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Elva LAI is an installation artist. Her work examines the instabilities inherent in the modality of photography and searches for sensitivities of photographic representation. She studied in Germany, the States and Hong Kong respectively and 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

YEAR	NAME OF SCHOOL	LEVEL
2015-2017	Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst Leipzig, Germany.	Post-Master Degree, Class of Installation and Space (Meisterschülerin, Klasse für Installation und Raum bei Prof. Joachim Blank)
2013-2015	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Master of Fine Arts
2012	School of Art, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA	Exchange student
2009-2013	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Fine Arts

ARTIST IN RESIDENCY

YEAR	LOCATION	NAME OF ART SPACE
2017	Brussels, Belgium	ODRADEK Gallery
2016	Landskrona, Sweden	Fröfabriken Creative Space , supported by The Landskrona Foto and Fröfabriken Creative Space Residency 2016
2014	Cotignac, France.	La Galere, 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

YEAR	LOCATION	NAME OF THE SEMINAR
2016	Germany	Seminar und Symposium "Über die Grenze", SS 2016 Institut für Theorie, Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst Leipzig,
2016	England	Capital & Communication: Visualising Chinese Borders in the 21st Century , Manches- ter Metropolitan University England

SOLO EXHIBITION

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

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITION

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