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### ***Descartes Borderline***

***Performance***

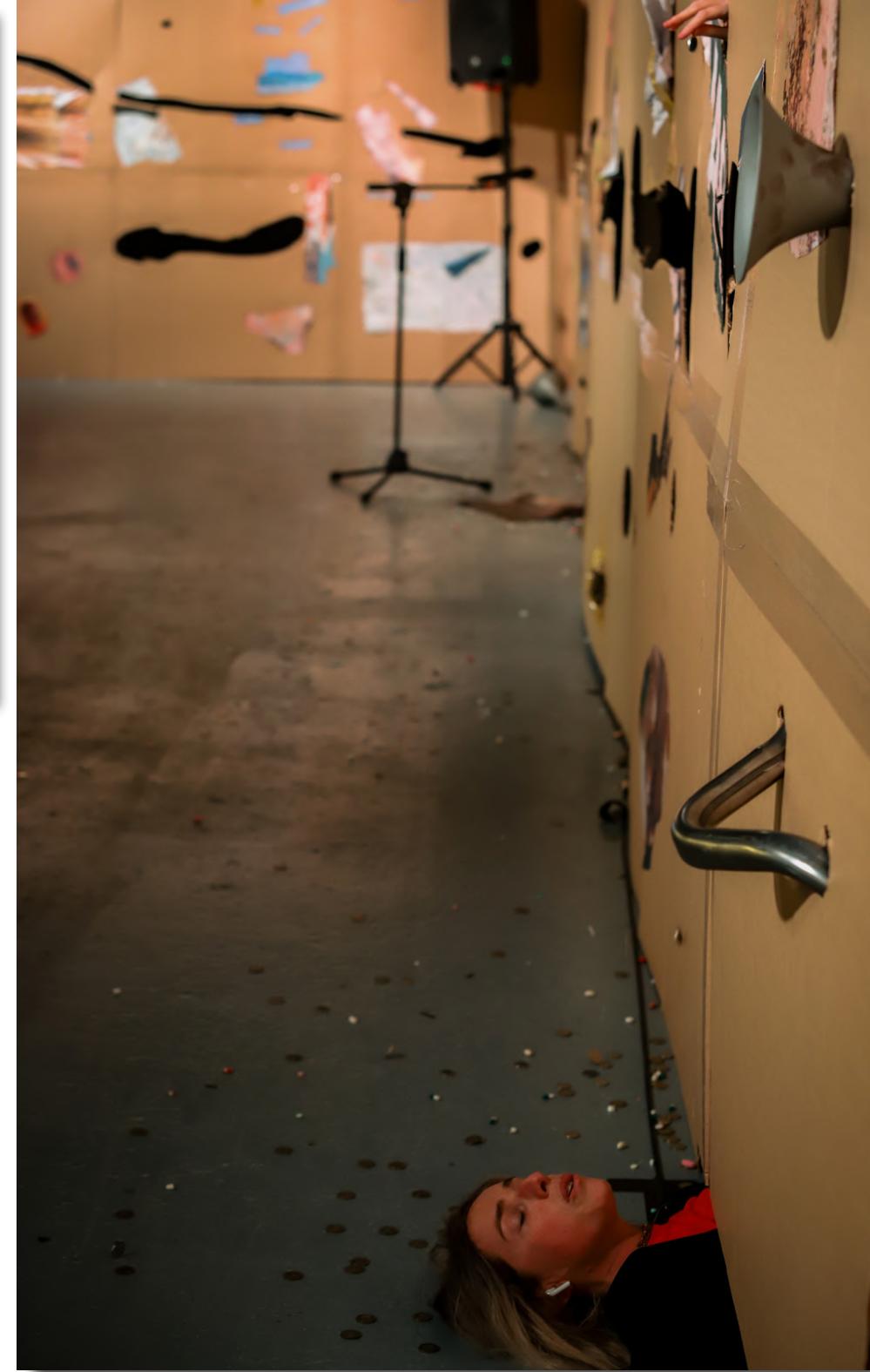
***Arteba 2023, 16min.***

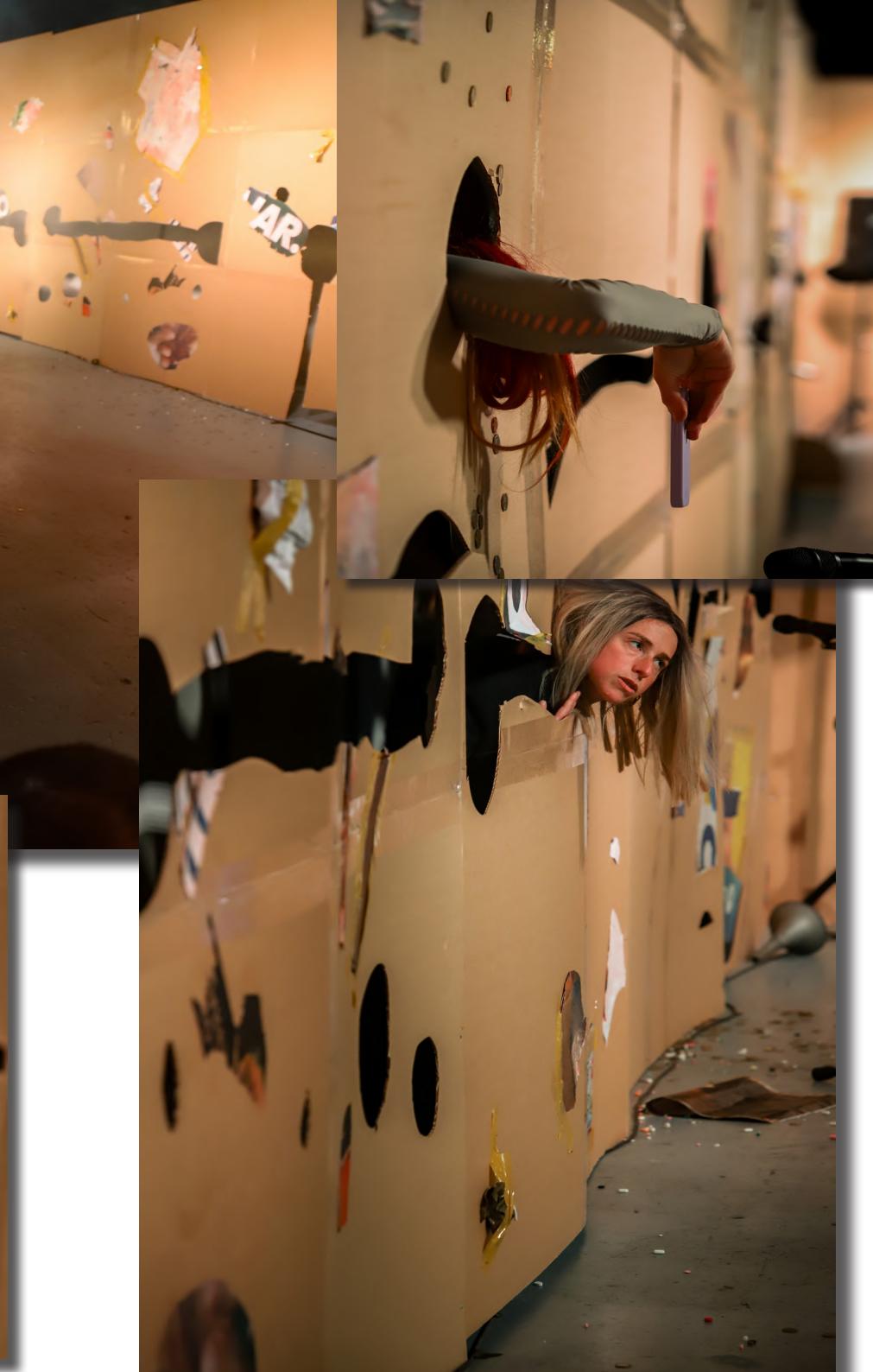
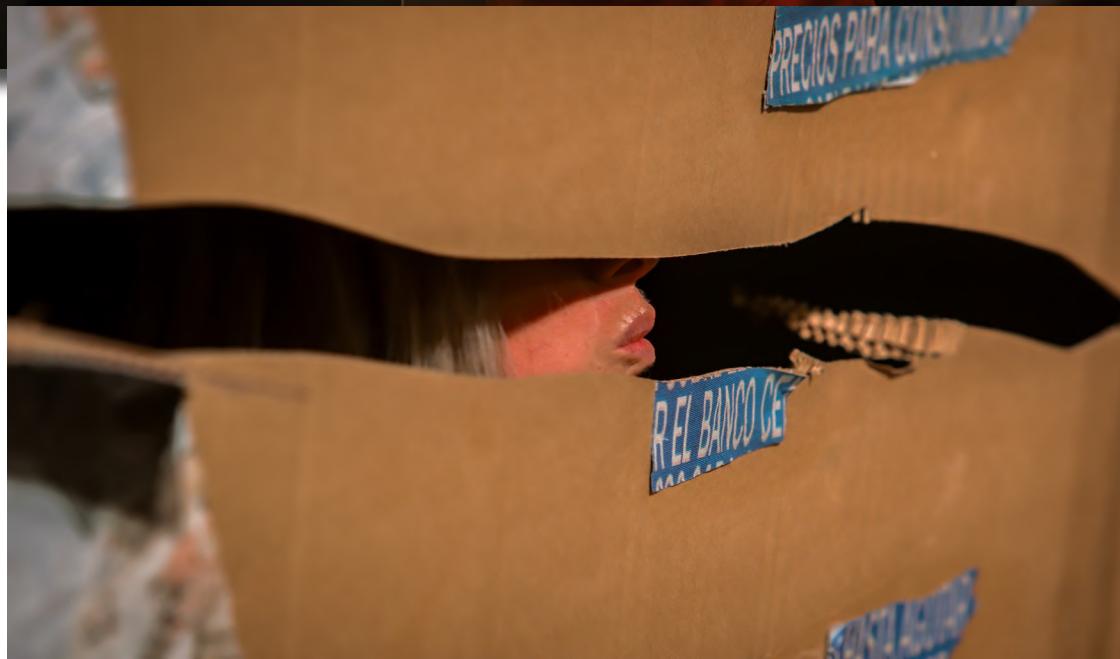
Descartes-Borderline is a performance that takes place in a space where the walls have been duplicated by a cardboard wall that runs through the entire space. On this second wall there are a series of holes from where things and body parts come out at different moments of the performance. Other holes 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 Sofía Ungar and Clara Esborraz.

