

Artist statement

My work as an artist takes place in a variety of forms, in creating art works and projects, in curating exhibitions as well as in education.

Dialog and collaboration with other artists is an essential part of my practice. Between 2006 and 2016, I formed an artist duo with Clea Stracke, until starting out own families with kids added new challenges to our permanent coordination. Project-based collaboration continues, for example with Thomas Splett, CASPA HAUSA COLLECTIVE and with students in the context of my teaching job at the art academy (2014—18) or on exhibition projects as part of curatorial teams.

In the beginning an exploration (social, institutional, historical) of space was central in the creation of site-specific installations in museums, galleries and in very often public space: the underground, the (entrance of the) museum, the art school, the countryside, the waiting room, the art gallery, the train, the garbage dump and so on. This entailed intense on-site research, including scanning with a camera or 1:1 remodelling, in order to then fictionalize, reinvent or re-contextualize these places.

Filmic space plays an important role in many of my works. Often seen as a window into another world, here films are brought in to the space by means of other sculptural elements so that they can form a part of the world I/we really live in. I enjoy sharing the same space with an artwork, allowing it to surround me and straightforwardly involve me, so that the work can develop a direct impact through its volume, form, colour, material and quality.

Since some time, base materials started playing a more dominant role — ceramics, bones, latex, bread, salt paste, textiles, branches — as a stronger focus on social topics such as role models, emotions, societal expectations and clichés evolved; topics drawn from my immediate personal experience and closely connected to my daily life. This very personal approach forms the starting point for extensive research and reading, in order to carry the ordinary to a general level and point out universal conditions. In a third step, while executing or performing my artworks, I again leave gaps, holes and empty spaces for the imaginary and further coincidence.

MÜNCHHAUSEN TRILEMMA

Cooperation with Thomas Splett,
Construction Site, Cologne Archive, 2015

Video-Loop, 16:9, 1:12 min,



fig. 1 Photography, Münchhausen Trilemma, Construction site, Cologne Archiv

fig. 2 Screening view, Neumayer, Research station, Anctarcica, 2017

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fig. 2





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WINDOW SHOPPER/FRESH WIDOW, 2015 Collaboration with Malte Bruns

A steel frame inside the exhibition space of SSZ Süd doubles the exterior window. The video projected on acrylic glass monitors a classic display window presenting the head, arm and leg of a dissembled mannequin. Reflections of lights, raindrops on the window indicate the passing of time. Sporadically viewers can catch movements of the leg adjusting itself, the organic elegance of the hand holding its cigarette or register smoke puffing out from the wig.

A remarkably large pile of cigarette ashes has formed beside the hand, indicating a long and lonely wait.

Site specific video installation, SSZ Süd, Cologne Steel frame 4.5 × 2.5 m, projector, HD video, 16 min., acrylic glass, light emitting diodes, soundtrack





FALSCHE RÜCKSICHTNAHMEN, 2017

Collaboration with Thomas Splett

Site specific video installation, Artothek, Munich MDF bords, stage elements, wooden bars, aluminium poles, photo prints on PVC, tile pattern prints on PVC, wigs, engine, various hoses, ceramic sculpture, dried cattle leg, latex, photo prints of salad leaves, monitor, HD video, 16 min., 10 x 8 x 4 m

fig. 1 Installation, rear view

fig. 2 Vorhof, sculpture, ceramic enamelled



fig. 2

Sculptural exploration of gender- specific behaviour set in relation to our animal origins in order to sound out the relationship between man, woman, animal. Gestures and actions, little Red Riding Hood and the big bad wolf, the heterosexual relationship between Splett and Seibt, furries and fish massages... How natural can the artificial be?

"Patterns of heterosexual attraction are set in relation to research into biological instincts, tracking the nucleus of human nature back to its brute foundation, apparently liberated from all cultural evolution. The male drive to hunt prey (aka woman) is revealed in the imitation and skilful mirroring of those creatures that reveal our own origins to us."

