

# Elisa Rusca

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- 2016 – present Ph.D candidate in Visual Cultures at Goldsmiths, University of London (UK)
- 2008 – 2010 Master of Arts in History of Art and Archaeology, Faculté des Lettres, Université de Lausanne (CH) MA dissertation “Target : Iraq. Etudes de cas sur les typologies de violence en photographie”, proff. Olivier Lugon, Gianni Haver
- 2005 – 2008 Bachelor of Arts in History of Art, Archaeology and Linguistic, Faculté des Lettres, Université de Lausanne (CH)

## SIGNIFICANT INSTITUTIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2017 - 2020 Head of International Department  
Galeria Szydlowski Warsaw (PL)  
Artists and international collectors relations, clients relations, public relations, press relations, international fairs (organisation and logistic)
- Since 2014 International Board Member and Social Media officer  
Association Internationale des Critiques d'Art - AICA International, Paris (FR)  
Digital strategies development, social media content, public relations, fund raisings, events, juries
- 2016 – 2017 Associate Artistic Director  
DISKURS Berlin (D)  
Artistic and administrative management, exhibitions curating, fund raisings, events, publications
- 2007 – 2011 Assistant curator  
Collections department, Musée de l'Elysée – a Museum for Photography, Lausanne (CH)  
Archive management, collections management, publications, exhibition curating, guided tours
- 2010 – 2012 Editor  
ch-arts.net, Lausanne (CH)  
Reviews writings, weekly newsletter events selection and management, press relations
- 2009 Museumspraktikum / 6 months Internship  
Centre PasquArt, Biel/Bienne (CH)  
Assisting in exhibition's curating, administrative tasks, publication editing, events, public relations, press relations

## RESIDENCIES / AWARDS / GRANTS

- 2020 Cantonal Writer Grant LUMINANZA (CH)
- 2018 Travel Grant “Knowledge exchanges”, Pro Helvetia (CH)
- 2016 Resident curator at Split Galerija Umjetnina – Split Museum for Fine Arts Split (HR)
- 2013 Resident curator at NODE Center for curatorial studies, Berlin (D)

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- LANGUAGES** French (C2), English (C2), German (B2), Portuguese (B2), Spanish (B2), Polish (B1)  
Mother tongue: Italian | Basic knowledge of Greek, Russian, Korean and Mandarin

Co-Founder and member of the collective TheParders (since 2013); expert for EDHEA (since 2015).

## SELECTED LIST OF EXHIBITIONS

### 2020

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup> THE KIDS AREN'T ALRIGHT. Naoki Fuku, Mathis Gasser, Séverine Heizmann, Maja Kitajewska, Mikolaj Malek, Małgorzata Mirga-Tas, Yoan Mudry, Marta Ravasi, Luca Rossi Dossi, la rada, Locarno (CH)\*

### 2019

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Nina Haab. Il molteplice ridiventa uno. Fondazione Cesare Pavese, Santo Stefano Belbo (IT)\*  
Jun 6<sup>th</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup> Nyarlathotep: Luka Rayski | Augustin Rebetez, Municipal Museum, Warsaw (PL)\*  
Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrea Marioni – EKONIZATION. Hello My Friend, Municipal Gallery Arsenal, Poznan (PL)\*

### 2018

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Nina Haab – Amnesie, Fondazione Archivio Fotografico Roberto Donetta, Corzoneso (CH)

### 2017

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Reza Khatir – Forse in un'altra vita, European Centre for Culture, Palazzo Mora, Collateral event for 57 Biennale d'Arte, Venezia (IT)\*

Since March 2017

DAYDREAMERS [www.daydreamers.biz](http://www.daydreamers.biz) Co-curated with Stephen Kent, international artists involved so far: Heba Amin, Mads Andreassen, Martin Backes, Maxim Brandt, Ben&Sebastian, Veronica Brovall, Pavel Büchler, Sol Calero, Sławomir Elsner, Sophie Erlund, Sigrid Espelien, Wojciech Fangor, Ektor Garcia, Mia Goyette, Jon P. Geiger, Daniel Hauptmann, Anders Holen, Nadira Husain, JM Keaton, Jake Kent, Maximilian Kirmse, Maja Kitajweska, Christopher Kline, James Krone, Oliver Laric, Milda Lambertaité and Amelia Prazak, Lindsay Lawson, Erica Mahinay, Marta Margnetti, Josep Maynou, Ryan McLaughlin, Małgorzata Mirga-Tas, Nicholas Norris, Andrew Thomas Parry, Anna Margrethe Pedersen, Margherita Pevere, Bernhard Rappold, Luka Rayski, Jim Ricks, Paul DD Smith / Agnes Scherer, Muhamad Shono, Camilla Steinum, Elisa Storelli, Aiko Tezuka, Ulrich Vogl, Stephen Wilks, Chi-Tsung Wu.