<https://vimeo.com/864087690?share=copy> password: descartes-borderline







***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 a world where a group of household electric appliances have acquired a series of affects. Together they stage a version of a Victorian drama, a very free adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre, where an air conditioner named AC suffers the adventures of being poor and orphaned in a loveless world in the midst of climate change.



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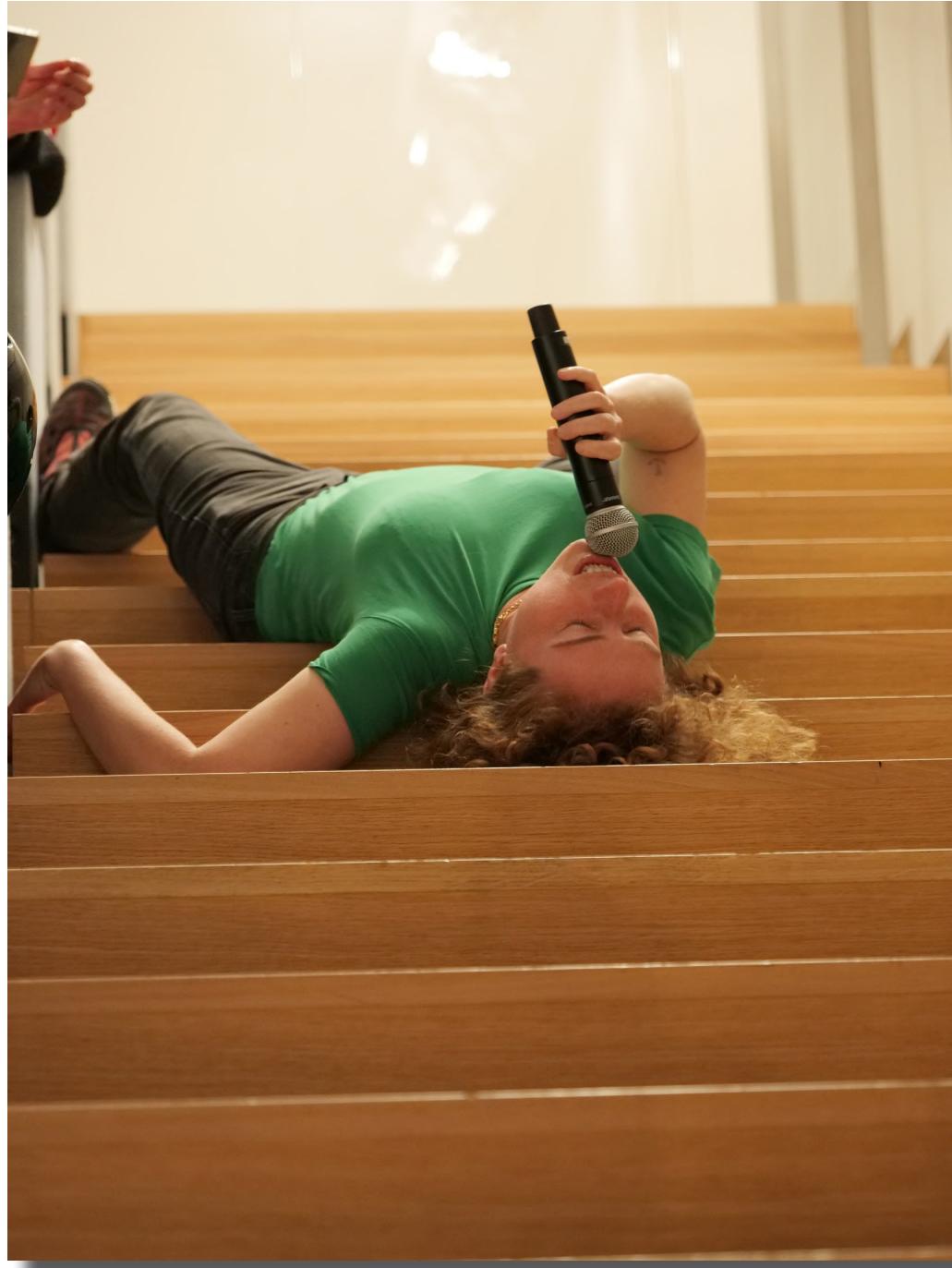
### ***Spinoza-Borderline***

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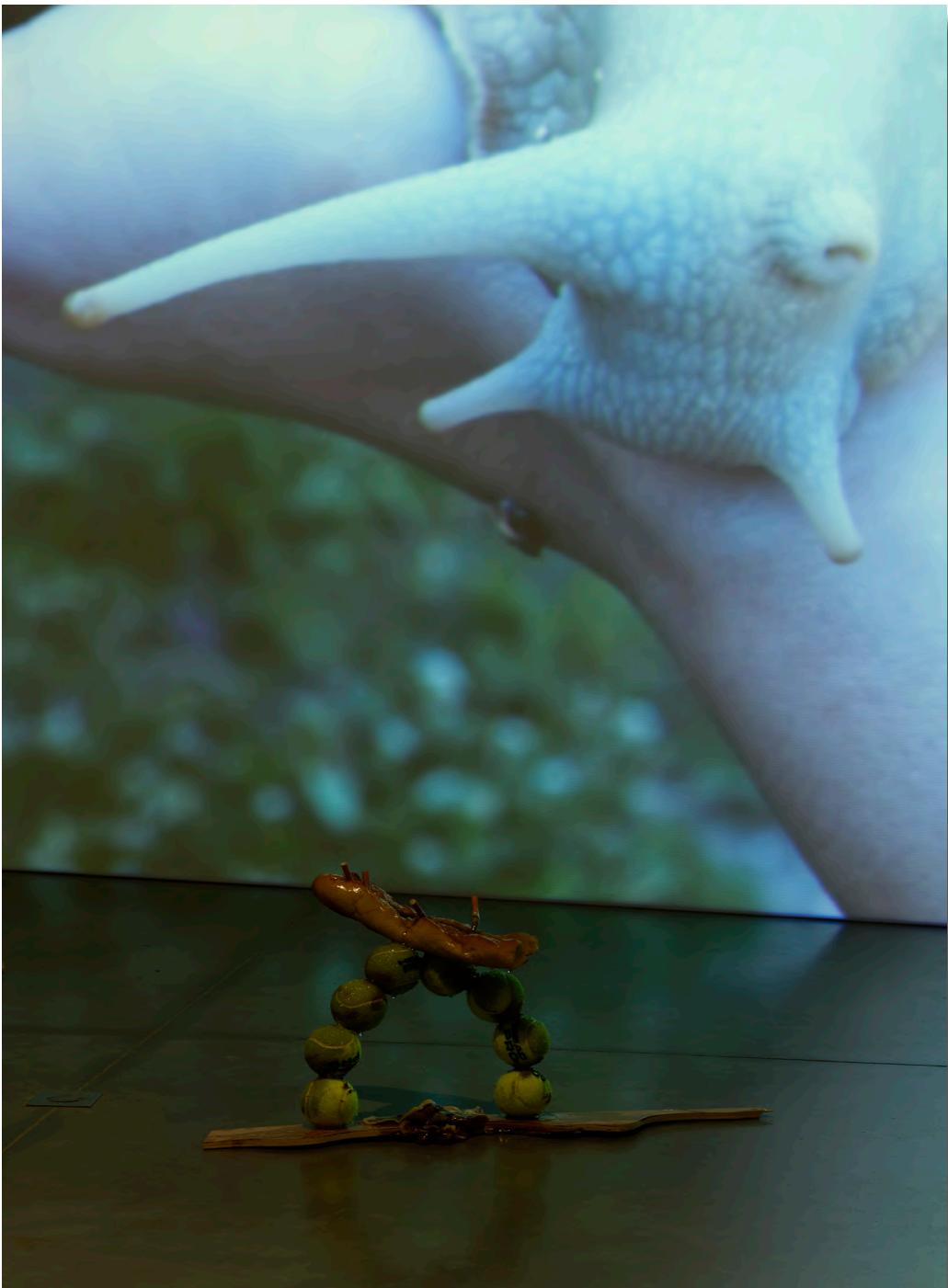
**Brown, yellow, white and dead dead. Season 2.** Video 4k. Miniseries in 4 episodes.