Dennis Brzek, 2017,

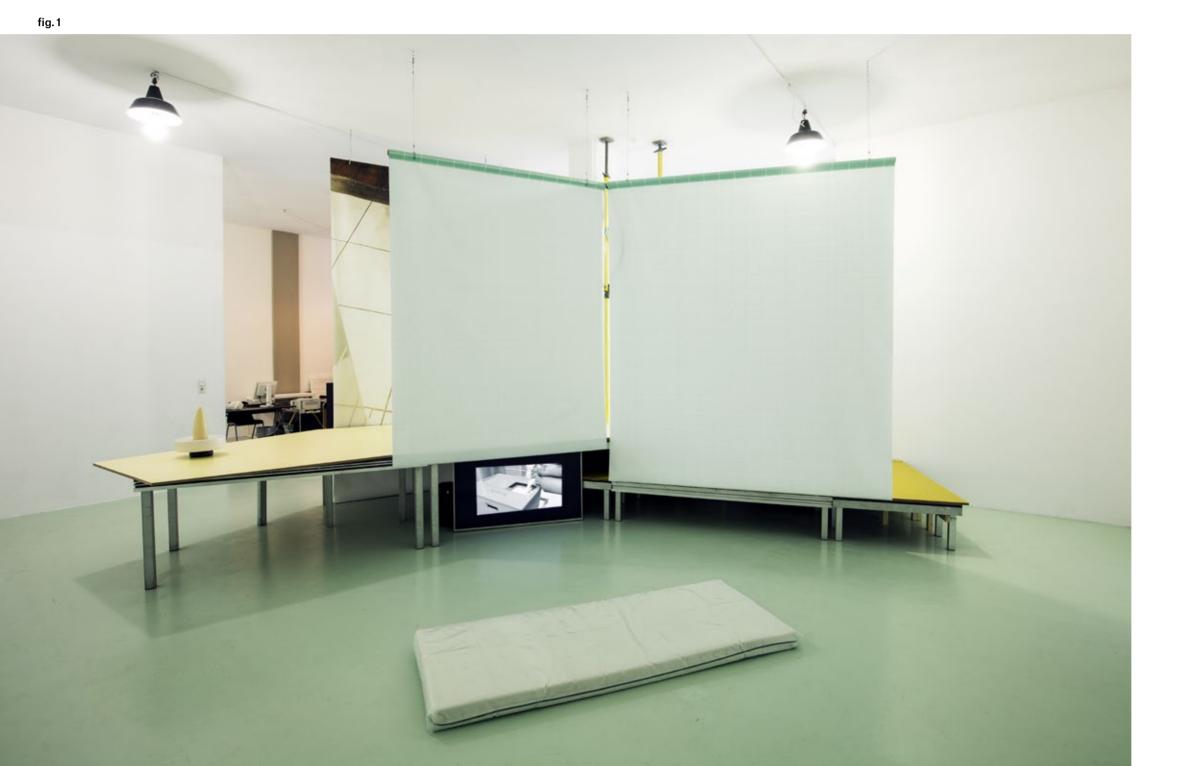






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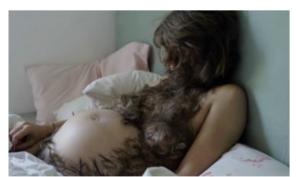
fig. 1 Installation, side view

fig. 2 Video stills, Doesn't Sound Like Grandma's Voice









"Presented within a complex mixed-media installation that follows shape and functions of an animal compound, the video Doesn't Sound Like Grandma's Voice looks at the biological, animal, and technological origins of gendered cultural behaviour, drawing from the classic European fairy-tale Little Red Riding Hood, where fixed definitions of the body are already put into question, and interaction takes place between generations as well as species. Combining personal videos, staged scenarios, and found footage, the video reimagines the traditional tale as a narrative of continuously inter-transforming characters and properties. Through visual and structural analogies, the video proceeds through quintessential scenes from the story, staging moments of mutation, ingestion, care, excess, intimacy and savagery. By moving between micro and macro scales, and connecting biological processes to technological and social domains, the pair demonstrates moments in daily life where the beastly and cultural are in close contact."

Postbrothers, 2018







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fig. 1 Exhibtion rear view with photographs: Im Schatten junger Mädchenblüte and Flower

fig. 2 Flower, photograph



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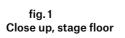
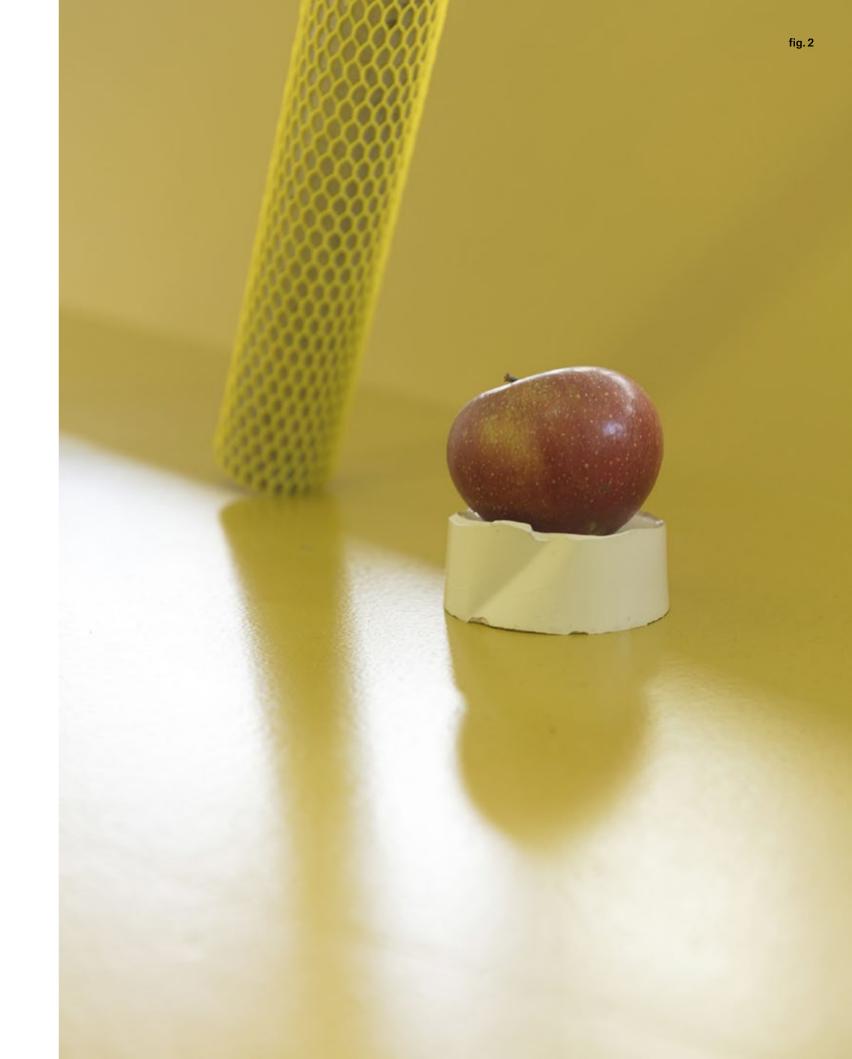


