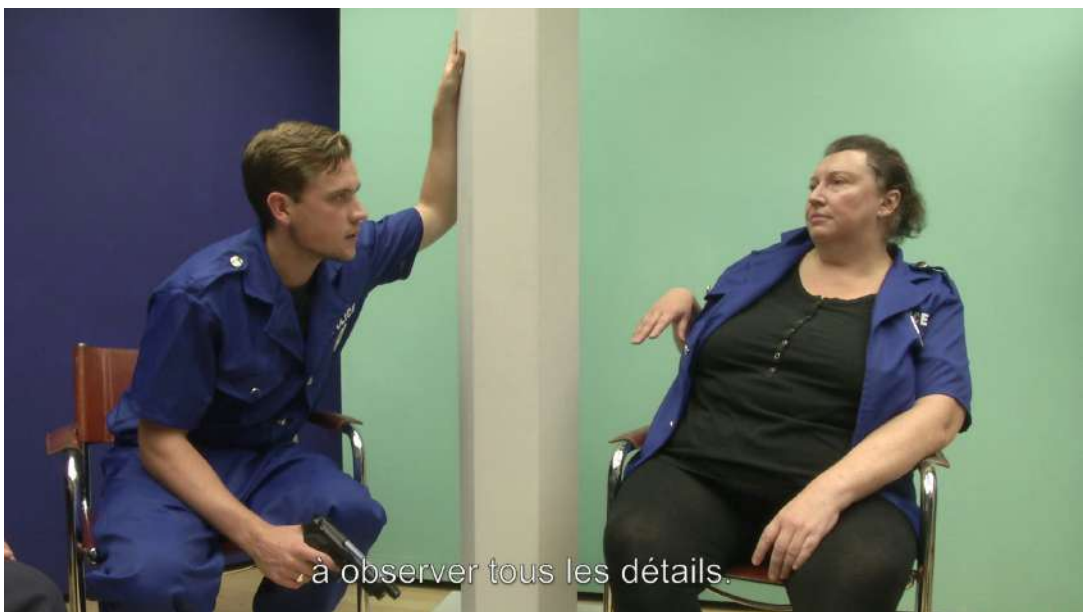
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*Le gouvernement. Installation view, textiles, plateforme, acrylic resin, cables, pvc, televisions, projection. Crac Alsace. Altkirch 2019.*



Tout va bien.



**Polis-Polis.** Video HD, 38.22 min. Växjö Sweden. 2018. Polis-Polis. At a very staged police station a group of real policeman interrogate their relation to uniforms, sexuality, religion and work. This film was commissioned and showed at the Växjö Konsthall in Sweden at the show Det fatala momentet in September 2018. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sBkwvvr8rw>



## The Empathy *Performance*

2017.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=364&v=FecjXlw0Wqs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=364&v=FecjXlw0Wqs)

In this performance a precise investigation of language points to the construction and deconstruction of reality through the speech act. The empathy is a performative lecture, a derive across a mass of stories which the speaker delivers in awkward positions, while employing different strategies of storytelling and sliding one signifier into another. Disparate objects and words become united through sound and visibility, confusion is present but a feeling of empathy will arise as long as the performance keeps going reuniting everything into a complete idea of an impossible meaning.

When Christopher Columbus arrived to the Americas, the indigenous just couldn't see the boats.

21 minutes, performed twice at 3:30 pm and 8.30 pm on November the 17th 2017 at the SMK (National Gallery) Copenhagen.



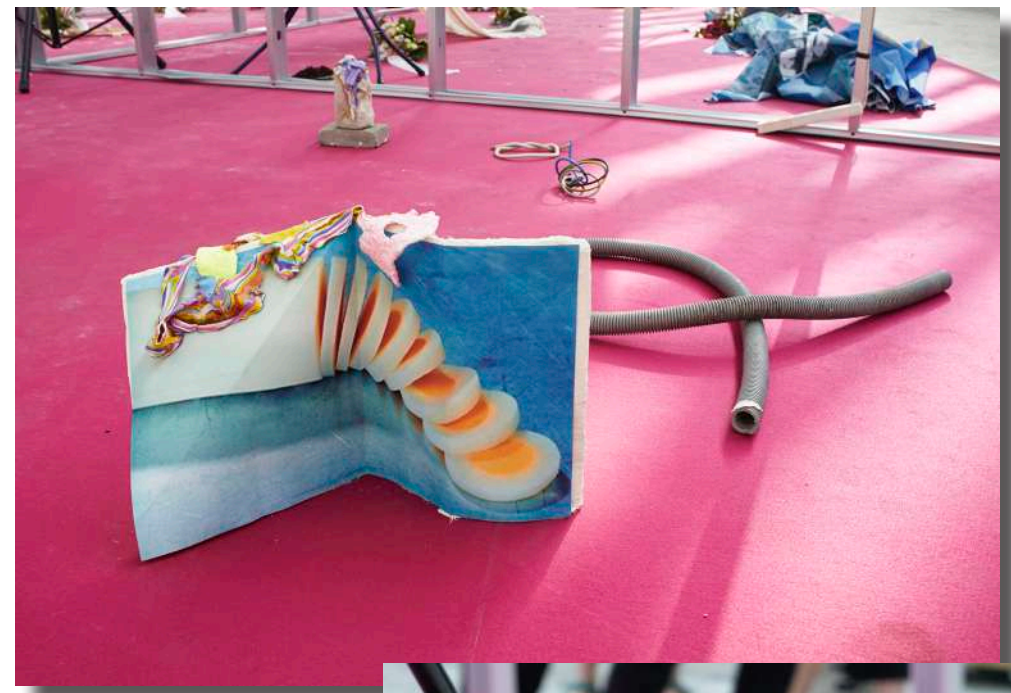
### *Formal Economy.*

Performance, 23 Minutes , Alt\_Cph, Copenhagen. May 2018. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYt1ZwHdn2E&feature=youtu.be>

Formal economy is a lecture-performance in which a mass of stories converge towards a possible reading of a form of economy that is as global as personal.

Using a loosely poetic form of speech act, I think among and through the sculptures I am surrounded by, telling stories about various forms of informal economy that exist within our emotional lives. Through these stories I seek to redefine the concept of offer and demand, the history of world trade, and address Spinoza's desire as a way of encouraging informal economies to take the world in charge. In a frantic form of storytelling, the narrative relies on global mistakes as a form of positivity, forming a system of thought based on the idea of error as opportunity, and allowing signifiers to slide into one another via similitude. Things that are at first scattered become connected with the mass of stories, spinning around an invisible gravitational center. This centrifuge of speech spins across the idea of an economy which is micro and peripheral but ends up replacing the formal one.

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*Formal Economy.*  
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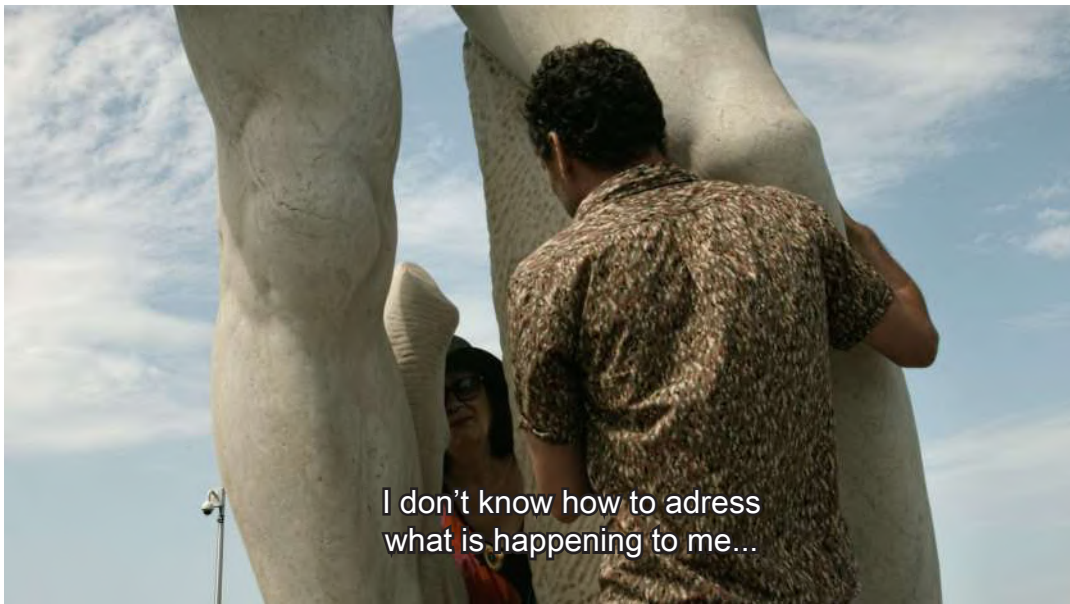
L'Obstruction. Video HD 26.03 min. 2017. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUtplpwA9ng>

The film L'Obstruction centers around a character who constantly finds himself in situations of verbal and physical blockage. L'Obstruction addresses the impossibility of critical public speech and the subsequent anxiety it generates. The struggle with language and meaning is experienced by the character in the film – stuck between a strong intent and a delivery of mumbles and sentences – brings his sweating body and emotional state to an absurd point of crisis, pointing awith a biting humour to the affects conveyed by the current neoliberal

context. The bodies of the silent listeners join the city's overwhelmingly desirable and literally hot presence. Their gazes, whether apathetic, intense or mocking (depending on our level of paranoia), add to the increasing temperature obstructing the speaker's ability to touch the audience and deliver what he refers to as an important educational discourse. Trying to make sense, he holds on to a broken speech navigating anecdotes about worker conditions and comments on economy, supply and demand, desire and politics. Sex plays as a metaphor of the disruption: directly, through the unavoidable and comical presence of the monuments' curves, their genitals carved in stone, the oversized calf from a copy of the infamous 'David' (that the character comes close to hugging), but also through the surrounding pulse of the city that parasitize thoughts with excitement, urges, images, and power.