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> password: bywdd



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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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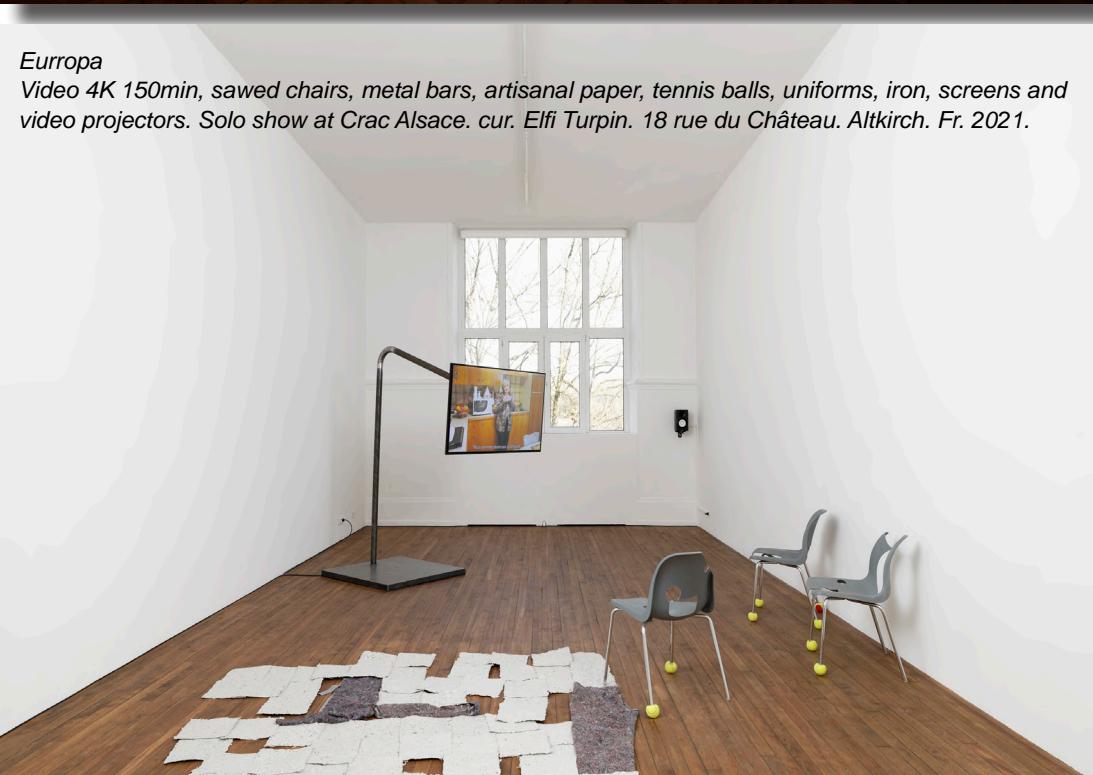


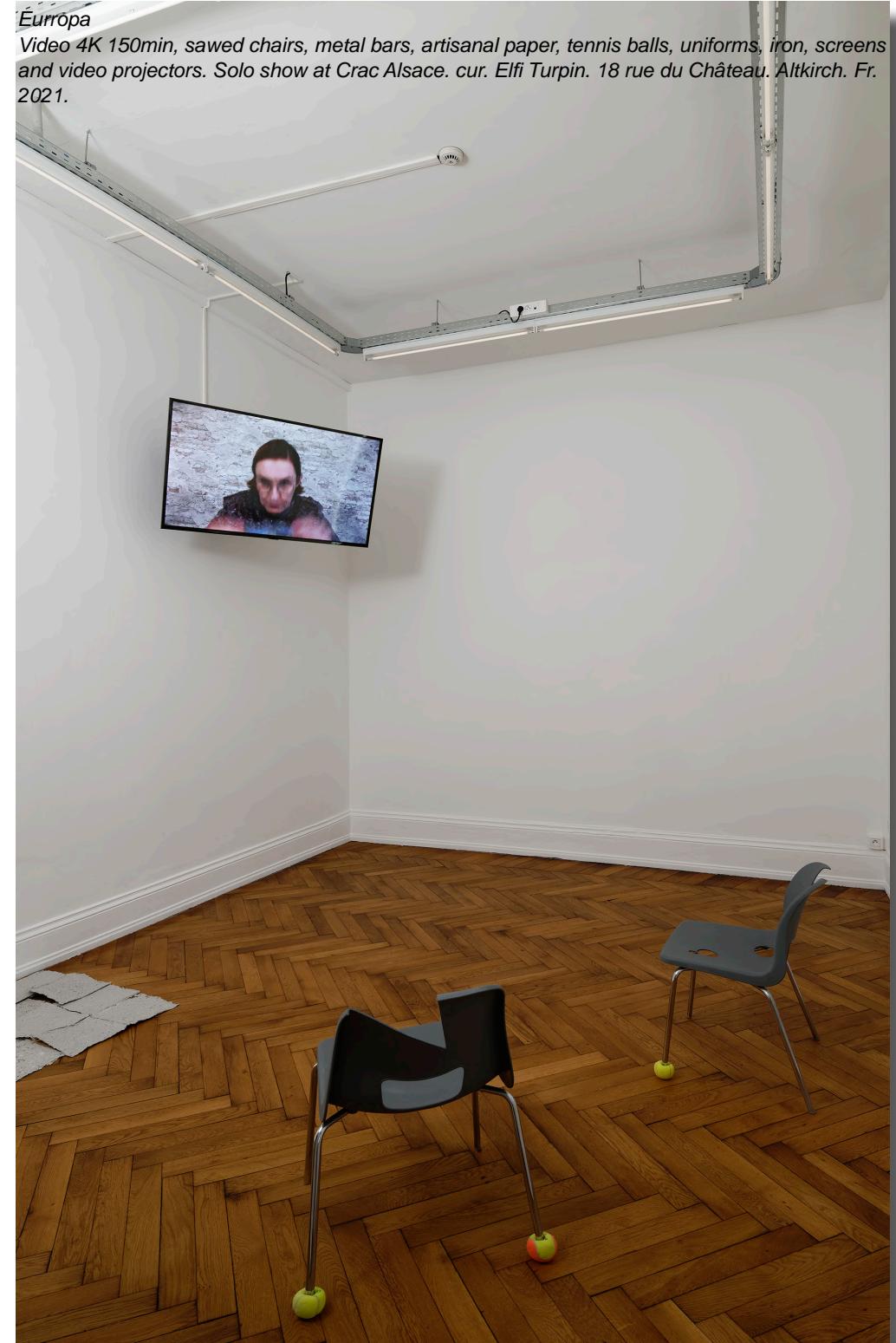
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2021.



### ***Europa***

Video 4K 150min, sawed chairs, metal bars, artisanal paper, tennis balls, uniforms, iron, screens and video projectors  
Solo show at Crac Alsace. cur. Elfi Turpin. 18 rue du Château. Altkirch. Fr. 2021.







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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'.  
<https://vimeo.com/458471176>



***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.

<https://vimeo.com/378106951>

Video HD 28min04.





