

Elva LAI (b.1989)  
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Elva LAI is Meisterschülerin and graduated from the Class of Installation and Space at the Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst zu Leipzig (Academy of Fine Arts Leipzig) in 2017 and traveled widely in Europe. She received her Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) and Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2013 and 2015 respectively. In 2012, she studied at School of Arts at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh. Her work examines the instabilities inherent in the modality of photography and searches for sensitivities of photographic representation. She was awarded the Hong Kong Human Rights Art Prize in 2013 and Freeman Creative Prize in 2015. She is the winner of The Landskrona Foto and Fröfabriken Creative Space Residency 2016 and had her solo show in the Landskrona Foto Festival 2017 in Sweden.

### Education

- 2015-2017 Meisterschülerin, Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst Leipzig, Germany.  
Klasse für Installation und Raum; Prof. Joachim Blank
- 2013-2015 Master of Fine Arts , The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2012 School of Art, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA
- 2009-2013 Bachelor of Fine Arts , The Chinese University of Hong Kong

### Artist in Residency

- 2017 Artist Residency in ODRADEK, Brussels, Belgium
- 2016 The Landskrona Foto and Fröfabriken Creative Space Residency 2016, Sweden
- 2014 La Galere, Cotignac, France.  
Supported by Justice Center Hong Kong and HongKong Human Rights Art Prize

### Awards

- 2016 The Landskrona Foto and Fröfabriken Creative Space Residency 2016
- 2015 Freeman Creative Prize
- 2014 Talent Development Scholarship 2013/14, the HKSAR Government Fund  
Reaching Out Award 2013/14, the HKSAR Government Fund  
Friends of the Arts of Museum Research Grant  
Hong Kong Human Right Art Prize (Justice Center Hong Kong)  
Culture Corner Art Academy Fine Arts Award  
Cheung's Fine Arts Award  
Y.S. Hui Fine Arts Award  
Grotto Fine Art Award
- 2011 Gaylord Chan Painting Award

### Conference programme

- 2016 **Seminar und Symposium "Über die Grenze"**, SS 2016  
Institut für Theorie, Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst Leipzig, Germany
- 2016 **Capital & Communication: Visualising Chinese Borders in the 21st Century**  
Manchester Metropolitan University England

### Solo Exhibition

- 2019 (upcoming) **EMOTION DICTIONARY**, L0 Gallery, Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre (JCCAC), Hong Kong
- 2017 **Freedom Swimmers**, Artist Residency in ODRADEK, Brussels, Belgium  
**Freedom Swimmers**, MZIN, Leipzig, Germany  
**Freedom Swimmers**, Landskrona Foto Festival 2017, Sweden
- 2015 **"How about the other 80% you forgot?"** Cheng Ming Building, New Asia College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2014 **"Sorry, it's fragile"**, Artify Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2013 **One Hundred Thousand Whys**, Ching Ming Building, New Asia College, CUHK, Hong Kong  
Delusional Disorder, New Asia College, CUHK, Hong Kong

### Selected Group Exhibition

- 2019 (upcoming) **Literary Season 2018 Smells the Same: Literature x Visual Arts Exhibition**, L0 Gallery, Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre (JCCAC), Hong Kong
- 2018 **Literary Season 2018 Smells the Same: Literature x Visual Arts Exhibition**, Pao Galleries, Hong Kong Art Center, Hong Kong
- 2017 **Ways of Surviving through Accelerated Mindfulness**, 1a Space, Hong Kong  
**Open Space Zeitz**, Zeitz, Germany (openspacezeit.de)  
**Composing Stories With Fragments Of Time**, Karin Weber Gallery, Hong Kong  
**Operation Grenze**, Ausstellungsprojekts in der Gedenkstätte Deutsche Teilung Marienborn, Germany
- 2016 **Ausstellung der Klasse für Installation und Raum**, Galerie bipolar, Leipzig Germany  
**Frühlingsrundgang Spinnerei**, Open studio:studio in the hall 18 , Spinnerei, Leipzig  
**C.A.R.contemporary art ruhr Die Mediakunst Messe (Media Art Fair)**  
Welterbe Zollverein World Cultural Heritage Site Zollverein XII, SANAA, Essen
- 2015 **All Day Breakfast**, Joint exhibition of Elva Lai and Szelit Cheung, ACO, Hong Kong  
**Uncertainties**. Asian Digital Art Exhibition (First Edition), LA CASA CHINA , Spain
- 2014 **From 3G to 4G**, Karin Weber Gallery, Hong Kong  
**Our Beautiful Days**, New Asia College Ch'ien Mu Library, the Chinese University of Hong Kong  
**A given moment in somewhere, some people and something**, TSAI YITing & Elva LAI Ming Chu, a.m. space, Hong Kong  
**Out of light**, The A. lift Gallery, Hong Kong  
**Our 1989-99 Project**, Fine Arts Department of CUHK & Taipei National University of the Arts, 8 2/1 gallery, Taipei National University of the Arts, Taiwan
- 2013 **Hong Kong Human Rights Art Prize 2013**, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, Hong Kong  
**Trava(i)l**, The A. lift Gallery, Hong Kong  
**Documentation as Drawing**, a.m. space, Hong Kong  
**disturbances**, Gallery Exit, Hong Kong  
<356,955km>, Karin Weber Gallery, Hong Kong