**L'Obstruction. Video HD 26.03 min. 2017.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUtplwA9ng>



I don't know how to adress  
what is happening to me...



we could call it a tornado this head  
with no eyes or nose, or mouth or ear



And since an uniform  
is an erotic cliché



I'm super hot now...

**Stills from L'Obstruction**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUtplwA9ng>. Video HD 26.03 min.



Installation sight of *The Night Shift*. Solo Show at Zoo Gallery. 2017.



**Que Faire Episode 1 “Le Realisme”** Video HD 29min 2017. <https://livschulman.com/works/quefaire/>.

**Link to extract episode 1:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uvfbh-0SYA>. **Watch full episode 1:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WSc70pfSoQ&t=27s>

### Que Faire?

“QueFaire?” Is a mini-TV series in 3 episodes about a group of tv writers suffering from a severe writer’s block. Shot with a group of local amateur actors this project focuses on the exchangeable power of spoken word and its transformative nature. The group searches desperately for ideas, they look for a way to save their jobs through the use of language and private emotions. They go to group therapy, they lock themselves in the writer’s room and they live their collective unemployment in an empty studio of the former Company. In QueFaire? the power of the collective works as a lonely psychotic voice. The city of Noisy-le-Sec where I have lived as an artist in residency becomes the ground of this fiction and integrates the inhabitants as actors, the activity and the municipal places of the city, gathering and re-inventing the notions of inspiration and creativity at work. The three episodes of Que Faire? are:

1-Que Faire Episode 1 “Le Realisme” Video HD 29min.

2- Que Faire Episode 2 “La Fantaisie” Video HD 33min.

3-Que Faire Episode 3 “Les Dechets” Video HD 47min.



*Que Faire Episode 1 "Le Realisme" Video HD 29min 2017.*

*<https://livschulman.com/works/quefaire/>*

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**Watch full episode 1:** *<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WSc70pfSoQ&t=27s>*



-Life, energy, life, energy, life energy! so little, as a clockwork system.  
-Seven of my nine horses are called Ramon. They are all different but I insist to call them all the same...

Que Faire? Episode II "La Fantaisie" **Link to extract episode 2:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZlabVsRtX4> .

**Watch full episode 2:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUxXazUGQeQ&t=799s>

Vidéo HD 33mn, 2017.

<https://livschulman.com/works/quefaire/>



-They said that if I didn't come up with something for tonight they'd kidnap my children and remove their vital organs...



-Ah! I understand there is nothing like fear for motivation.  
-It's the third time they say that...



-You were afraid they realize you didn't even go to Yale, you were just wearing a cardigan with a Y the day of the interview...

Que Faire Episode 2 "La Fantaisie" Video HD 33min. <https://livschulman.com/works/quefaire/>  
**Link to extract episode 2:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZlabVsRtX4> .  
**Watch full episode 2:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUxXazUGQeQ&t=799s>



Toi tu n'es pas un écrivain,  
t'es juste un personnage.

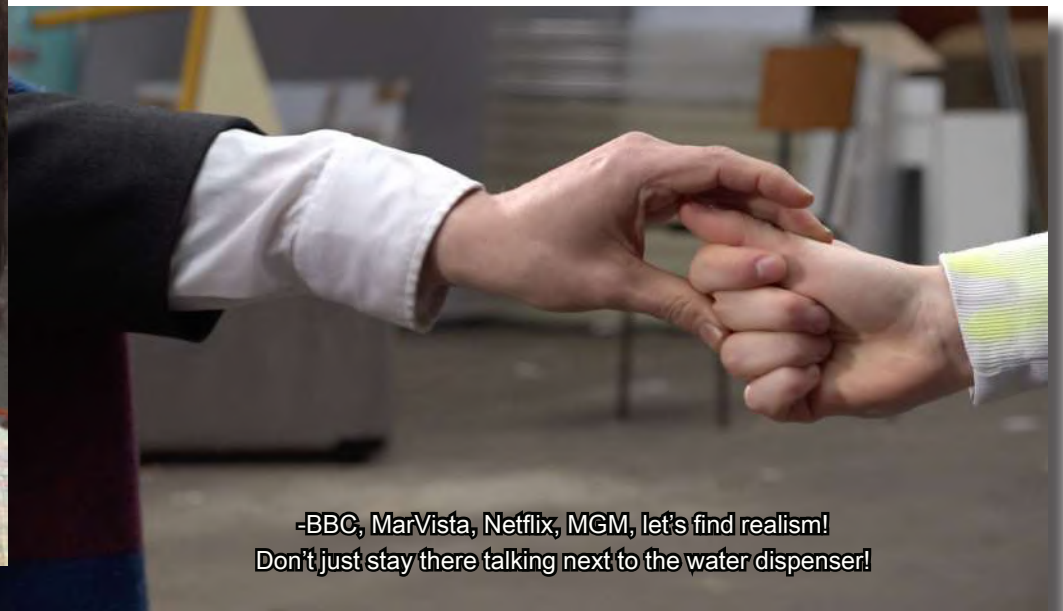
*Que Faire Episode 3 "Les Déchets" Video HD 47min 2017. <https://livschulman.com/works/quefaire/>*

**Link to extract episode 3:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9eQKWckYVs>

**Watch full episode 3:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P\\_Vy8F5pBEo&t=50s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_Vy8F5pBEo&t=50s)



But I have no intentions of grieving! I have already gone to therapy!



-BBC, MarVista, Netflix, MGM, let's find realism!  
Don't just stay there talking next to the water dispenser!



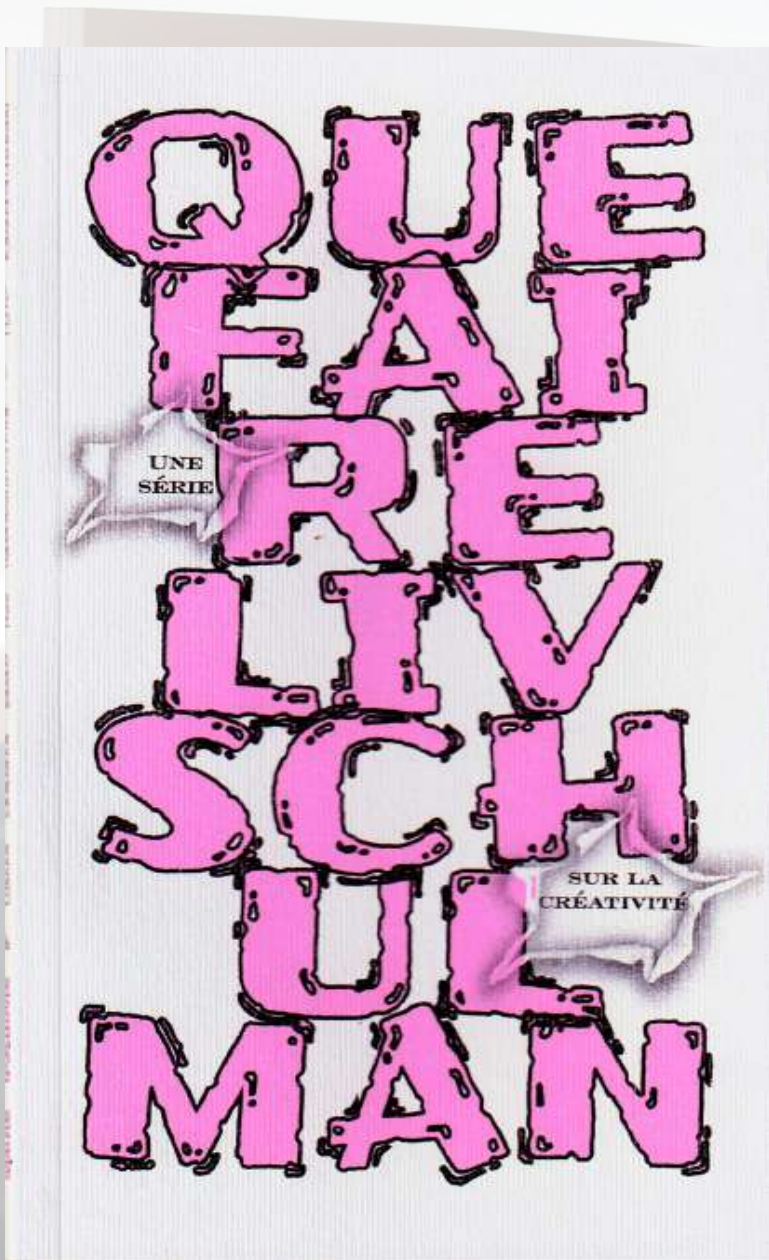
-I look for that person I see her evolve in time.  
I become her symptom.