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

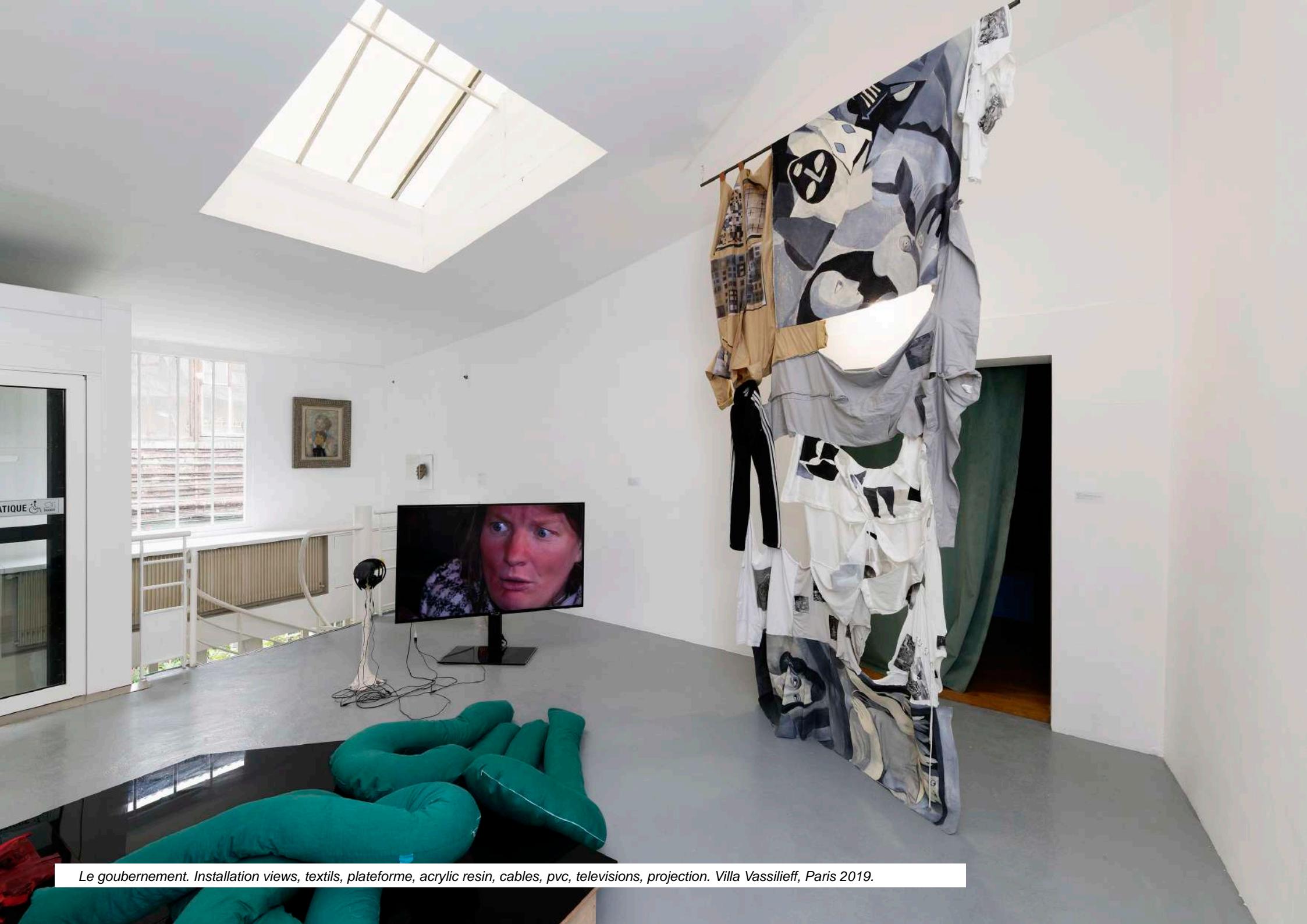
### **Le Gouvernement.**

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

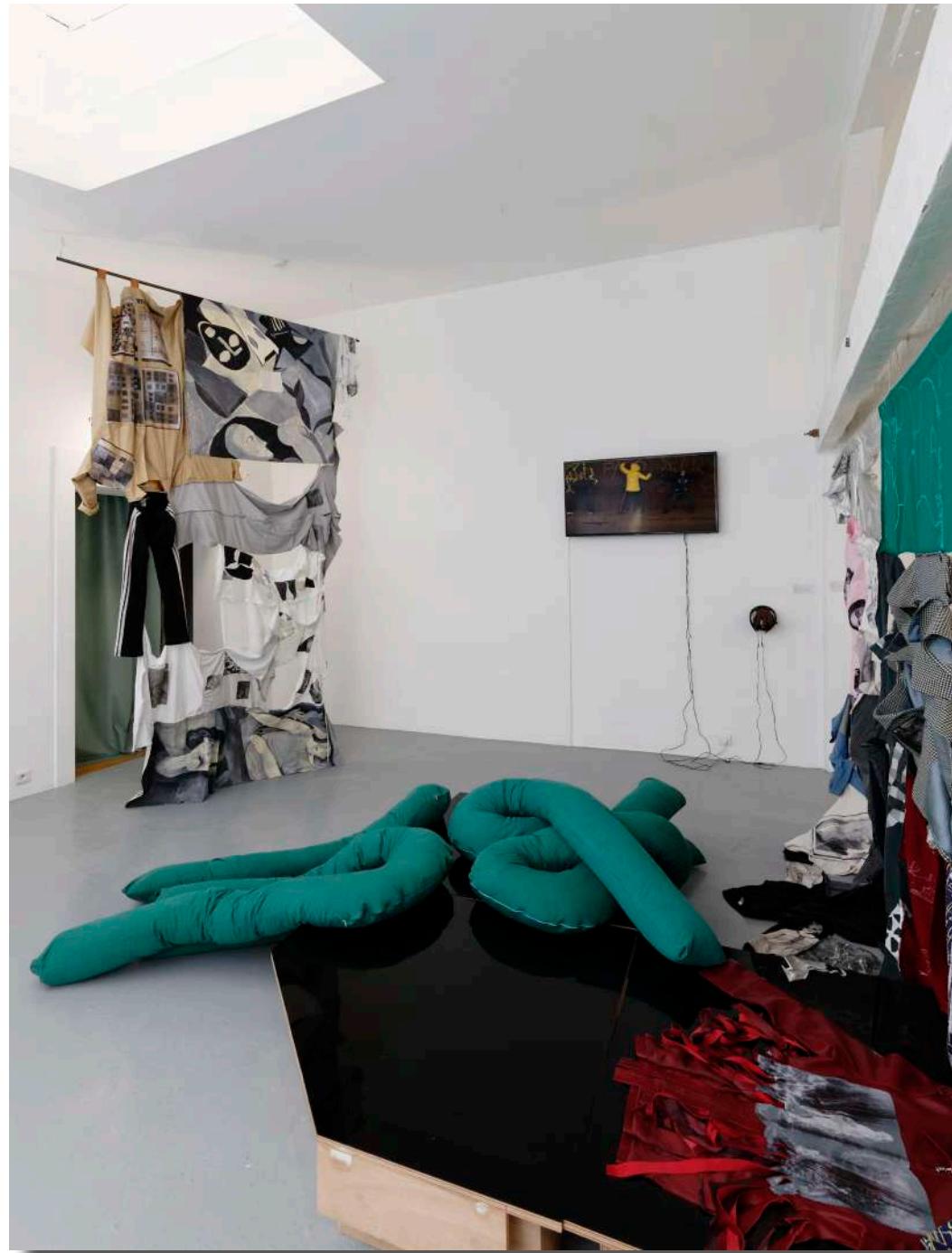
This six-episode fiction imagines the destiny and work of women, lesbian, queer, trans and non-binary artists who lived in Paris from 1910 – 1980. *Le Gouvernement* puts forward a narration of engaged art and a new way of telling the story -- not through retracing falsely universal events, fates or linear 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.*