fig. 2 Lehrjahre des Gefühls (black Version)



LA EDUCACIÓN SENTIMENTAL (LEHRJAHRE DES GEFÜHLS), 2018

Collaboration with Thomas Splett

A pair of male hands gently holding and massaging a dead fish on the white terry cloth of a massage table. Is the fish a metaphor for the female sex or are we being asked how far we can stretch our empathy? Further than explaining art to a dead hare...

Window display, S-Bahn Rosenheimerplatz UG Video projection, projection foil, pole system, HD video, 16:9, 7:36 min.



fig. 2





fig. 1 Video still, Lehrjahre des Gefühls

fig. 2 Installation view, Train station, lock storey

DOESN'T SOUND LIKE GRANDMA'S VOICE, 2018

Collaboration with Thomas Splett

Site specific Installation, Gasteig Concrete, wood, latex, HD video, 16 min., iron, bunch of fresh bananas, 3 × 2.5 m fig. 1 Installation view, Gasteig

fig. 2-5 Video stills, Doesn't Sound Like Grandma's Voice





fig. 2



fig. 3



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fig. 1 Close up, cage and seats

fig. 2 Visitor peeking into Barbara

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THE LION SLEEPS TONIGHT..., 2018

Part of Sisters' Summer Stiege Ulm, 2019 Showcases, mixed media



fig. 2



BARBARA, 2018

Showcase 1: Peering into the gaps of a flesh-coloured fence passers-by get to peek into the video Barbara, which shows an actress peeing in public behind a car for a fictional movie shot. What seems at first to be a typical peeping tom situation reveals itself as a fake. Barbara is faking her pee. A double-layered empowerment: a woman unfazed by peeing in public and a woman who won't let the viewer get away with a dirty fantasy.

Video installation, HD video, 1 min. loop

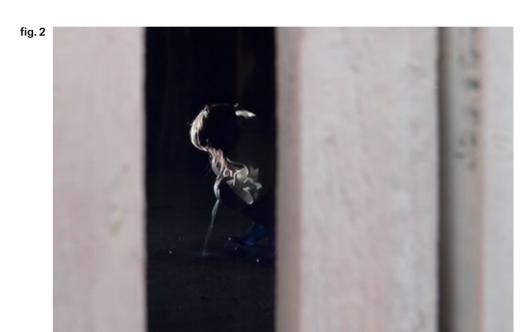




fig. 1 Installation view

fig. 2, 3 Peeping views

WANDERERS IN THE SEA OF FOG — A COMMENTARY ON MID-20TH-CENTURY ANATOMY DRAWING, 2018

Showcase 2: Two alien creatures walking together through a sea of ice floes, tied to each other with red string. They were modelled from an anatomical drawing: a clitoris followed by a penis. Although she is smaller, it seems evident that she should lead the way, her stature conveying more spunk. While her fellow seems quite frazzled simply from bearing his own dis-balanced weight.

Sculpture, plaster, ceramic, porcelain enamel



fig. 1 Danube shore Ulm with showcase

fig. 2 Ceramic Wanderers (...)







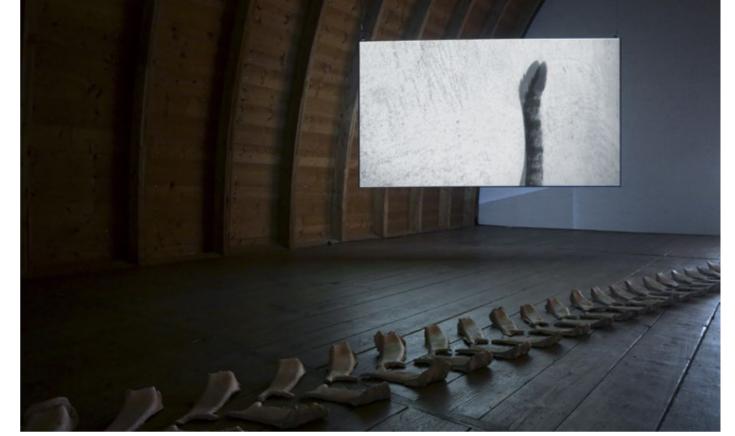


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ANTLITZ MIT FAHNE (WITH FLAG), 2019

Antlitz is an old German word for face. A trace in the snow or in the soft ground flews into the mushy soil, always hiding, a shade, a negative imprint of something that is not there anymore. Absence. One of the artist's childhood memories is of accompanying her father or grandfather on a tractor ride... The soft soil clumps up in the tyre profiles, and falls apart and crumbles out as the tractor speeds up back on the road, leaving on the tarmac a positive trace of a tractor that once was. A cat's tail is a seismograph, a communication system, a snake, a memory.