Que Faire Episode 3 "Les Déchets" Video HD 47min 2017.

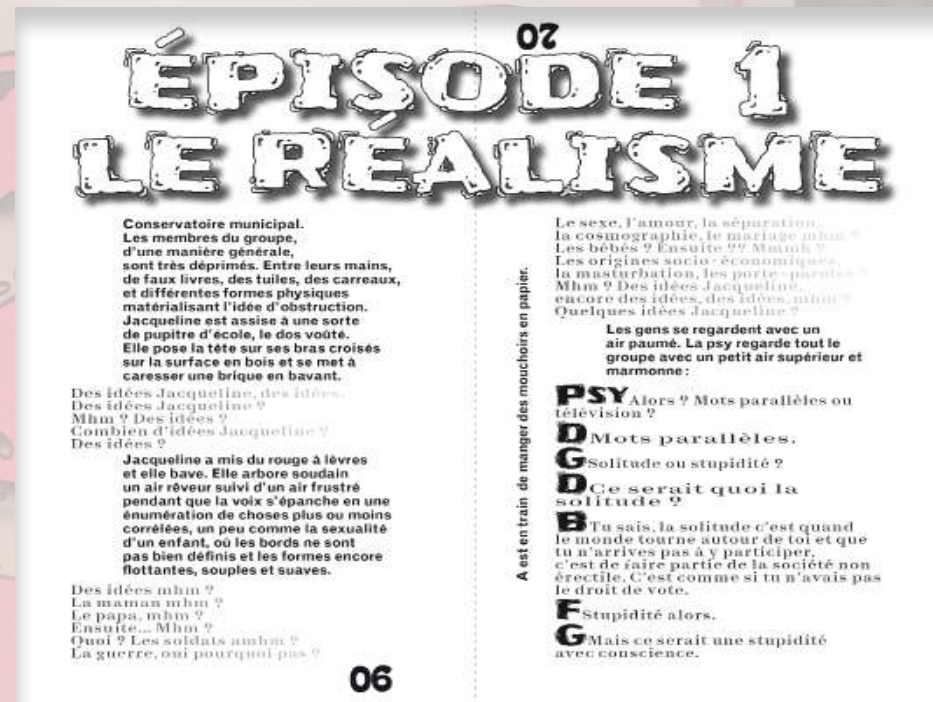
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Que Faire? Une série sur la Créativité; édition.



In *Que Faire?* a group of writers desperately look for ideas, or any way to save their work through the use of emotions and private language. Locked up in the Writer's Room, unless it's an empty workshop on the premises of their former employer, their activity is as much a brainstorming session as a group therapy. As a far echo to Lenin's famous political text, this new What Is To Be Done? tackles the issue of work when it's associated with the contemporary imperative of creativity. *Que Faire ?* is originally a mini television series written and directed by Liv Schulman in collaboration with a team of amateur actors. The paper version of this series is the result of collaboration with the graphic designer Roxanne Maillet.

-80 pages - 2 colors print Riso - 136 x 182 mm - Text in French - 250 ex.

Authors and contributors: Liv Schulman, in collaboration with Alain Farrès, Dominique Martin, Thomas Brehamet-Godet, Gaëtan Alepee, Nathanaëlle Paud, Emilie Renard, Zoe Charles, Alban Legass, Régine Besenval, Nadège Souillard and Marjolaine Calipel.

Graphic design: Roxanne Maillet. ISBN: 979-10-90298-10-1 - 2018

This book is co-produced by the art center The Noisy-le-Sec Gallery and the art center Parc Saint Léger Pougues-les-eaux.



*"Que faire?" textiles 400x800cm. Installation sight at the show "Tes Mains dans Mes Chaussures" Cac La Galerie de Noisy-le-Sec. 2017.*



**Assemblée générale**

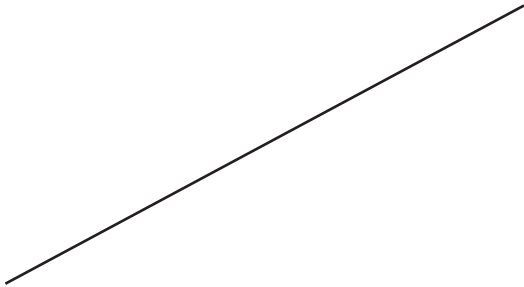
Vidéo hd 37mn, 2016.

<https://livschulman.com/works/assemblee-generale/>

**Link to extract:** <https://livschulman.com/works/assemblee-generale/>

**Watch full movie w/ spanish subs:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aepVqYkZAKU&t=150s>



### **Assemblée générale.**

Video hd 37mn, 2016.

<https://livschulman.com/works/assemblee-generale/>

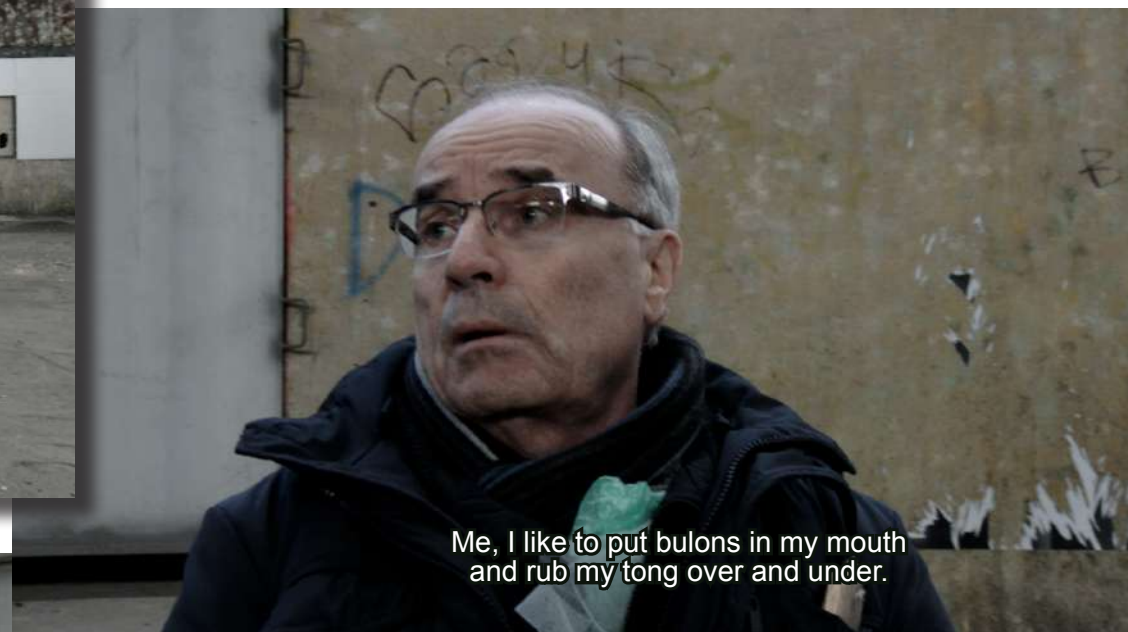
In a balloons factory that has been recovered by its workers lives a group of people who lost their personal identities. All that remains for them is the group as a working entity. The characters are sitting in a circle; they stayed in General Assembly forever, they live in permanent union conflict. They sink in melancholy, they kept doing a production that nobody comes to pick up. It is not certain for them that the factory continues to exist in the real world and they spend their time doing odd balloons, vaguely sexual skin-coloured shapes that they throw into a pool. All dialogues arrive one after the other and are interchangeable. They can be appropriated by anyone who follows the circle and at the same time the characters start developing an intensified version of themselves.

Shot in Lyon with a group of amateur and professional actors this project focuses on the exchangeable power of spoken word and its transformative nature.





That's not a question. You just saw that in a movie.



Me, I like to put bulons in my mouth  
and rub my tong over and under.



Me, I like to absorb things through my anus and hold them  
two days in a row.



Yeah, the ghosts reproduced the homoerotic positions that no one  
wanted to loo at. It was terrifying.

***Assemblée générale.***

Video hd 37mn, 2016.