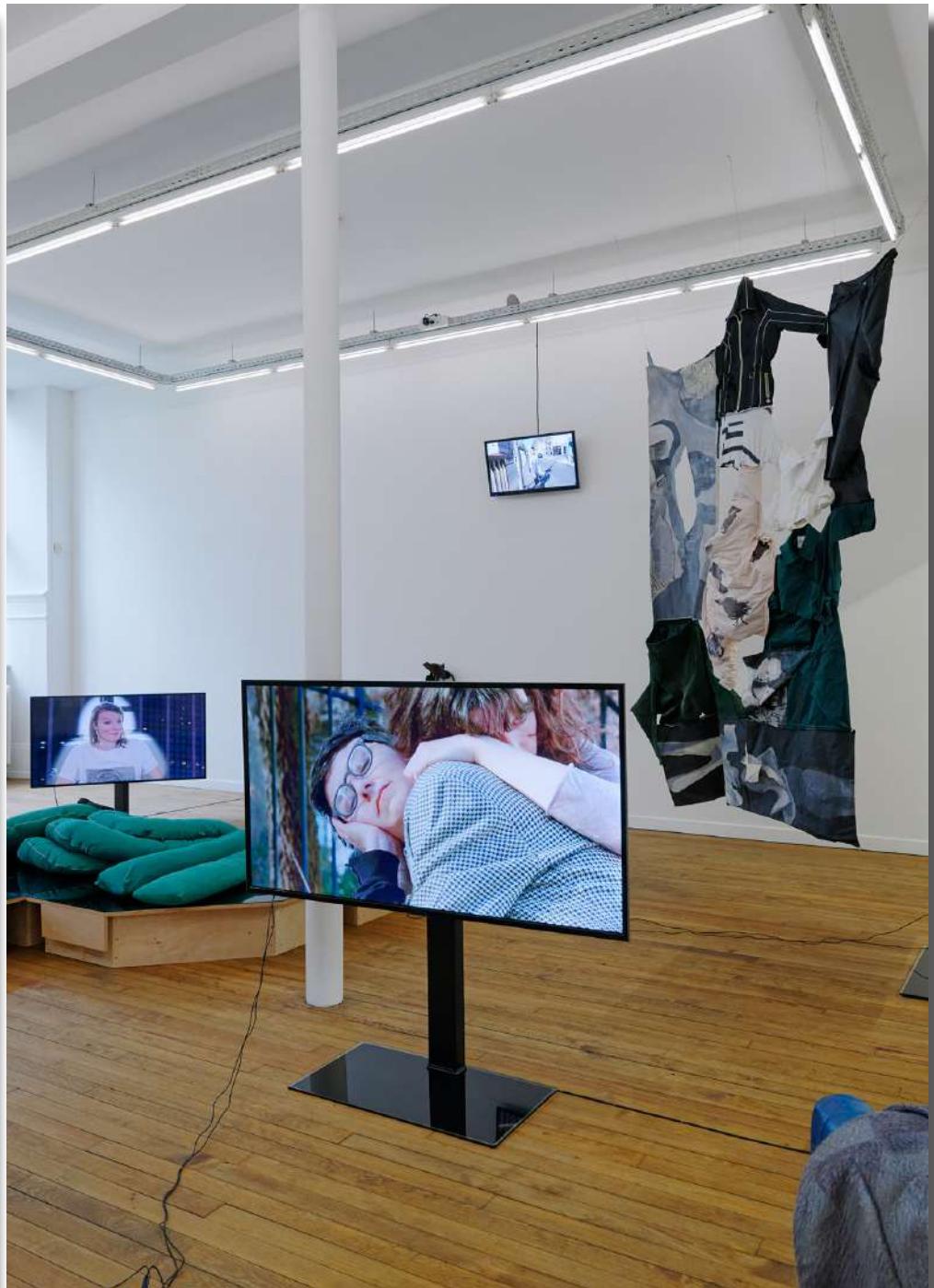
*Le gouvernement. Episode 2 “La Nouvelle Subjectivité” Video 4K 30min. 2019.*



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



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Polis-Polis. Video HD, 38.22 min. Växjö Sweden. 2018.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sBkwvr8rw&feature=youtu.be>



**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=FecjXIw0Wqs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=364&v=FecjXIw0Wqs)

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 visuality, 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) Copenague.



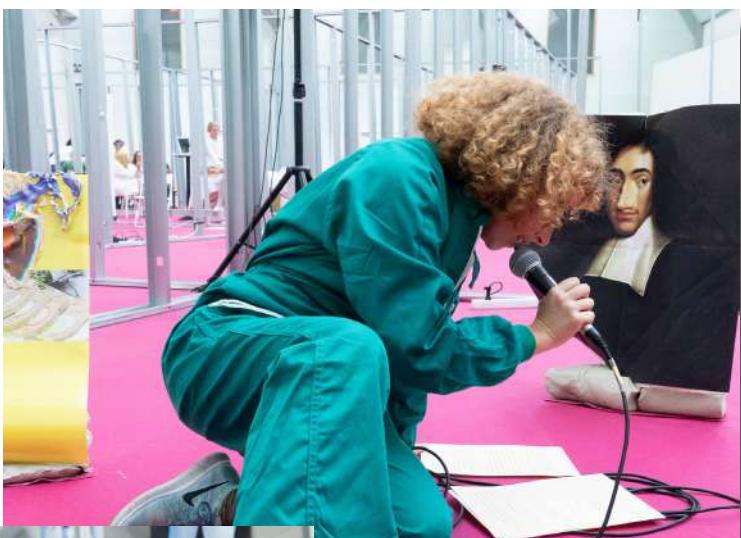
### *Formal Economy.*

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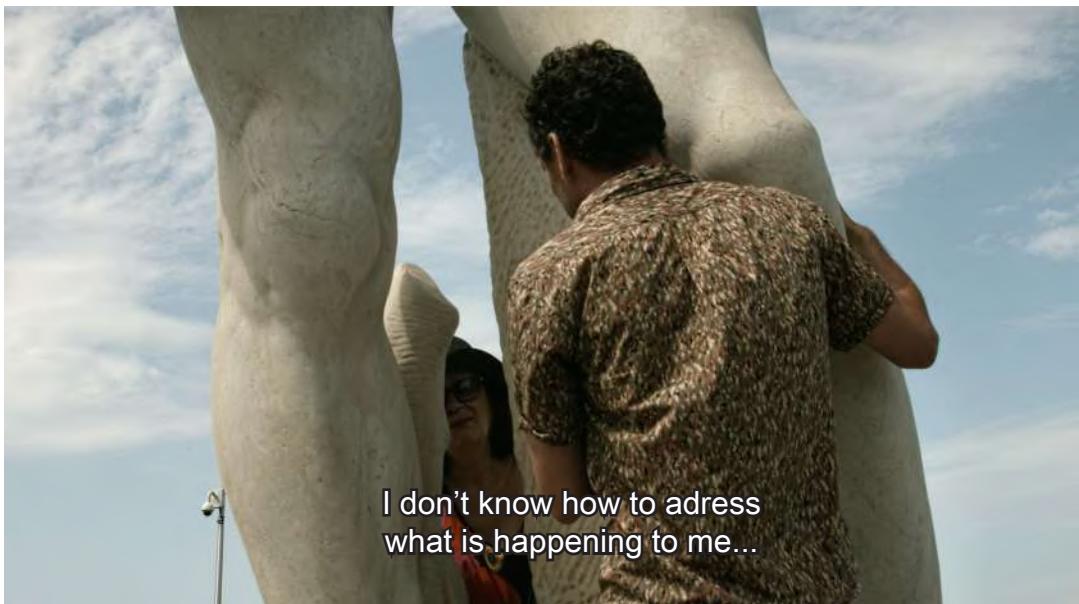
L'Obstruction. Video HD 26.03 min. 2017. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUtplpwA9ng>

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 at with 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=MUtplpwA9ng>**



I don't know how to address  
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