Video installation, Schafhof Freising Video, projection screen, projector, clay, spray paint

fig. 1 Antlitz, close up

fig. 2 Installation view, Antlitz mit Fahne



A.F. / BUG YOUR HUNGRY TONGUE, 2018

A.F. is an installation dedicated to Anna Fohner, whose person and life the artist Verena Seibt tries to grasp from various angles.

"I had grandmother in spirit who was born near Budapest before World War II. Her name was Anna Fohner. After her mother was killed, the pretty young woman fled to Germany with her father. They both started working at my grandfather farm. Anna's father equipped her with the task to stay at my grandmother's side and to support her whatever happens. Perhaps due to having a crippled leg from Polio, she never married, although she was much loved in our rural community. After endless years of cooking and caring for more than one generation, she decided to leave my grandma to live in an old peoples home. I wonder how she looked back on her life and how she felt about not having anything to call her own, after spending her whole life in dedication to an foreign family far away from her initial home."

Mixed media installation, Studio/Budapest Gallery, Hungary Latex, blanket, PU-foam, jelly boots, tripod, projector, bred, cardboard, flatscreen monitor, carrots, salt dough fig. 1 Close up, A.F. (Part I)

fig. 2 Bred legs

fig. 2









fig. 1 A.F., (Part II), cardboard house, close up

fig. 2 Exhibition view, Bug Your Hungry Tongue

fig. 3 Video stills A.F. (Part II)



What does Domestic servant mean?

What does Farmhouse mean?

fig. 3

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fig.1

fig.1 Exhibition view of Herde

fig. 2 Refections on floor

fig. 3 The Pack, sculpture



POWER OF PUNCH, 2019
CASPA HAUSA COLLECTIVE — collaboration with Markus Zimmermann

Power of Punch consists of parts. The first is taking place in a separate special designed moulding studio. The artists individually take moulds noses viewers noses. The second part exists of a lecture performance about the historic practices of laughter and its ritual forms using the characters of Hans Wurst, Kasperl, Punch and Judy and the theory of carnival by Mikhail Bakhtin as a reference as well as nose extensions. Formed at night and stuck on to the plaster-cast noses.

Lecture about ritual and formal laughter Performance with wearable plaster sculptures, bandages, fabric, PU-foam, beach-chairs, flowers, tables, projector and woollen blankets

fig.1 Treatment, nose molding

fig. 2 Custom made nose extensions, lined up for participants











fig. 5







GIANTS/PFERDCHENS FETTE BEUTE, 2018

GIANTS/Pferdchens fette Beute (horsey's prime booty) are two three metre high 2D-sculptures held on beach flag constructions, which we commonly see in front of shops to draw attention to passers-by. What is shown on these flags seems insignificant. It is easy to first associate the image with a horse, a seahorse or a dinosaur, while it is actually is a digitally reworked anatomical diagram of the clitoris organ, which — typically, until the late 20th century — omits two large drop shaped parts, the vestibular bulbs. Here they have been supplemented using heavily filled over-sized plastic shopping bags from popular store chains such as H&M, New Yorker, Chanel and the drugstore Müller.

Concrete stand, metal and carbon tubes, PVC mesh, print, concrete, cloth, shop labels, 3 × 1 m



fig. 3

fig. 1 Front view, GIANTS / (...)

fig. 2 Close up, GIANTS' shopping bags

fig. 3 Rear view, GIANTS / (...)

SCHATTENREGIMENT (SHADOW REGIMENT), 2018

Street furniture (benches, street lights, bins etc.) is not only provided by the local communes, but also by a large number of catering trades that wash their plastic chairs, tables, mushroom- shaped patio heaters, polyacrylamide blankets and parasols onto the urban sidewalks and into public spaces. Shadow Regiment draws reference to this art of furnishing non-private spaces. A pair of palm trees and/or broken parasols in one. While as a palm tree the provision of somshade is still given, the parasol's full protective function is lost. The pole is covered in a voluminous latex skin, wrinkled, like orange peel. And it has been wounded and already bandaged. Exposure to the sun will cause it to age and become even more wrinkly.