<https://livschulman.com/works/assemblee-generale/>

**Liv Schulman : paranoïa épidémique**  
**par Sophie Lapalu**

Organiser un chaos paranoïaque ; voilà ce qui pourrait être le leitmotiv des œuvres de Liv Schulman. Par la répétition d'éléments disparates, par l'instauration d'une sourde étrangeté, par la force de l'humour où pointe parfois le sarcasme, l'artiste tord le sens des mots, des images, des actions. Les personnages de ses fictions (quand ce n'est pas elle-même au sein de performances), tous autant atteints de lalomanie, semblent chercher vainement à réformer la réalité. La pensée se déverse dans des monologues intarissables – aucun garrot ne peut contenir l'hémorragie. Les affirmations et autres verdicts péremptoires s'emparent du jargon économique, empruntent aux théories psychanalytiques comme à celles du complot ou de l'histoire de l'art et déforment avec jouissance les enjeux sémiotiques. Libérée de son récepteur, détachée de son locuteur, délivrée dans des situations inhospitalières, quelle puissance la parole déploie-t-elle ? Permettrait-elle une réorganisation du monde ?

Le film qui fut projeté en novembre 2016 à In extenso, *La Desaparición*, suit l'artiste dans un voyage transfrontalier entre trois villes : Misiones (Argentine), Foz de Iguazu (Brésil) et Ciudad del Este (Paraguay). À chaque étape, Liv Schulman change l'intégralité de l'argent remporté lors du prix Vairoletto (1000 USD), jusqu'à sa totale disparition. Au fur et à mesure, son discours devient moins cohérent, sa pensée se fait inquiète ; elle perd le contrôle. L'artiste œuvre précisément au sein de cette limite où les éléments semblent sur le point de basculer. Ainsi, chaque épisode de la « série de télévision d'art » sur laquelle elle travaille depuis 2011, la bien nommée *Control*, suit la dérive d'un détective qui soliloque dans des lieux où « le désarroi est repérable partout »<sup>1</sup>. Travaillant avec des acteurs amateurs, caméra au poing, l'équilibre est fragile – tout peut s'affaïsser d'une seconde à l'autre. Ici aussi, dans cette « machine de création de discours »<sup>2</sup>, les phrases énoncées par ces corps qui errent entre Paris, Buenos Aires, Mar Del Plata, Tel Aviv et Rennes, ne cessent de réclamer une signification. Comme au sein des mécanismes de l'économie libérale, Liv Schulman démontre que les individus sont interchangeables : d'une ville à l'autre, le personnage permute mais reste reconnaissable à son trench gris, son flux de paroles et son rapport particulièrement ambigu aux objets et à l'architecture. Ici aussi les humains sont traités comme des nombres, « des éléments indifférents par eux-mêmes, dont l'intérêt n'est que dans leur rendement objectif et mesurable [...] »<sup>3</sup>. Ils para-

issent avoir perdu le sens de leur vie, désespérément seuls. Pour combler cette solitude, ils s'attachent aux moyens que la société marchande met à leur disposition : les besoins pulsionnels se dirigent vers les objets ou l'architecture qui les entoure, qui ne peuvent toutefois satisfaire une sexualité apparemment frustrée. Dans l'épisode V de la saison II, *La Resistencia Pirata*, le personnage à la libido débordante erre dans un chantier naval avant de caresser son corps sans aucune décence à l'aide de vieux filets de pêche, puis de frotter avec volupté son visage sur les fibres d'un balai brosse. Il affirme : « Le désir est une façon de vivre en esclave, mon cher ami ». Les marchandises ne dissimulent en rien le caractère stérile des relations que nous entretenons avec elles. « La vraie résistance, assène-t-il, c'est la soumission. ». Sous le règne de la concurrence et de l'exploitation de l'homme par l'homme, le corps paraît ne pouvoir être qu'aliéné. Assemblée générale. Les Forces Reproductives, tournée à Lyon, où l'artiste était en résidence au post diplôme de l'ENSBA en 2015, se présente a priori comme une alternative à cette perte de l'individualité : un groupe de personnes, assis en cercle, se réunit pour discuter de l'avenir de l'usine de ballons d'hélium qu'ils ont récupérée. Mais l'on comprend rapidement qu'ils se trouvent coincés dans cette assemblée générale de laquelle ils ne peuvent plus sortir et d'où ne s'échappent que des impasses. « Votons : qui vote pour ne plus jamais assumer sa propre personne et abandonner toute liberté individuelle ou collective ? »

Au fur et à mesure des œuvres, les obsessions de l'artiste deviennent contagieuses ; pour le spectateur, chaque personnage se présente comme un dilemme, chaque mot réclame une nouvelle signification, chaque terme dérange l'association des phénomènes qui dirigeait jusque là nos modes de pensée. Notre jugement s'en trouve totalement altéré. Le doute est permanent, la paranoïa épidémique.

#### Notes

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*Control SIII EI "El síndrome de la Caverna" (The cave syndrome). Vidéo HD 6'22".*

### **CONTROL a TV Show. Saison III**

<http://livschulman.com/control-2/>

Control is a television series on art and writing in which a recurrent character, a sort of detective wanders between episodes attempting to establish new relations of meaning. Control is a mystery series, on the biggest mystery of all: one that can be led without an object. At this moment, Control counts with three complete seasons. It was shot in Paris, Buenos Aires, Mar Del Plata, Tel Aviv et Rennes. It is broadcasted in art venues and televisions.

Video HD

2011-2016



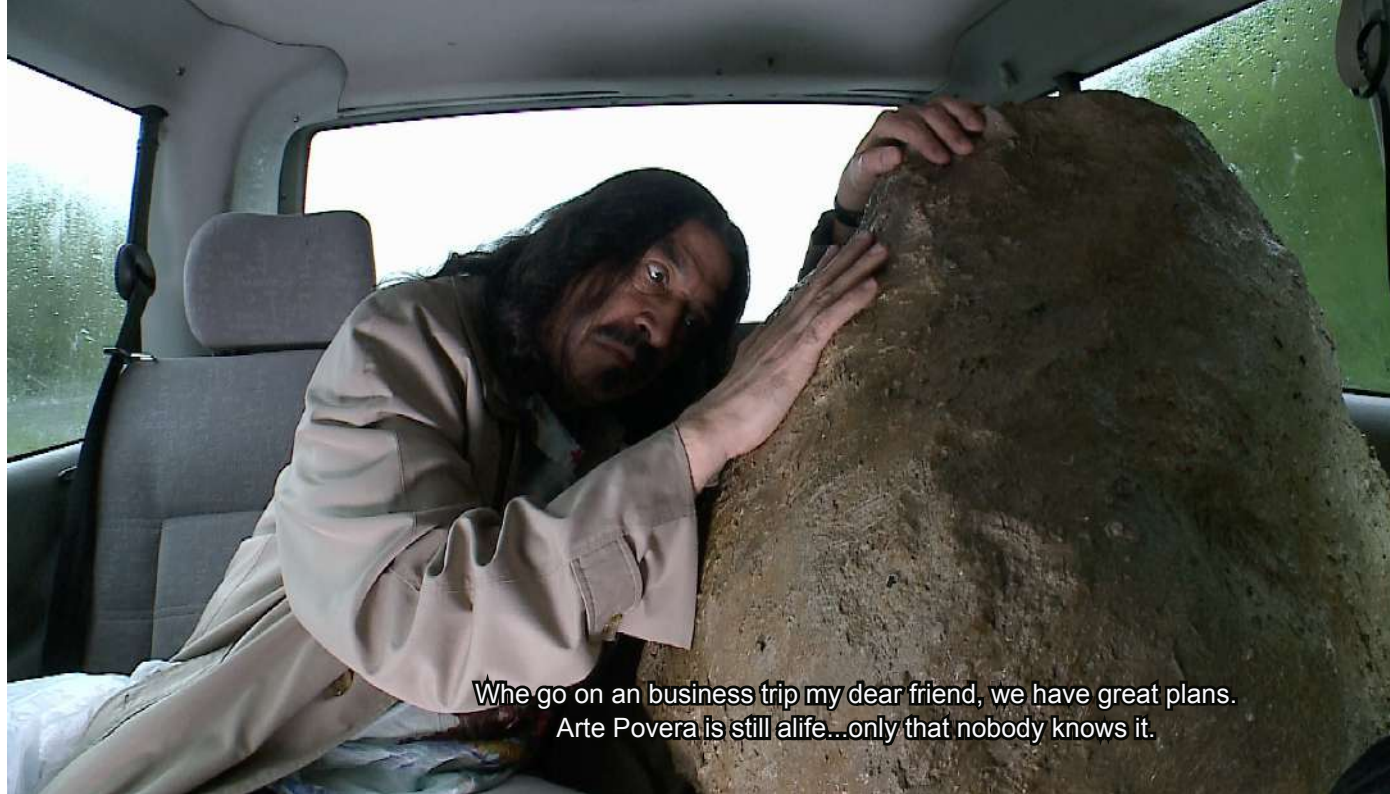
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**Control SIIIIEII “La resistencia Chamánica”**  
***(The Chamanique Resistance)*** . Vidéo HD 7'18”.



And the secret of the Chamanic Resistance  
is that...