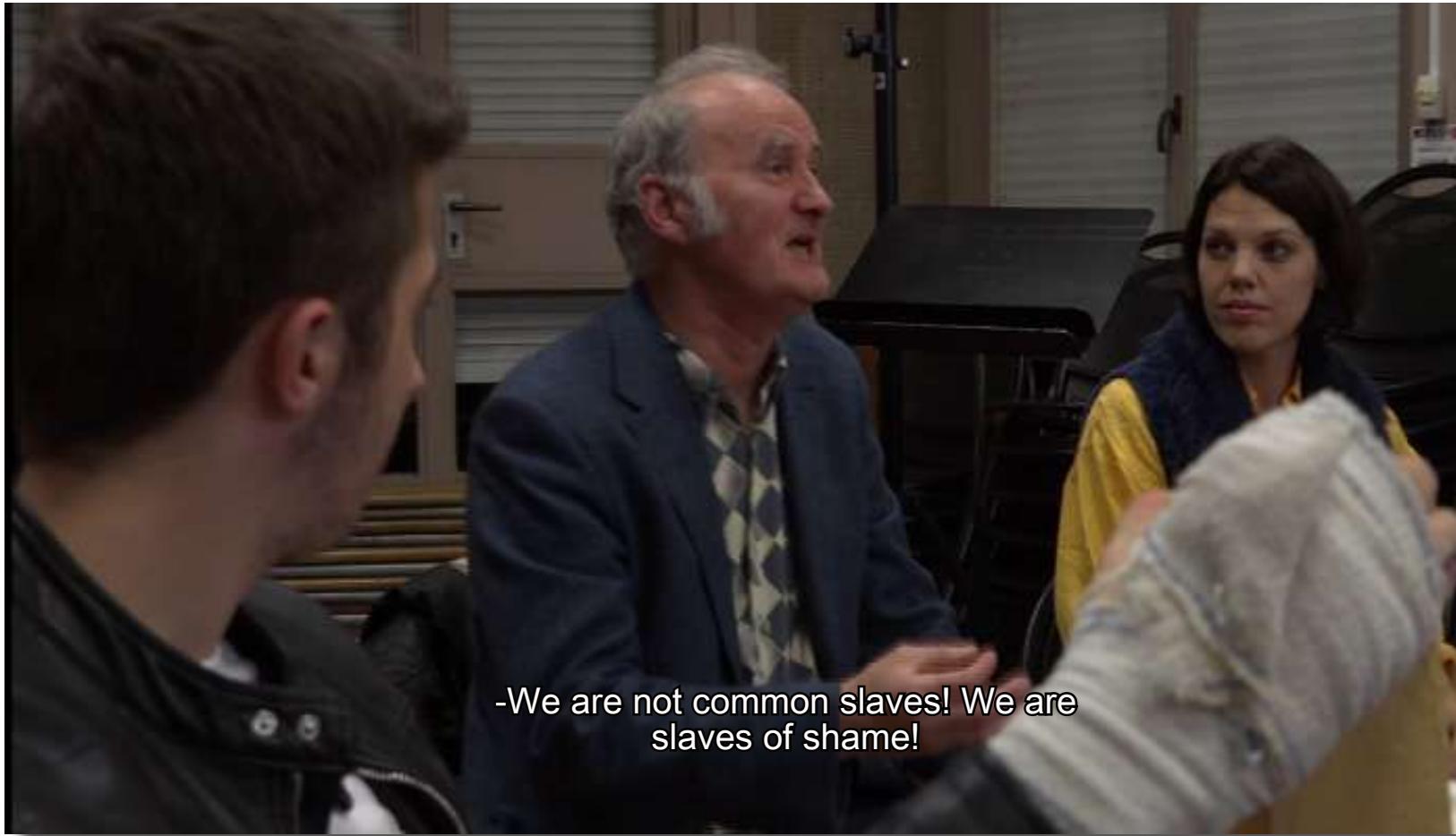
I'm super hot now...

#### Stills from L'Obstruction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUtplpwA9ng>. Video HD 26.03 min.



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



-We are not common slaves! We are  
slaves of shame!

**Que Faire Episode 1 “Le Realisme”** Video HD 29min 2017. <https://liveschulman.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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-Life, energy, life, energy, life energy! so little, as a clockwork system.

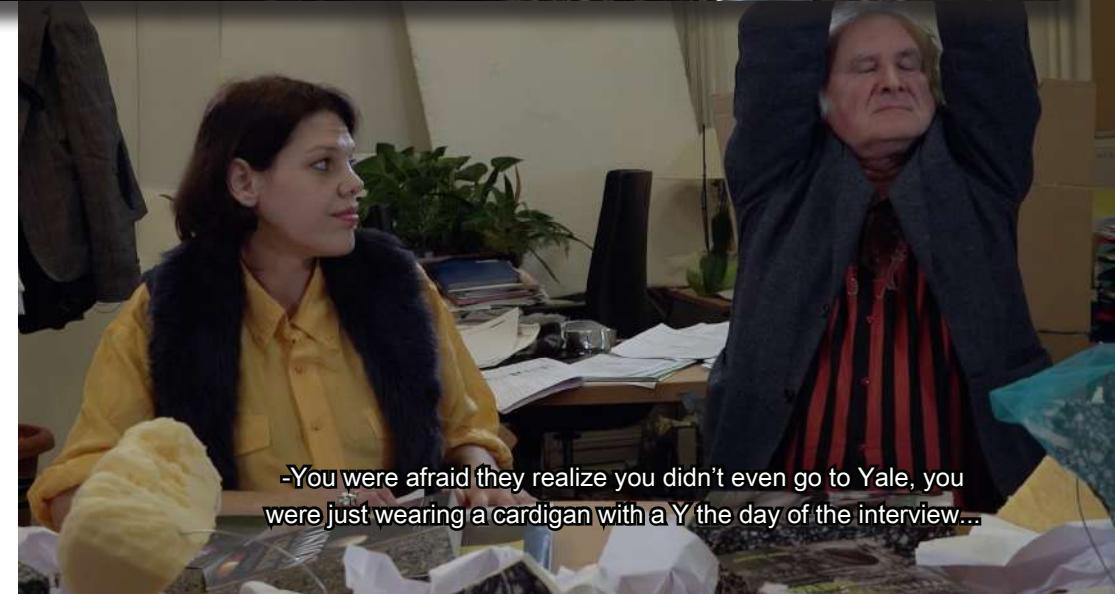
-Seven of my nine horses are called Ramon. They are all different but I insist to call them all the same...

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/>



Que Faire Episode 2 "La Fantaisie" Video HD 33min. <https://liveschulman.com/works/quefaire/>  
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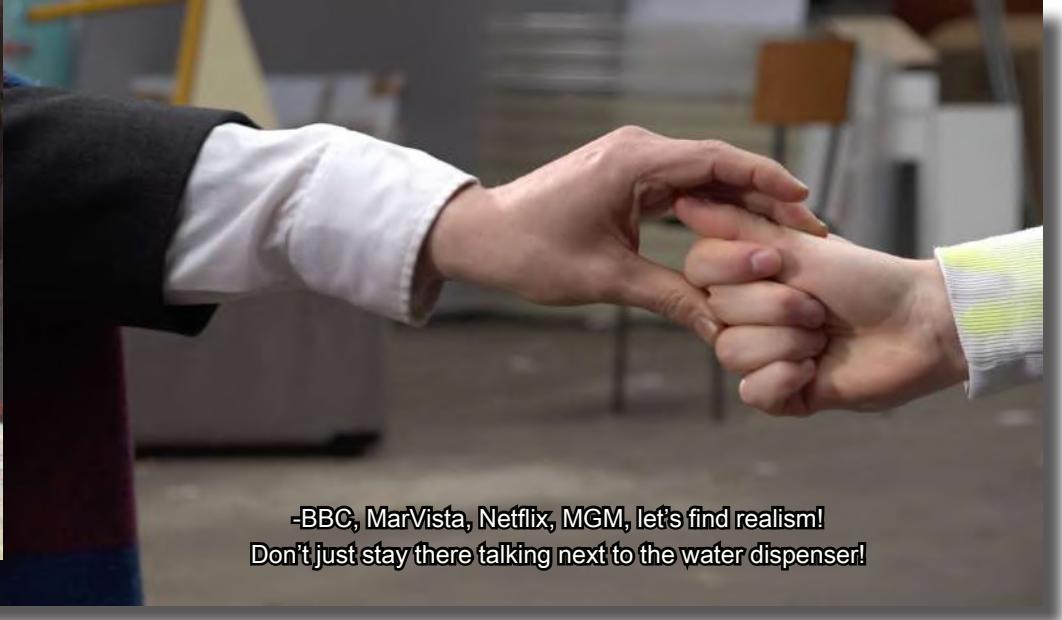


Toi tu n'es pas un écrivain,  
t'es juste un personnage.

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)



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SUR LA CRÉATIVITÉ

Que Faire? Une série sur la Créativité; édition.

## 20 ÉPISODE 1 LE REALISME

**Conservatoire municipal.**  
Les membres du groupe,  
d'une manière générale,  
sont très déprimés. Entre leurs mains,  
de faux livres, des tuiles, des carreaux,  
et différentes formes physiques  
matérialisant l'idée d'obstruction.  
Jacqueline est assise à une sorte  
de pupitre d'école, le dos voûté.  
Elle pose la tête sur ses bras croisés  
sur la surface en bois et se met à  
caresser une brique en bavant.

Des idées Jacqueline, des idées.  
Des idées Jacqueline ?  
Mhm ? Des idées ?  
Combien d'idées Jacqueline ?  
Des idées ?

Jacqueline a mis du rouge à lèvres  
et elle bave. Elle arbore soudain  
un air rêveur suivi d'un air frustré  
pendant que la voix s'épanche en une  
énumération de choses plus ou moins  
corrélées, un peu comme la sexualité  
d'un enfant, où les bords ne sont  
pas bien définis et les formes encore  
flottantes, souples et suaves.

Des idées mhmm ?  
La maman mhmm ?  
Le papa, mhmm ?  
Ensuite... Mhm ?  
Quoi ? Les soldats mhmm ?  
La guerre, oui pourquoi pas ?

