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Elva 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. She also studied at School of Arts at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA in 2012. She is now Meisterschülerin of the Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst zu Leipzig (Academy of Fine Arts Leipzig) and studying in the Class of Installation and Space since 2015. Her work examines the instabilities inherent in the modality of photography and searches for sensitivities of photographic representation.

Education

2015-2017 Meisterschülerin, Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst Leipzig, Germany,
Klasse für Installation und Raum

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 (Hong Kong Refugee Advice Center)
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

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

2017 "Ways of Surviving through Accelerated Mindfulness", la Space, Hong Kong
Open Space Zeitz, Zeitz, Germany (openspacezeit.de)
'Composing Stories With Fragments Of Time' Karin Weber Gallery, Hong Kong
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, 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
Hong Kong Art Prize 2013 Exhibition, Wheelock Gallery, Hong Kong
<356,955km>, Karin Weber Gallery, Hong Kong