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=px-JJDOaa8c&feature=youtu.be&ab\\_channel=LivSchulman](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=px-JJDOaa8c&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=LivSchulman)



When we go on a business trip my dear friend, we have great plans.  
Arte Povera is still alive...only that nobody knows it.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HtABY5vcqg&feature=youtu.be&ab\\_channel=LivSchulman](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HtABY5vcqg&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=LivSchulman)



But something was going on inside. The Povera resistance  
was moving on to the rhythm of a non-hearable sound...

**Control Saison III episode V**

**"La Resistencia Povera" (The Povera Resistance)**

Video HD 7'45"



**Control Saison III episode III "La Resistance Taxi".** Video HD 9'27".

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iY3eSPY17wU&feature=youtu.be&ab\\_channel=LivSchulman](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iY3eSPY17wU&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=LivSchulman)

**Control S3E1 El síndrome de la caverna**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQ0mzSNoxOY&feature=youtu.be>**

**Control S3E2 La Resistencia Chamánica**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ss4paPhXZXM&feature=youtu.be>**

**Control S3E3 El Nuevo Cine Árabe**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umGAmL30rgM&feature=youtu.be>**

**Control S3E4 La Resistencia Póvera**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXK3KrQHful>**

**Control S3E5 La Resistencia Taxista**

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rQ\\_AHLWI4g&feature=em-upload\\_owner](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rQ_AHLWI4g&feature=em-upload_owner)**

**Control S2E5 La Resistencia Medieval**

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**Control S2E6 La Resistencia Pirata**

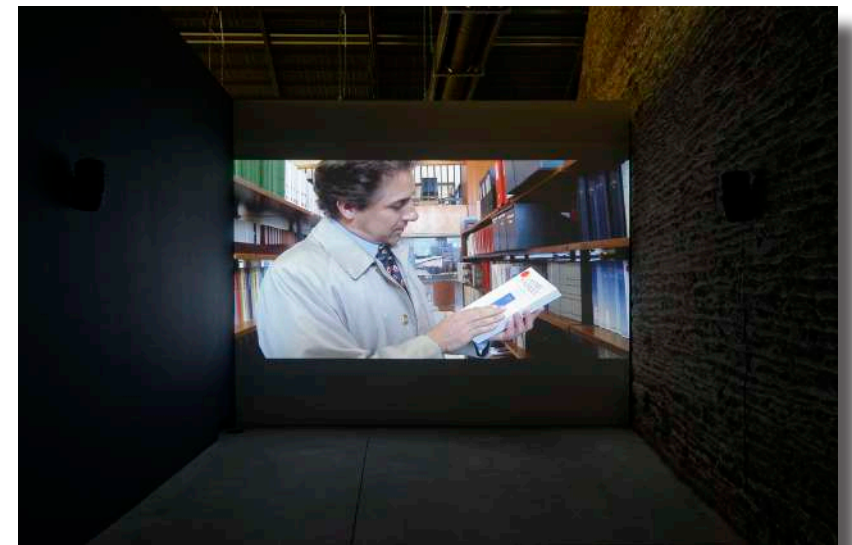
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**Control S2E7 Cosmos**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtACfplj0vc&feature=youtu.be>**



*Control "The Cave Syndrome". Episode I Season III.*



*Control "The Taxi resistance". Episode I Season III.*

Control Saison III. Installation sight  
Incorporated! Biennal de Rennes



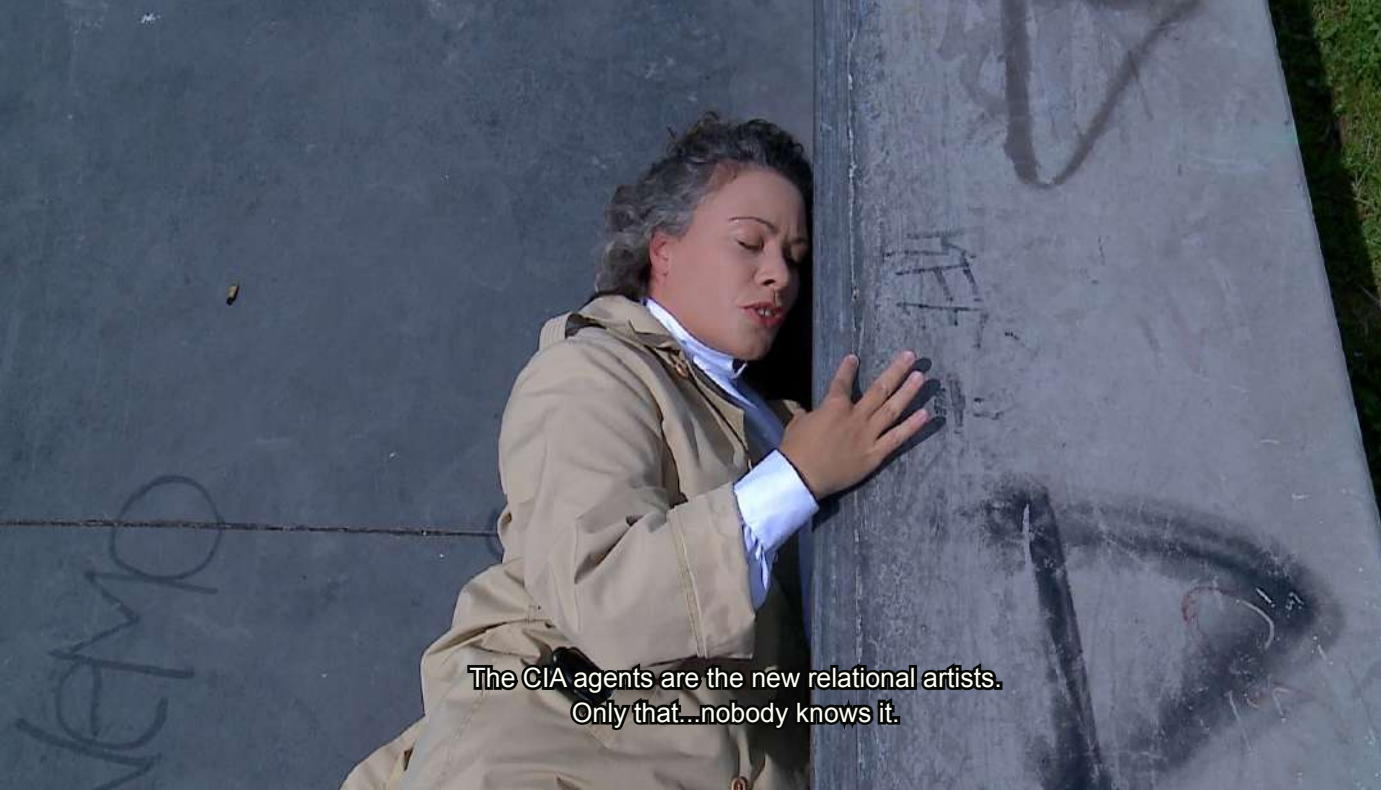
And I will not allow any asshole to call  
Western Union to exchange a divise for another.



And I will not allow no idiot to alter  
a pre established order. Do not chat! Do not emerge!

***Control Saison III episode IV El Nuevo Cine Árabe  
(The New Arabic Cinema)***

Video HD 7.29".



The CIA agents are the new relational artists.  
Only that...nobody knows it.



With out offices on their own. Sharing the pink hotlines  
of subsaharian telephones.

*Control Saison III episode VI*  
*"La Resistencia Realacional"*  
*(The Relational Resistance) Video HD 6'55"*



# CONTROL

A TV SHOW BY LIV SCHULMAN

ESCRITA Y DIRIGIDA POR LIV SCHULMAN /  
ACTUA: JUAN JOSÉ SOUTO

ASISTENCIA DE DIRECCION: NAHUEL AGUERO / CÁMARA: ARIELA BERGMAN  
SONIDO: FERNANDO SAVIO

CON EL APOYO DE: MUNDO DIOS, CYNART



*Control "The Melancholic Resistance". Episode II Season II.*

**CONTROL a TV Show**

**Saison II**

Cosmos, watches. Cosmos, canned animals. Cosmos, bateries and family appliance.

***CONTROL SAISON II ÉPISODE V. "COSMOS"***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8prFAYr4GQ>

Vidéo HD 3'22".