Le sexe, l'amour, la séparation,  
la cosmographie, le mariage mhmm ?  
Les bébés ? Ensuite ? Mmhmm ?  
Les origines socio-économiques,  
l'auto-évaluation, les petites parades ?  
Mhm ? Des idées Jacqueline ?  
Encore des idées, des idées, mhmm ?  
Quelques idées Jacqueline ?

Les gens se regardent avec un  
air paumé. La psy regarde tout le  
groupe avec un petit air supérieur et  
marmonne :

**PSY** Alors ? Mots parallèles ou  
télévision ?  
**D** Mots parallèles.  
**G** Solitude ou stupidité ?  
**D** Ce serait quoi la  
solitude ?

**B** Tu sais, la solitude c'est quand  
le monde tourne autour de toi et que  
tu es dans l'isolement.  
C'est de ta partie de la société non  
éructée. C'est comme si tu n'avais pas  
le droit de vote.

**F** Stupidité alors.  
**G** Mais ce serait une stupidité  
avec conscience.

A est en train de manger des mouchoirs en papier.

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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.

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



That's right the dears dream represents the libertarian economy in which we are sinking.  
The dears are the Economy, you, are the liberty. We've all had that dream in the company.

### **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>



Anuses are like planets. Forms of explanations with brilliant results that float in the univers. The only thing I ask is Show Me The Money.

### **Assemblée générale.**

Video hd 37mn, 2016.

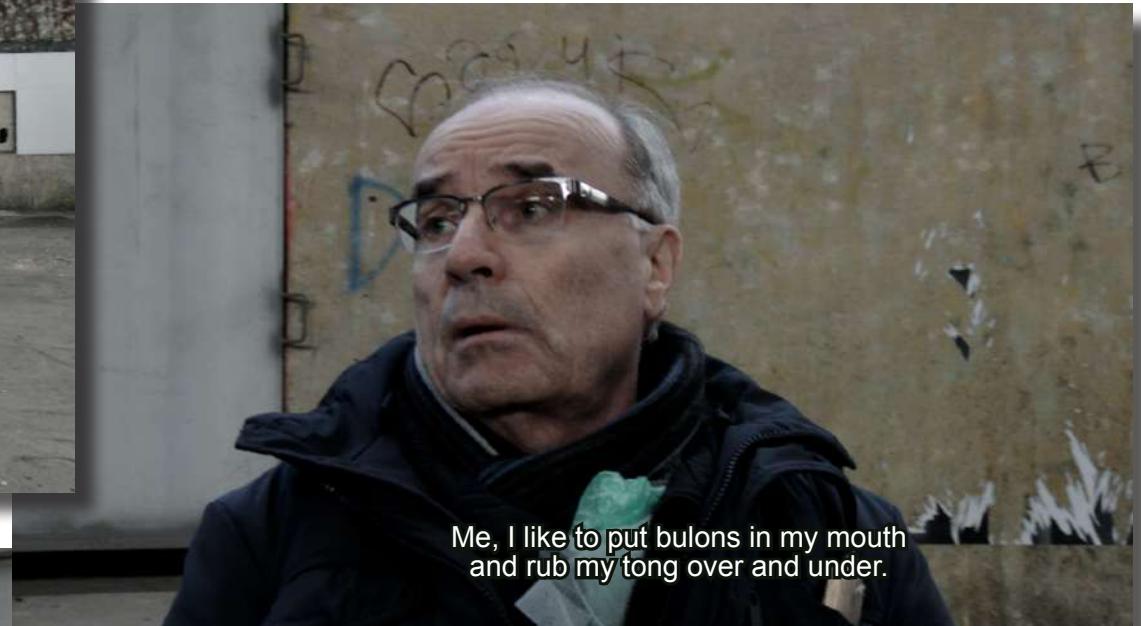
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In a balloons factory that has been recovered by its workers lives a group of people who lost their personal identities. All that remains for them is the group as a working entity. The characters are sitting in a circle; they stayed in General Assembly 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.



Let's vote: who is in favour for abandoning our own personality and supressing all liberties single and collective?



### ***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'institution 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 Iguaçu (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'affaisser 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 marchandes 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

1. Liv Schulman, entretien avec Patrice Joly, Zerodeux, 2016 [<https://www.zerodeux.fr/specialweb/entretien-avec-liv-schulman/>], page consultée le 28 décembre 2016.

2. Id., *Control*, [<https://livschulman.com/works/control-2/>], page consultée le 28 décembre 2016.

3. George Simmel, *Les Grandes villes et la vie de l'esprit* (1903), suivi de *Sociologie des sens* (1908), trad. J. L. Vieillard-Baron, Payot, Paris, 1989, p. 43.



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

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

<http://liveschulman.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

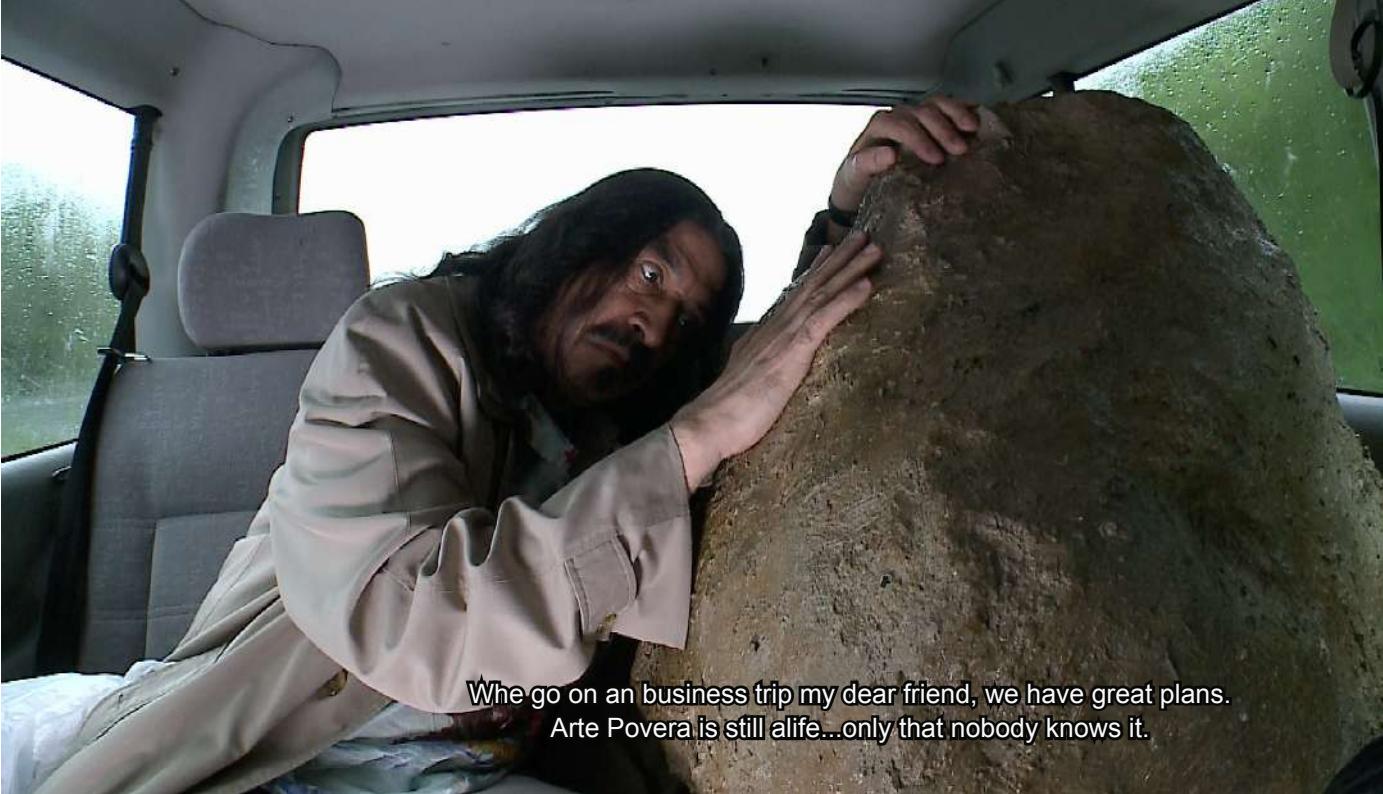
2011-2016



**Control SIIIIEII "La resistencia Chamánica"**

**(The Chamanique Resistance)** . Vidéo HD 7'18".





We go on an business trip my dear friend, we have great plans.  
Arte Povera is still alife...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 rythm 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*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXpfzHoNEz0&feature=youtu.be>

*Control S2E6 La Resistencia Pirata*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbWnpwaqO2g&feature=youtu.be>