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>

Into the MU. Nathan Baker, Myriam El Haïk, Ciarán Walsh, Dusan Zahoransky, Dom Umenia - Kunsthalle Bratislava, (SK)\*

### 2016

June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup> Is Anybody Home? Nina Haab, Kuai Shen, Jinwoo Yang, DISKURS Berlin (D)\*

### 2015

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Far From Any Road: Anne Duk Hee Jordan, Ralf Tekaat, Asia Contemporary Art Platform NON Berlin (D)

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

Verwandlungen. Eun Ji Gim, Bornholmer Straße 76, Berlin (D) (art berlin contemporary collateral event)

March 5<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

Future, Now. Ka Fai Choy, Li Hui, Ryo Kato, Yulia Kazakova, Jelena Martinovic, Hojun Song, Elisa Storelli. SomoS Art House, Berlin (D)\*

### 2014

May 9<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Oblivion : Anne Duk Hee Jordan, Jacob Kirkegaard, Luke Munn, Virginie Rebetez, Sam Smith, Zweigstelle Berlin (D) (winner exhibition proposal after Zweigstelle Berlin call for applications)\*

### 2011

Hans Steiner. Chroniques de la vie modern, Musée de l'Elysée Lausanne / Fotostiftung Schweiz Winterthur / Museo Villa dei Cedri Bellinzona (CH) \*

### 2010

Gianni Poretti. Vetro che canta, Museo Casa Pessina, Ligornetto (CH)\*

### 2009

Genipulation. Géni-génétique et art contemporain, Centre PasquArt Biel/Bienne (CH) \*

\*catalogue

## SELECTED LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

### 2020

Intertwined Threads. *Małgorzata Mirga-Tas*, Szydłowski, Warsaw, 2020  
“Stasi Frenetica. Le fiere d’arte ai tempi della pandemia”, *Kunstbulletin* December 2020  
“Domani e domani e domani”, *Kunstbulletin* November 2020  
*The Kids Aren’t Alright. New Positions in Painting.*, la rada limited editions of 100, Bellinzona, 2020.  
*Nina Haab. Il molteplice ridiventato uno.*, VersoL’Arte, Roma, 2020.

### 2019

“Neural Rope”, *Kunstbulletin* October 2019. [link to read](#)  
“Visite guidée: 58 Biennale de Venise”, georgemag.ch, May 2019. [link to read](#)  
“Luca Frei – Il Bauhaus tra Weimar, l’India e Tokyo”, *Kunstbulletin*, May 2019. [link to read](#)  
“The Choreography of Things”, *Dance Clinic. The Future of Dance*, edited by Choy Ka Fai, Köln: Goethe Institut Verlag, 2019.  
*Eko Camp, or Life in a Gas Station*, edited by Elisa Rusca, with texts by Andrea Marioni, Poznan: Arsenal, 2019.

### 2018

“Mapping Bridges. The parrot, the lady and the camera”, *Malleus Maleficarum – Virginie Rebetez*, Amsterdam: Metabooks, 2018.  
*Into the MU. Nathan Baker, Myriam El Haïk, Ciarán Walsh, Dusan Zahoransky*, ex. cat, Bratislava: LAB Kunsthalle Bratislava, 2018.  
“Living the consensus-hallucination: a short history of cyber art”, *En los margenes de la ciudad, de l’arte y de la critica*, under the direction of Anna Biedermann, Francisco Javier Lazaro Sebastian, Fernando Sanz Ferreruela, Zaragoza: Universidad de Zaragoza, 2018.

### 2017

*Plein Feux! La Collection d’art de la Ville de Lausanne*, edited by Philippe Kaenel and Béatrice Béguin, Lausanne: Arts&Fiction, 2017.  
“Visite guidée: 57 Biennale de Venise”, georgemag.ch, May 2017. [link to read](#)  
“Homo Selfitor”, *Miroir Miroir*, edited by Marco Costantini, Lausanne: mudac, Musée d’art et design Lausanne, 2017, pp.67-74, 227-232.