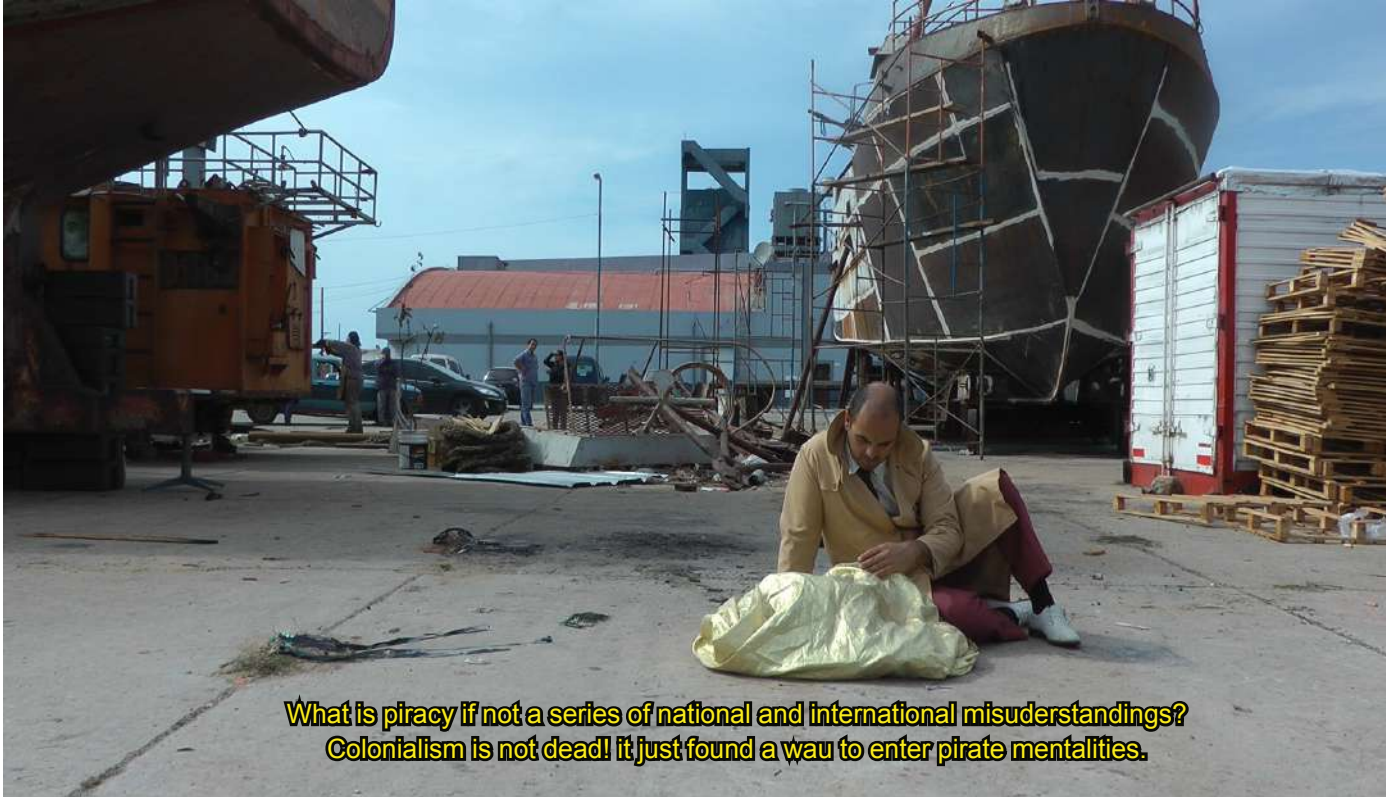


*And that's how humanity spined a whole circle and started again. Povera art waited in silence its moment to go for a Come Back.*

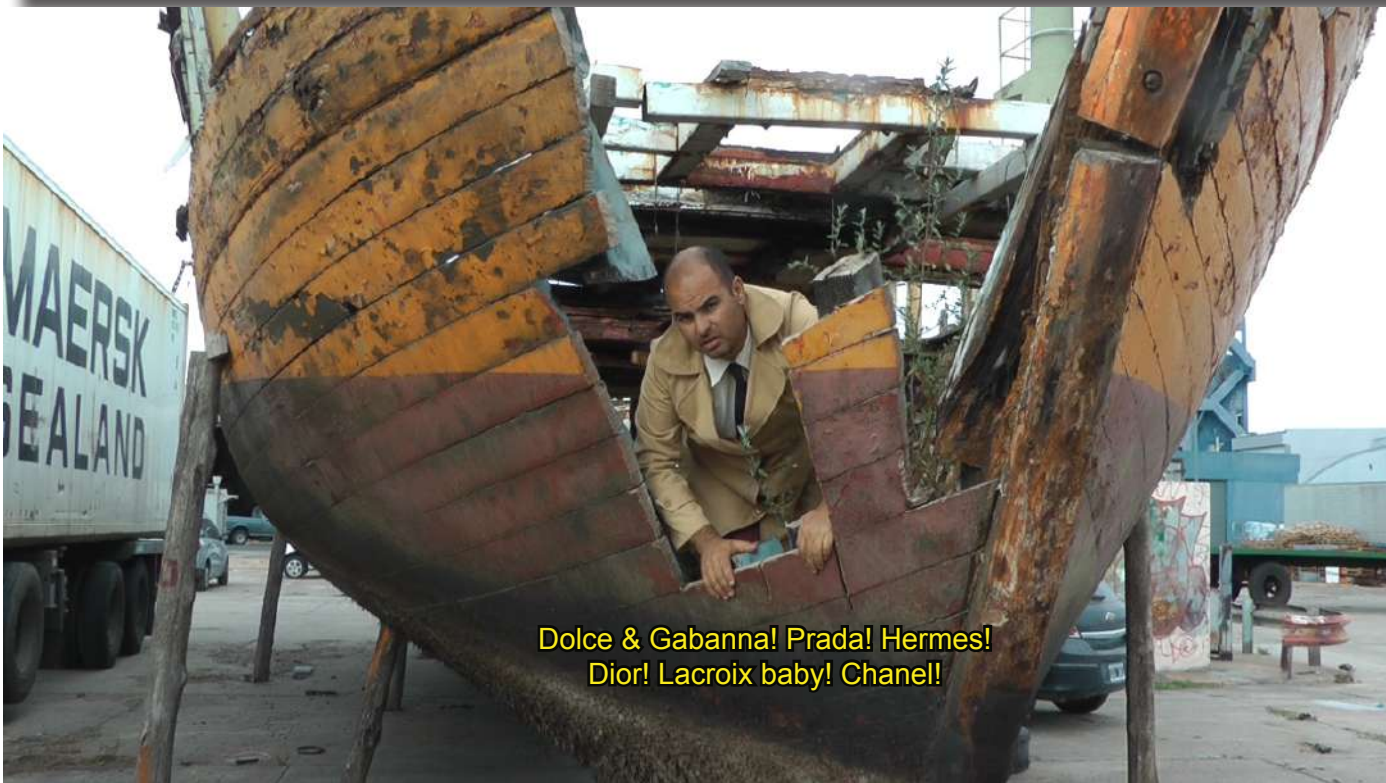
***Control Saison II épisode VI***

***La Maquina del Tiempo (The Time Machine)***

Vidéo HD '10. 32" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqQQAs9o2WE>



What is piracy if not a series of national and international misunderstandings?  
Colonialism is not dead! it just found a way to enter pirate mentalities.



Dolce & Gabbana! Prada! Hermes!  
Dior! Lacroix baby! Chanel!

*Control Saison II épisode V*

*La Resistencia Pirata (The Pirate Resistance)*

Vidéo HD 6.45"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmXIPrm2Qr4>



agarraremos un hombre ciego, lo haremos mirar el Gran Vidrio



pero! que hermosa es esa piedra, negra y brillante  
y cada vez más enigmática

**Control. Saison II épisode III**

**“La Resistencia Melancólica” (The Melancholly Resistance)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tv7mRvfmguM>

“We’ll go on a field trip, my dear friend... overthrowing hypotheses and investigating relationships” A romantic trip, with an unexpected ending.

Video HD 6’32”



What do we know about middle ages my dear friend?



transmisión y barbarie! mi querido amigo

**CONTROL**

**Saison II épisode II**

**"La Resistencia Medieval".**

**(The Medieval Resistance)**

*Video HD 6"53"*

"What do we know of the present moment my dear friend? Middleages continue to this day. Only that no one knows it..."

## The Covensky Method

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWkH-5y5Giw>

The Covensky Method is a series of lecture-performances that re-enact through public readings the mythical and ontological sessions given by the legendary coach and parapsychologist Nick Covensky in the late 90's and early 2000's. Covensky was able to change the body of participants into collective sculpture. In this episode a group of performers play the confused employees that suffer from the Cavern Syndrome. Frozen in repetition the performers suspend temporality while the lecture goes on.

### **The Covensky Method chapter IV Performance**

Duration: 40 minutes.

Verbo Performance Festival. 2015.

Vermelho Gallery. Sao Paulo, Brasil.

Text, people, wood, clothe, bricks, poster, rock, concrete cube, shoes etc.



The Covensky Method IV  
Performance '40.



## COLECCION TAMMY METZLER

1. IGNACIO BARSAGLINI Lo que viene después de la muerte
2. ADELA PANTIN Epale, qué más?
3. MAGALI JAZMIN Destruir el hielo y besar el iceberg
4. MARA PEDRAZZOLI Nos vemos
5. MARTIN ZICARI El problema de la droga y los días lindos
6. CANDELA BENETTI Guachitas
7. DANIELA REGERT Border
8. ALDANA CAPELLANO La piedrita en el zapato de Medusa
9. ANTONLIN Demasiado tarde para morir joven
10. ANA INES LOPEZ Estas deben ser épocas felices...
11. VIOLETA PASTORIZA Nunca supe tener novio
12. LIV SCHULMAN El camino del Cntrl
13. LEO ESTOL Sinatra
14. IVAN RISKIN Sick Sick (Sic)
15. ANTONELA FERRARI MILANO Toda
16. MARIA LUCESOLE Las plantas verdes de los veranos
17. LIV SCHULMAN El método Covensky

Algunas teorías, incluso el psicoanálisis, sugieren que la literatura puede ser un medio de sanación. A través del cambio de estado que supone la sublimación, el arte, en cualquiera de sus formas, ordena el vacío. Genera así una salida feliz de la tendencia. Haciendo de lo bello que contraría lo bello tensión sublime, la significación entra en un paréntesis y la angustia se suspende.