Public Space, Kornhausplatz, Ulm Textile, plastic foil, zippers, thread, concrete, PU-foam, latex, umbrellas, 3.3 × 3 × 3 m







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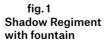
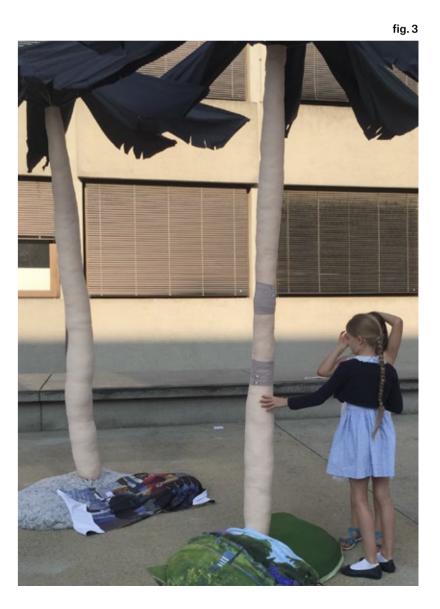
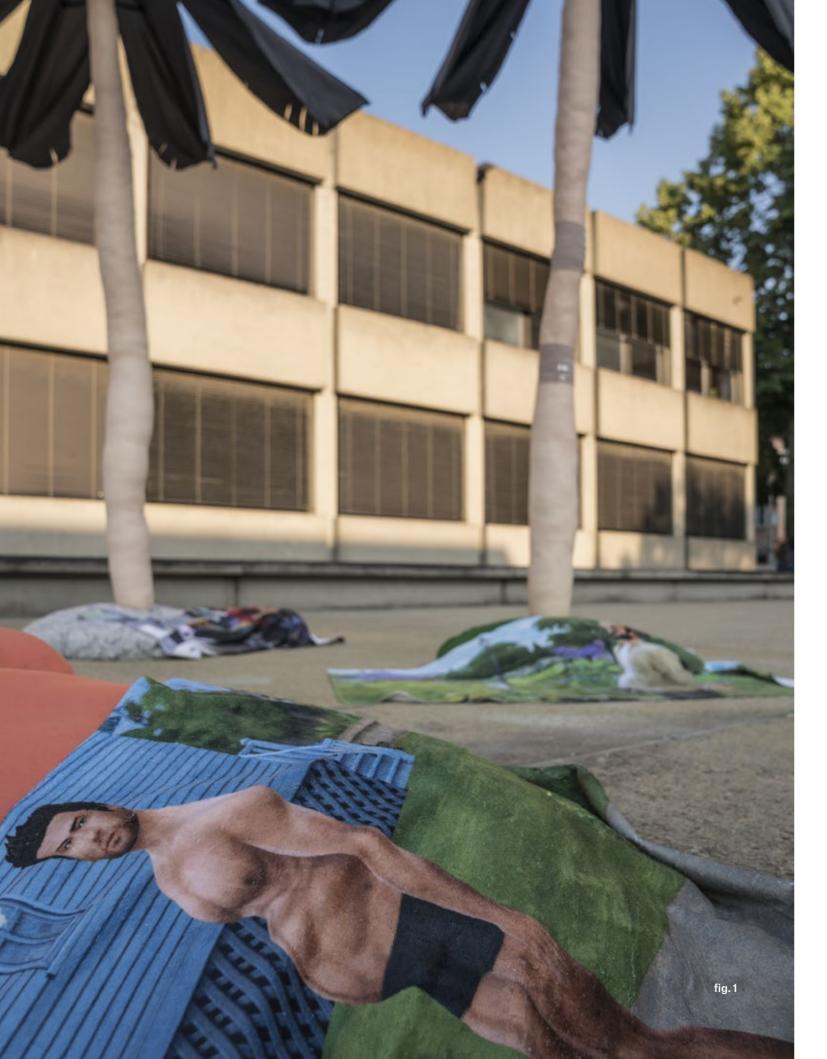


fig. 2 Close up, latex trunk, Shadow Regiment

fig. 3 Children touching trunk



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#MPREG, 2018

#Mpreg is a series of prints on towels based on actual footage of male pregnancy in Second Life. The images include familiar female gestures, such as touching someone's pregnant belly, or the expectant mother reinforcing her back with her hands. Baby bumps carry six packs and men garden to prepare for giving birth. These towels can be bought at the price of their production; the artist therefore denying authorship on their design.

Digital print on terry cloth, 140 × 70 cm





fig. 1 Towels under Schattenregiment

fig. 2 Towels, #Mpreg

fig. 3 Towels spred on Kornhausplatz



INSIGHT GIANTS/THE TOURIST, 2019

Two related exhibitions, in Brussels and Hamburg Sculptures, collages and photographs on blueprint paper

