

# El poder de la duda

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Our era is the one dominated, shaped and determined by digital technologies. Our existences and identities are continuously transformed and redefined by interfaces in the flux of digitalised images and texts. These interfaces oscillate between facts and fictions. They construct the contemporary substance of reality and truth that are systematically fantastic and hallucinating.

Art and artists today, like the world itself, are largely “globalised”. Digital media – from still and moving images to the internet – serve as both resources and materials for artistic production. Artists continue to confront, embrace and inquire about the nature of reality, truth and dreams. However, the process, which is unprecedentedly fluid, uncertain and precarious, is generating more suspense, doubt and critique than conclusion and resolution. The power of their expression lies exactly on the course of doubting.

This exhibition superposes site-specific installations and primarily two-dimensional works in diverse media that relate to photography as a model of perception, embodying the need to question the mainstream way of seeing, recording and communicating the real world that oscillates between spectacular truths and dramatic fictions.

Many of the artists are from countries undergoing intense social transformations such as China and Eastern Europe that experience drastic changes from communism to capitalism, or South East Asia and Africa that are constantly negotiating between post-colonial memory and geopolitical conflicts. These societies are forced to negotiate with historically traumatised conditions and a seemingly open and liberated globalised world that, in turn, violently imposes fictions of happiness and peace. Inevitably, this reveals the fundamental contradiction of our time; those who have been striving to emancipate themselves from the older traumas of colonialism, communism and “backwardness” are now facing the challenge of new emancipations from the globalised world of liberal capitalism and neo-imperialism.

The artists in the exhibition have highly individualised and singular voices that cry out the collective doubts and desires of their societies, while expressing their own diverse artistic and intellectual pursuits, not unlike the “underground *avant-garde*” years during the Cold-War years. They represent most intensely the formation of a new global multitude of people who refuse to trust the imposed truth of the dominant system and struggle to achieve an emancipated truth. Here, we’ll all share the very power of doubt!



An aerial photograph of the Louvre Museum's glass pyramid and its surrounding glass and steel structures.



A close-up detail of a traditional Chinese landscape painting, showing a rocky mountain peak with a checkered pattern of green and yellow stones, and a small figure standing at the base.



A black and white illustration depicting a large, dense crowd of men. Most of the men are wearing hats, including bowlers and fedoras. They appear to be looking upwards and slightly to the right. The style is reminiscent of early 20th-century political cartoon art.



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