Sin embargo, desde una postura positivista, Liv Schulman -artista con estudios internacionales y autora de este libro- y yo hemos comprobado en una muestra consistente y de suma fiabilidad -aunque quizás sesgada- basada en la propia experiencia a una cantidad considerable de hombres arruinados por el psicoanálisis. O al menos por absorber de mala gana sus latiguillos de divulgación. ¿Podemos afirmar, entonces, que la literatura es un medio de sanación?

En El discurso del método, René Descartes, primer filósofo moderno y padre del racionalismo, pone en duda todos los conocimientos aprendidos a lo largo de su educación y propone un nuevo método para llegar a un saber que sea seguro. Hoy desde Tammy Metzler les proponemos otro método que no promete la sanación. Pero asegura 100% Satisfacción Garantizada: El Método Covensky. El Método Covensky consiste en una hipnosis productiva al servicio del marketing. Mediante el amalgamiento y la frotación de los cuerpos con el fin de fundir al ser y al universo consigue generar un estado de productividad que se ajusta a las reglas del mercado.

Otros libros que presentan métodos de inducción (El Método Silva de Control Mental, El Método Grönholm, El Método Neil Strauss, El Método Arrieta, El Método Billings, El Método de Tracy Hogg, El Método de los elementos finitos Zienkiewicz) no pueden demostrar su objetivo sino de manera empírica. El Método Covensky no sólo utiliza elementos de uso común, al alcance de cualquiera (melamina, salchichas, vasos descartables, trapos de cocina) sino que además proporciona ejemplos elocuentes de las sesiones.

De esta manera, la sola lectura del libro, si bien no implica la aplicación de todos los pasos del Método, logra su principal objetivo: entrar en trance. Aunque quizás el verdadero sentido del cambio, el "tsunami silencioso", se produzca en base al efecto lateral del Método Covensky. Estos cambios son imposibles de identificar en el momento en el que están ocurriendo.

Marina Mariasch



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## LIV SCHULMAN EL MÉTODO COVENSKY

TAMMY METZLER

### **El Método Covensky (The Covensky Method)**

El método Covensky (The Covensky Method) is a ficiton novel that summons the mythical ontological sessions given by the legendary coach and parapsychologist Nick Covensky in the late 90's and -early 2000's. The Covensky Method proposes new forms of agency and sociability that changes particularities in people and depersonalizes the being.

**Tammy Metzler editions.**

**21cm x 18cm. 100 pages.**



Yesterday I had 1000 reais that became 25000 Guaranies, that became 3250 pesos. I think I won some money this time.



But I ate a Cochina, it is a wonderful panned -fried ball on the brasilian side. Now I feel like vomiting.



# La desaparicion

22-23-24 229, 998, 6Mil novecientos veintidos guaranies.

## La Desaparición

<http://livschulman.com/la-desaparicion/>

La Desaparición is a film, a non-fiction story where I use money from a prize given by the Vairoletto Foundation (1000USD) to go into the triple frontier, between Puerto Iguazú (Argentina), Ciudad del Este (Paraguay) and Foz de Iguazú (Brasil).

Once there I take the money and exchange it successively from Argentine pesos to Brazilian Reales to Paraguayan Guaranies until, due to the different commissions of-- currency exchange, the money disappears. While doing so I talk to the camera constantly taking discourse into a semi psychotic state, as if with the loss of money came the loss of self-control.

Vidéo hd 50'. 2013.



But I guess this is what one comes for here no? to deregulate...



So if I take one here, I am still left with 900 pesos that are 300 reals but I still have to pay...I geep being fucked, why did I came here?



2000, 235, how much do you take comission? yes? ah no?

## CV Liv Schulman

Liv Schulman is an artist/writer/filmmaker based between Buenos Aires and Paris. Born in 1985, Liv Schulman grew up in Buenos Aires.

Fascinated by television, the arrival of cable in 1990 and the financial crash of 2001 are among the most striking moments of her life. A graduate of the École nationale supérieure d'arts de Paris-Cergy, she's been living in France and Buenos Aires intermittently since 2015. Liv Schulman's work takes the form of filmed fictions, TV series, readings-performances and novel writing. The narratives at the core of her work deal with the role of subjectivity in the political space and the difficulty of giving it credit. In this way, a real telenovela is shown on television as if in a museum. In her approach, to create means directly experiencing an environment, a system, a subject. She is represented by Piedras Galeria in Buenos Aires and anne barrault gallery in Paris.

## Education

2015: Post-Diplome Lyon. Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Arts de Lyon. (FR)

2012: UTDT programa de artistas. Post Master. Buenos Aires. (AR)

2010-2011: MFA Art Writing. Goldsmiths

University of London. (EN)

2008-2010: MFA Art. École Nationale Supérieur d'art de Cergy. (FR)

2005-2008 : BA Art. École Nationale Supérieur d'art de Cergy. (FR)

## Residencies

*2026: AIR at Salzburg Kunstverein. Salzburg, Austria.*

*2023-2024: FILMINCO residence La Fabrique Romainville. France.*

*2023: Jackmousse + -. Montreuil. France.*

*2022-2023: Residency at the Villa Medici, Academie de France. Roma. Italy.*

*2020 : October-December DaaD Artists in residency program. Berlin. Germany.*

*2019-2020: CITE INTERNATIONALE DES ARTS DE PARIS. France.*

*2019 : Lagos residencia de Arte. Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico.*

*2018 : Hangar. Barcelona. Spain.*

*2017: Parc St Leger. Residences Secondaires. France.*

*2017: Triangle France. Marseille. France.*

*2016-2017: CAC La Galerie, Noisy le Sec. France.*

*2015-2016: Post-Diplôme ENSBA Lyon.*

*France.*

*2015: CIA (Centro de Investigaciones Artísticas) .*

*Buenos Aires. Argentina.*

*Mundo Dios Residency. Mar Del Plata. Argentina.*

*2011: MACRO Residency Rosario. Argentina.*

## Prizes, grants and stipends

Mencion del Jurado 28 Premio Klemm. Buenos Aires. Argentina.

2do Premio Andreani. 2025. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Prix de la Competition Flash. FID Marseille. France.

Academie de France Villa Medici. Fr.

Mondes Nouveaux. 2021. Fr.

Bourse ADAGP-Villa Vassilieff. Fr. 2019. Fr.

**20th** Fondation Ricard Price. 2018. Fr.

**Premio Planta.** Ch.a.Co Santiago de Chile. Ch.

**Premio Bienal de Arte Joven.** 2017. **Hangar** Barcelona. Es.

**Residences secondaires Parc St Leger.** Fr.

**Mécènes du Sud.** France. Fr.

**Bourse regional PACA . Triangle France.** Marseille. Fr.

**DRAC** Ile-de-France – La Galerie Noisy-le-sec. Fr.

**Vairoletto Art Foundation.** Buenos Aires. Ar.

**Fondo Nacional de Las Artes.** Buenos Aires. Ar.

**Beca de Viaje Colección Alec Oxenford.** Ar.

## **Solo Exhibitions**

### **2026:**

*Entusiasmo Publico*. Cur. Carla Barbero. Centro Cultural Recoleta. Buenos Aires. Argentina.

*Sirco Ceguro*. Cur. Julie Portier. La Salle de Bains. Lyon. France.

### **2025 :**

*Sirco Ceguro*. Centro de Arte de la UTDT Buenos Aires. Argentina.

*Todo es prestado*. Piedras Gallery. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

*Le Realisme*. Cycle de performances avec Pauline Ghersi a la Fondation Pernaud Ricard. Paris, France.

### **2024**

Un Circulo que se fue Rodando. anne barrault gallery, Paris. France.

### **2023**

*ADIDAS, JENNIFER, ARIEL, WOOLITE, LE CHAT, LA CROIX, LE TEMPS, LA SANGSUE, LES PROBLÈMES, LA TRANSFORMATION, L'ENNUI*. Cur. Etienne Bernard. Frac Bretagne. Rennes, France.

### **2022**

*Eurropa*. At lokal int. Bienne. Switzerland.  
The New Inflation. Galerie Anne Barrault. Paris.

France.

*Paris + by Art Basel* | Grand Palais Ephémère, Paris|

*Brown Yellow White and Dead, saison 1* | cinéma L'Archipel, Paris.

### **2021**

*Marron, amarillo, blanco y muerto*. Piedras Galeria. Av. Rivadavia 2625, Piso 4. Buenos Aires. Argentina.