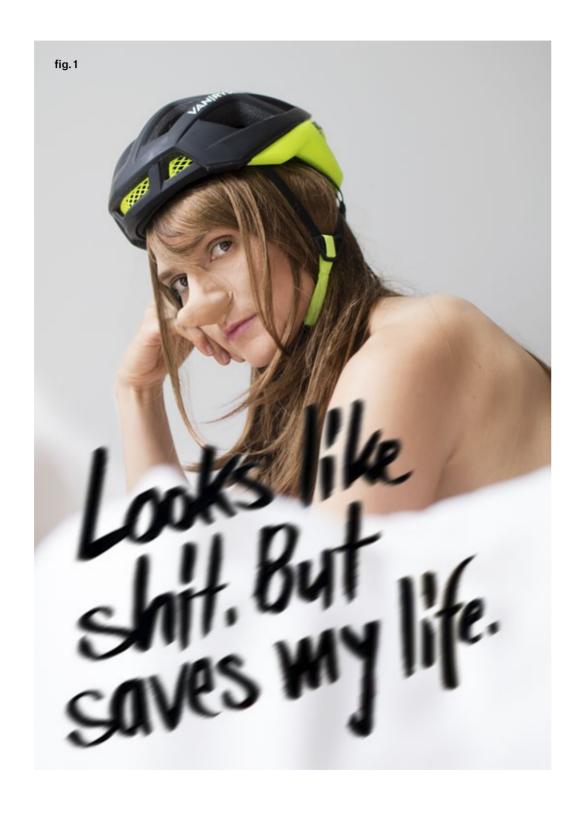




fig. 2 Installation view

fig. 3 Street view





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LOOKS LIKE SHIT BUT SAVES MY LIFE, 2019

The life-saving element of the artist's self-portrait remains baffling. Is it the fake nose? Or the bicycle helmet? And what exactly are they supposed to protect her against? Or might we be dealing with the world-famous lie detector à la Pinocchio? Self-empowerment through a facial phallus? The surroundings only provide further irritation: a flawlessly white bedroom landscape? And the sexy dress? Just as long as the model for this strange image, an advertising campaign of the German Federal Ministry of Transport 2019, remains undisclosed...

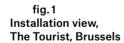
Cavity-plate, digital print on blueprint paper



SMOKING KILLS— DUCK SEES REPRESENTATION OF HUMAN BODIES, 2019

Since the Tobacco Products Directive became applicable in 2016, our insides have been systematically exhibited to the public, resulting in the diorama of two very different physical images: the beautiful self-contained body and the ailing overt one. Anthropology often seeks to take the farthest possible distance in order to understand situations that are actually very close. Thus also the duck's perspective on a possible scenario of bewilderment.

Wooden Canada bait duck, empty cigarette boxes



- Quarry, wallpaper with
- stoneprint, water colour

 Smoking kills —
 Duck sees Representation
 of human Bodies
- 3 Bonfire
- 4 Muff, cat fur, handbag waer belts, stick
- 5 Petting Tale, fur collar, nylon

fig. 2 Smoking kills— Duck sees Representation of Human Bodies

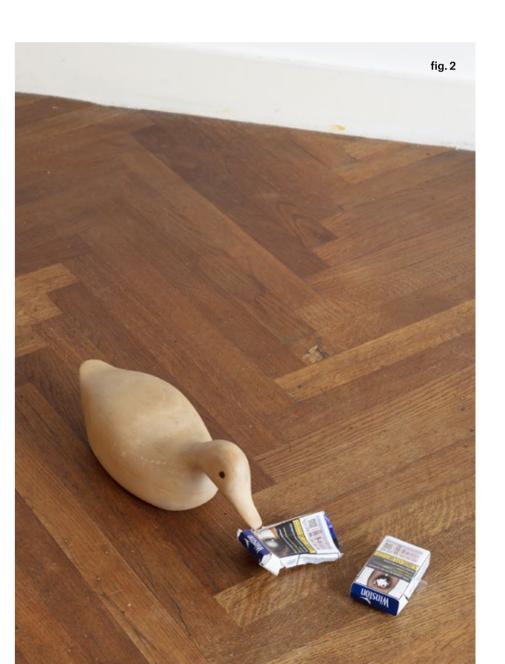


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BONFIRE, 2019

Playing with fire - the domestication of fire. Collected branches clad in various textiles arranged like a tipi fire.