### 2016

“Into the black”, *Virginie Rebetez - Out of the Blue*, co-edited with Frédérique Destribats and Simon Karlstetter, Amsterdam: Metabooks, 2016.  
“Tumbling down the rabbit hole”, transcript of the international conference *Art Criticism 2.0* at Research Center of the Academy of Visual Arts in Prague and Vera Jirousová Award, Prague: Czech Republic, 2016.

### 2015

*New Dictionary of Photography*, edited by Natalie Herschdorfer, New York: Thames&Hudson, 2015.

### 2014

“What’s Next? Considerations about art criticism, social media and Internet freedom”, *Art Criticism in a Labyrinth- Acts of the XLVII International Congress of AICA*, Seoul: AICA Korea, 2014.

*Oblio*, edited by Elisa Rusca, with texts by Jean-François Démonet, Rebecca Howard, Charlotte « Lalou » Rousseau, Elisa Rusca, Craig Schuftan, Vincent Surmont, Berlin: Broken Dimanche Press, 2014.

### 2012

«Dans les coulisses du Théâtre du Crime : réappropriation muséale de la photographie forensique », in *Médiatiser la police. Policer les média. Force publique, visibilité et pouvoir*, sous la direction de Michaël Meyer, Lausanne : Éditions Antipodes, 2012, pp.39-52.

### 2011

*Hans Steiner. Chroniques de la vie moderne*, edited by Daniel Girardin and Christophe Blaser, Lausanne : Éditions Photosynthèses, 2011.

## SELECTED LECTURES

### 2020

Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Conversation N.1. Live streaming Swiss Art Awards 2020  
With: Emmanuelle Antille, Nina Haab, Laura Thiong-Toye, Isaline Vuille  
Usine Kugler Genève (CH)

March 4<sup>th</sup> Constellations Critiques. Panel discussion moderated by Eric De Chassey.  
Musée de Beaux-Arts de Rennes (FR)  
<https://www.archivesdelacritiqueart.org/>

### 2019

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> ERROR 403: Forbidden. Beheadings and P0rn. Social media images monitoring systems, online iconoclasm and the rise of techno-proletariat.  
International conference "Immagine e memoria nell'era digitale." Hermeneutics Research Networks, Università degli studi di Napoli Federico II, Napoli (IT)

### 2018

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> A Brave New Virtual World, 51<sup>st</sup> AICA International Congress, National University for Education, Taipei (TW)

June 17<sup>th</sup> Futurability in the shitstorm. Viruses of the New, Lumpen Universität at Espace Libre, Biel/Bienne (CH)

### 2017

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Narratives and encounters. Notes for a curatorial praxis, Academy of Fine Arts, Prague (CZ)  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15UBYehE0lc>)

### 2016

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Living the consensual-hallucination: a short history of cyber art, Keynote speaker, AICA Spain National Congress, ETOPIA Centro de Arte y Tecnología, Universidad de Zaragoza, Zaragoza, (S)

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Cccritic! Nel piatto in cui si mangia, Sonnenstube Art Space, Lugano (CH)

Jan 12<sup>th</sup> The place where the vision creeks, invited lecturer for Nina Haab Salon *Identity of a Resident Stranger*, KW Institute for contemporary art, Berlin (D)

### 2015

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Curatorial Toolkit for Cultural Apprentices, MASC, Museo de Arte de Santa Catarina, Florianopolis (BR)

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Tumbling down the rabbit hole, *Art Criticism 2.0* international conference at Research Center of the Academy of Visual Arts in Prague and Vera Jirousová Award, Prague (CZ)  
(<http://artycoek.tv/online-exhibition/international-conference-art-criticism-2-0?lang=cs-cz>)

### 2014

Oct 10<sup>th</sup> What's Next? Considerations about Art Criticism, Social Media and Internet Freedom, 47<sup>th</sup> AICA International Congress: *Art Criticism in the Labyrinth*, 8th-16th October 2014, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul (KR)

### 2013

March 29<sup>th</sup> «La police s'en va au musée: une étude sur la réappropriation muséale et artistique de la photographie judiciaire», international conference *Police: between fiction and non-fiction*, 03/28-29/2013, CNRS, Paris, France (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NamQHtNWsi8>)

## CURRENT ACADEMIC RESEARCH

Since 2016 Art criticism on online platforms, online art hacktivism, interactions within offline spaces and online spaces, socially engaged cultural production and curation in the post-digital age

Since 2013 Memory, disappearance and traces, concept of time, notions of narratives and storytelling

Since 2010 Power structures and relations through visual infrastructures (in advertising and press)