*Eurropa*. Cur. Elfi Turpin. Crac Alsace, Altkirch. France.

*The Government*. Cur. Sylvie Fortin, Curator-in-Residence 2019-2021 [Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts](#), Omaha, NE. USA.

### **2020**

*an international subconscious awareness of capitalism*. AplusA gallery. Venice. Italy.

*A somatic play*. Art : Concept Gallery. Paris. France.

### **2019**

*Control a TV Show Season III*. Centre Pompidou. Paris. France.

*Le Gouvernement*. Cur. Melanie Bouteloupe et Camille Chenais. Villa Vassilieff. Paris, France.

*Comercio Interior*. Laboratorio. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

### **2018**

"Los accidentes laborales" Piedras Gallery. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Performances 2018 July 2018: *Nuestro propio pordioso*. Performance at *Una fuerza Posible*. Museo Reina Sofia. Madrid. Spain.

June 2018: *Our Private Union*. Performance in the frame of the public program Lust For Dust,

Tampered Emotions. Marseille. France.

May 2018: *Formal Economy*. Alt\_Cph Copenhagen. Denmark.

### **2017**

*The Night Shift*. Zoo Galerie, Nantes. Fr.

*The Obstruction* cur. Celine Kopp. SixtyEight Art Institute. Copenhagen. Denmark.

### **2015**

*The Covensky Method IV* Verbo Performance Festival. Vermelho Gallery. Sao Paulo, Brazil.

*Control Season II* Big Sur Gallery. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

### **2014**

*El método Covensky III. A prehistoric record*. Matienzo Art Centre, Buenos Aires. Ar.

*El Método Covensky I. A recess without reconstruction*. Museo de Arte Moderno de Buenos Aires. Argentina.

### **2013**

*Splendour* Museum of Contemporary Energy. Buenos Aires. Argentina.

## **Group exhibitions**

### **2026:**

*El Futuro por Ahora*. Arco sección curada. Feria

Arco. Madrid. Spain.

*Iliggocene the age of dizzines*. Cur. Sergio Edelsztein, Ruth Anderwald, Leonhard Grond. KINDLE-Berlin. Germany.

## 2025

28th Premio Klemm. Buenos Aires, Argentina.  
Nos Espaces de Liberte. Scene Nationale le Creusot. France.

### LANGOREYE

(L'œuvre d'art à l'ère de sa transmission orale)  
((Une exposition de proximité)) Cur. Boris Achour. ARTETXE, 74 Agosti Xaho karrika, 64470 Tardets-Sorholus. France.

*Arte Rata*. Cur. Delfina Bustamante y Lulo Demarco. Centro Cultural Recoleta. Buenos Aires. Argentina.

## 2024

La Noche. PEQUOD CO. Gallery. CDMX, Mexico.

Des Grains de Sable. Pavillon Carre de Badoin, Paris. France.

La Logique des Lieux. Cur. Elodie Royer. Fondation Fiminco. Paris.

Slime. Cur. Joshua Simon16.2. – Secessions. Vienna. Austria.

Power Up: Imaginaires Techniques et Utopies Sociales. Kunsthalle Mulhouse. France.

*Gunaikêon*. Frac Île-de-France, les Réserves & Fondation Fiminco, Romainville. France.

## 2023

*Tercer Cerebro* | Piedras, Buenos Aires

*Una linea storta tesa* | Villa Médicis, Rome | Curator : Saverio Verini. Roma. Italy.

OOR | Spazio in Situ Roma. Italy.

El Centro ha Muerto Viva el Centro. Goethe Institut. Buenos Aires. Argentina.

## 2022

*de Toi a Moi*. Cur. Jennifer Flay. Fondation Fiminco, Paris. France.

*The Baroness*. Cur. Daria Kahn. Mimosa House. London. England.

*Chien*. Cur. Manon Haize. Galerie Anne Barrault, Paris.

## 2021

La Larva y el Pantano. Cur. Mercedes Claus. Fundación Andreani. Buenos Aires. Argentina.  
*a plotless horror movie*. cur. Marie Sophie Beckmann and Julie Robiolle. Kleve. Germany.

## 2020

Le Juste Prix. A group show imagined by Bertrand Dezoteux. Fondation d'Entreprise Pernod Ricard. 1 cours Paul Ricard, 75008 Paris. France.

*Estiramientos en la lengua* | 23 de noviembre, 2020 – 14 de febrero, 2021. Piedras Galeria Buenos Aires. Argentina.

steirischer herbst '20 : Paranoia TV. Graz, Austria.

Tres Palomitas: Socially distanced lesbian cruising pre-warming for the upcoming world we want. Daadgalerie. Berlin. Germany.

## 2019

*Le couteau sans lame et dépourvu de manche*. Cur. Elfi Turpin. Crac Alsace. Altkirch, France.

*Une journée avec Marie Vassilief*. Fondation des artistes (MABA), Nogent sur Marne. France.

## 2018

*20ème Prix de la Fondation d'entreprise Ricard*. Paris, France.

*The Fatala Momentet*. Växjö Konsthall. Sweden.

*Perdon por ser Tan*

*Sensual*. Feria [Ch.a.Co](#) Santiago de Chile. Chile.

*Vos désirs sont les nôtres*. Cur. Celine Kopp and Marie de Gaulejac. La Tour-Panorama. Friche Belle de Mai, Marseille. France.

*Democracia en Obra*. Centro Cultural Kirschner. Buenos Aires. Argentina.

*The map is the Territory*. Bregenz Biennale . Bregenz Austria.

## 2017

*The Empathy Performance* at the Cut the Gap seminar. SMK Copenhagen, Denmark.

*Sans bride, ni mors, ni rênes* Cur. Doriane

Spiteri. Rennes. France.  
*Buenos Aires Young Art Biennale* Centro Cultural Recoleta. Buenos Aires, Argentina.  
*Tes Mains Dans Mes Chaussures #3* Cur. Vanessa Desclaux & Emilie Renard. La Galerie Noisy-le-Sec, France.  
*Tes Mains Dans Mes Chaussures #2* Cur. Vanessa Desclaux & Emilie Renard. La Galerie Noisy-le-Sec France.

#### **2016**

*Incorporated!* Biennale de Rennes. Halle de la Courrouze. Rennes, France. Cur. François Piron.  
Bienal del Pensamiento Paralelo. Cur. Marcelo Galindo. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

#### **2015**

*La menor Resistencia.* Nora Fish Gallery. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

#### **2014**

*Performaton.* Cur. Javier Villa. Museo de Arte Moderno, Buenos Aires. Argentina.  
*Un Mundo que se Acuerda a Nuestros Deseos* Cur. Camila Telléz. Mite Gallery. Buenos Aires, Argentina.  
*New Economy* Cur. Claudio Iglesias. Alberto Sendrós Gallery. Buenos Aires. Argentina.  
*Fundación Vairoletto* Cur. Lucrecia Palacios. Faena Art Centre Buenos Aires. Argentina.  
*XIV National Fine Arts Salon* of Rosario.

Rosario Argentina  
*Visite Israel- Visite Palestina.* Metrónomo Gallery. Buenos Aires. Argentina.

#### **Public collections**

Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Rosario. Ar.  
Centre National des Arts Plastiques. Paris. Fr.  
Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Pompidou. Paris. Fr.  
Le Plateau, FRAC Ile-de-France, Paris, Fr.  
Frac Lorraine. Metz. Fr.  
Frac Limoges. Fr.

#### **Screenings and festivals.**

#### **2024**

Reprise du FID au Cinema St Andre des Arts. Paris.  
Festival Actoral. Marseille. France.  
RFF. *REYKJAVIK INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL.* Island.

Black Canvas Festival. Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico.

FID Marseille. Prix de la competition Flash. La Hora del Pati. [M|A|C](#) Mataró, Cataluña.  
*A somatic play* at galeria Crisis. Lima, Peru.

#### **2023**

AFI Artists' Film International.

#### **2022**

Money has no Smell. New York. United States.  
Fid Marseille. France.

L'archipel. Paris, France.

#### **2020**

steirischer herbst. Graz, Austria.

#### **2019**

Schirn Francfort. Double feature. Germany.  
Prospectif Cinéma. Centre Pompidou. Paris. France.

Mac Marseille. *Control épisodes 2 et 3 Season 3.* France.

#### **2017**

Que Faire?#2 Khasma. Les Lilas. France.

#### **2016**

Control a TV Show. Television de Rennes. France.

Screening of *La Desaparicion* In Extenso. Clermont Ferrand, France.

Screening of *Assamblée Generale.* Cac La Galerie de Noisy-le-Sec. France.

#### **Publishing**

*Infinite Bet.* Real Simple Syndication Books. Copenhagen. Denmark. 2018.

*Que Faire Liv Schulman?* Immixtion Books, Marseille. France. 2018.

*El método Covensky* (novel). Editions Tammy Metzler. Argentina. 2015.

*El Camino del CNTRL.* Editions Tammy Metzler. Argentina. 2013.