Branches, various fabrics



fig. 1 Installation view, Bonfire

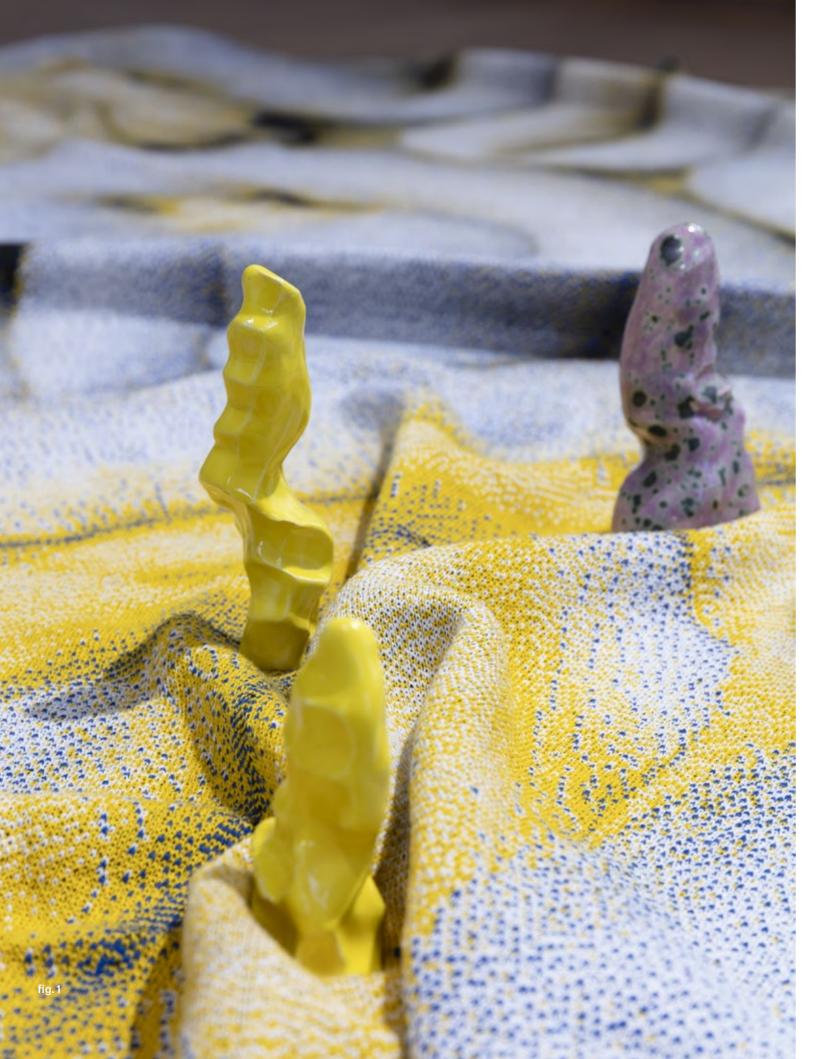




fig. 2 Exhibition view, Open Hearth

fig. 1 Open Hearth, blanket with intestine pattern, inhabeted

by ceramic flames, close up

fig. 2

OPEN HEARTH, 2019

Installation, press board plate, wallpaper with stone print, watercolour, blanket, enamel-coated ceramic

Open fireplace plays with the classic design elements of a stately living room. Love on the tiger skin in front of an open fireplace. The individual elements of the installation itself prove to be porous. The stone fireplace is covered with vintage wallpaper with a stone pattern that has been hand-painted in watercolour. Little flameshaped ceramic creatures seem to have formed inside and escaped from the hearth, awaiting something they stand erect on the blanket.

EMBROIDERY, 2019

Attached to the rear face of Open Hearth is the photograph of a crashed car, its fender carefully stitched back together.

Inkjet-print on blueprint paper, plastic foil, roof battens

SCHWADE (WISP), 2019

Ceramic chimney, branches, nylon fabric



fig. 1 Wisp, sculpture, exhibtion view

fig. 2 Embroidery, exhibtion view





HOCKENDE/R (HUMP), 2019

A cave painting, Hump shows no animal, no spherical man, no act of penetration, and no fertility goddess, but — attention: spoiler! — a phallic tubercle, the last anatomical phase before differentiation into penis or clitoris.

The non-differentiated holds the difference, inside. Perhaps a return to something in common, but not in the sense of an abstract generic term (human), but rather to the common preliminary stage in which differences are created but not yet manifested? (Threshold!) What is this state: does it create intimacy, does it promote a mutual understanding? When should common ground be emphasized, when is it worthwhile to look at differences? — Tell me where you come from, show me your cave drawings, and I'll tell you who you are. Who might the resident of a cave with such markings on the wall be? Or even: who are its visitors?

Ink-jet print, dispersion paint, wallpaper paste

IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN, 2019

Video including found footage and sound excerpts from Dreams (1964) by Delia Derbyshire, HD video, 8:17 min.