*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

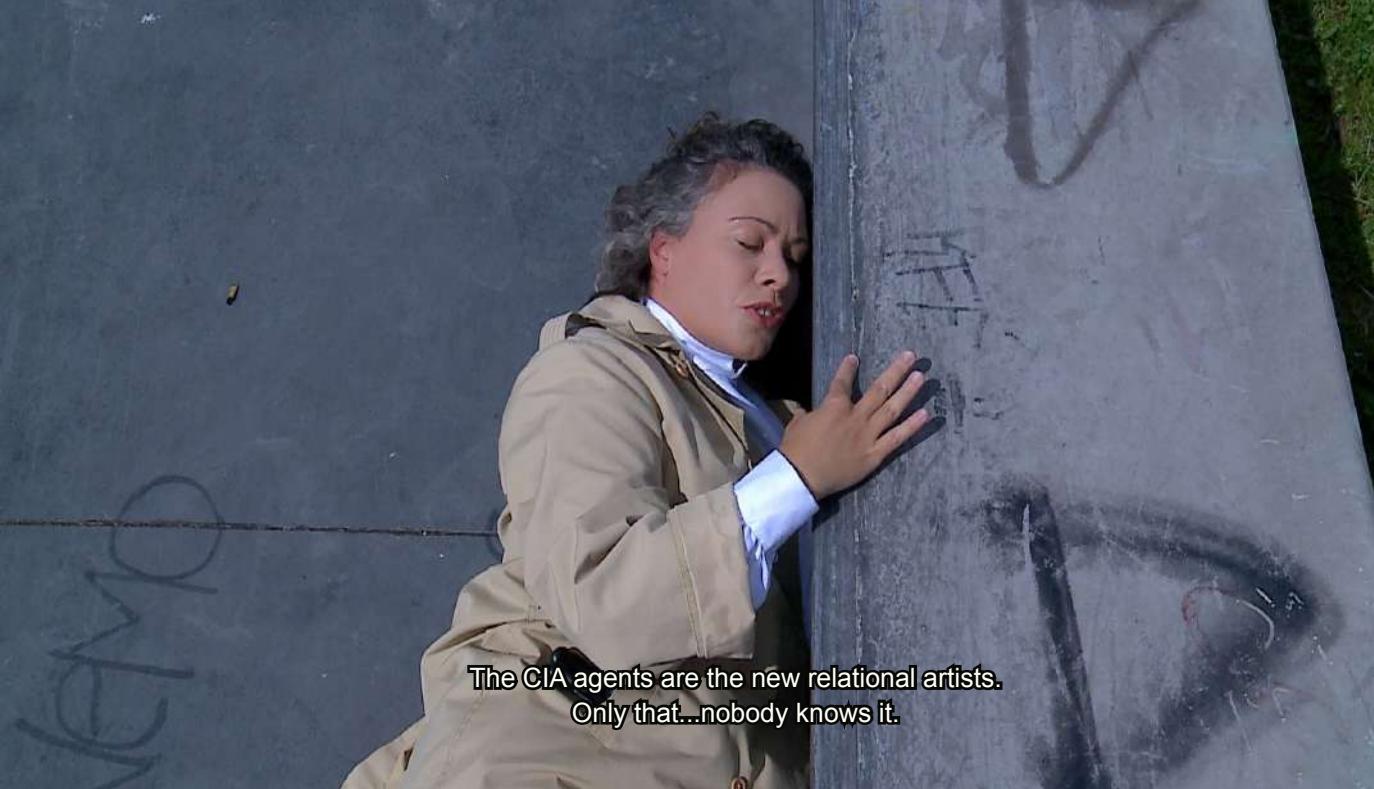


And I will not allow any asshole to call  
Western Union to exchange a divise for another.



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

**CONTROL a TV Show**  
**Saison II**



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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8prFAYr4GQ>  
Vidéo HD 3'22".

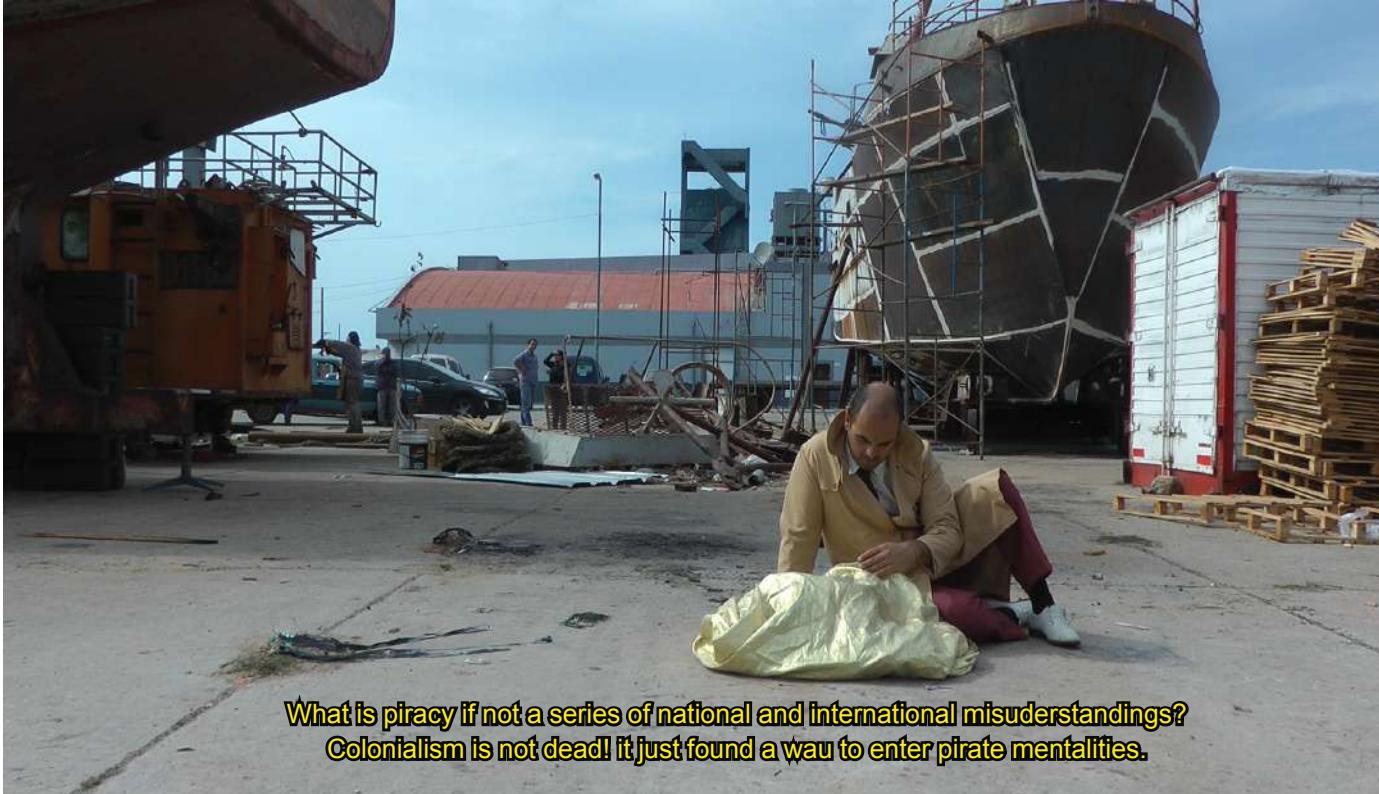


And that's how humanity spined a whole circle and started again. Povera art waited in silence  
its moment to go for a Come Back.

*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 & Gabanna! 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>*



*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"



**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 employées 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.**



## COLECCIÓN TAMMY METZLER

IGNACIO BARSAGLINI Lo que viene después de la muerte

ADELA PANTIN Epale, qué más?

MAGALÍ JAZMIN Destruir el hielo y besar el iceberg

MARA PEDRAZZOLI Nos vemos

MARTÍN ZICARI El problema de la droga y los días lindos

CANDELA BENETTI Guachitas

DANIELA REGERT Border

ALDANA CAPELLANO La piedrita en el zapato de Medusa

L. ANTOLIN Demasiado tarde para morir jóven

O. ANA INÉS LOPEZ Estas deben ser épocas felices...

L. VIOLETA PASTORIZA Nunca supe tener novio

2. LIV SCHULMAN El camino del Catr

3. LEO ESTOL Sinatra

4. IVAN RISKIN Sick Sick (Sic)

5. ANTONELA FERRARI MILANO Toda

6. MARÍA LUCESOLE Las plantas verdes de los veranos

7. LIV SCHULMAN El método Covensky

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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 contraria 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 Mariash



## El Método Covensky (The Covensky Method)

El método Covensky (The Covensky Method) is a fiction 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 Guaranes, 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 brasilián side. Now I feel like vomiting.



## La Desaparición

<http://liveschulman.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 Guaraníes 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.