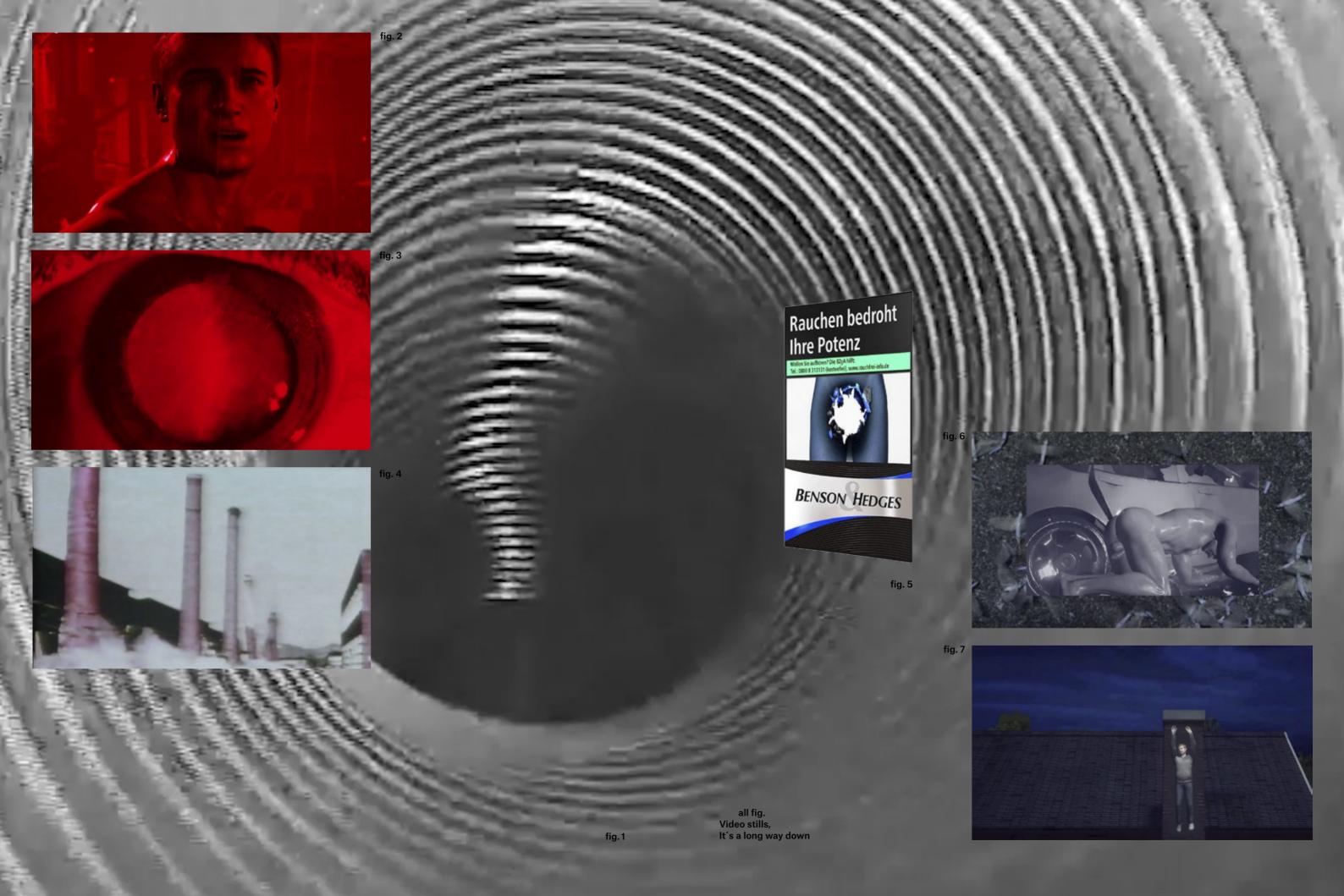




Interior meets innards in this video. And if you consider the screen not as a window to another world, but as a part that stands for the whole, then consider it to be the body you currently inhabit. It's a Long Way Down assembles found and self-filmed images of entering and passing through a tunnel, creating the impression of travelling inside the digestive tract. Leading through the body as if perhaps the inside might not rather be considered outside than inside. A cincture, looped and wrapped around the body.

fig. 1

fig. 2-5 Video stills, It's a long way down





WAVE THE WHITE FLAG, 2019

Watercolour of a human reduced to their digestive tract, attached to a crutch, a provisional flag. I surrender. I give up...

Vintage crutch, offset print on wax-coated linen, 80 × 30 × 20 cm

fig.1



fig. 1 Sculpture, Wave the White Flag

fig. 2 Exhibition view, Mother in Law and Hump



SAVE PLAY, THIS NEW DISTANCE, 2020

Contribution, group show, PLATFORM Munich, curated by Max Weisshoff und Tabea Hopman

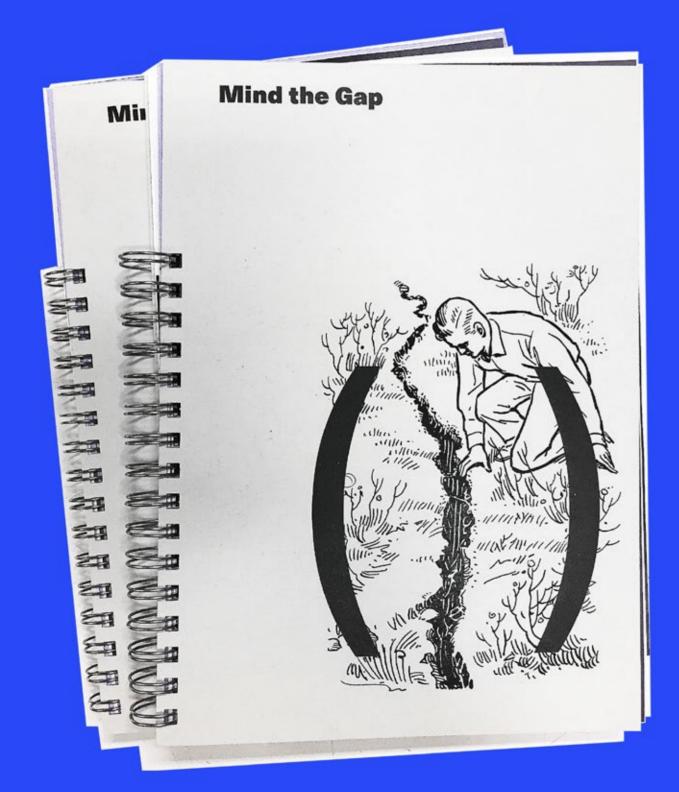
Mother in Law, 2019, Bandage clip, aluminium, skinned armchair, 70 × 150 cm



MIND THE GAP, 2019/2020

Masterthesis in Art and Education

149 Seiten, black&white, ring binding, embeded coloured photographs, plus seperate Introduction, Grafic Concept: Verena Seibt, Grafic Design: Judith Pretsch, lectured by Lilian Robl





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