

13. Self-Portrait (2016-2018) / Dream World (2018)

Technical details

13.1 Web installation, photography and text, Germany – Portugal

13.2 HD video, 2:39, black and white, Dolby 5.1 sound, 10 min., Germany – Portugal

13.3 2 Photogravure, spite-bite aquatint on 300g Somerset Softwhite paper, Dimensions: 56 x 76 cm, Portugal

13.4 3 photographs, inkjet print in fine art archival baryta paper 315gr., Dimensions: 56 x 76 cm, Portugal

Synopsis

The war in Ukraine is burning. In early 2015 a Portuguese producer allocates a symbolic fund for the production of *Extinction* (2018) that allows for a return to Transnistria, a pro-Russian frozen-conflict in Moldova. We apply for journalist visas with a false script.

The visas take too long. Nevertheless we book the crew their plane tickets; I fit part of the available budget in my pockets; S.D carries the rest from Berlin. Two days before departing all the crewmembers are granted journalist accreditations – including the Moldovan nationals.

The shooting runs as expected for 20 days, the only border incident to allude, between Moldova and Ukraine, with KGB agents is reported in **Self-Portrait**. There is no consular protection in the territory. I'm unsure if I'll ever get to meet our friends again.

Dream World is a sequence of 148 firework shots in the colossal *Memorial House of the Bulgarian Communist Party*, built on Mount Buzludzha between 1974 and 1981.

Credits

Self-Portrait (2016-18) and Dream World (2018) were produced with materials collected in January 2015 for the shooting of the feature film *Extinction* (2018) by Salomé Lamas produced by O Som e a Furia, Lamaland, in coproduction with Mengamuk Films and in association with Bikini, Screen Miguel Nabinho, Walla Collective; with the financial support of ICA – Instituto do Cinema e Audiovisual, the participation of Berliner Künstlerprogramm des DAAD, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, and the additional support of Screen Miguel Nabinho, Walla Colective, Bikini, Bogliasco Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation – Bellagio Center, Yaddo.

13.2. Self-Portrait (2018)

- HD video, 2:39, blue, Dolby 5.1 sound, 10 min., Germany – Portugal

shooting of *Extinction* (2018), January 2015

(selected credits, credits for the shooting of *Extinction* in April 2014 excluded, credits for other production stages of *Extinction* excluded.)

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additional credits for *Self-Portrait* (2018)

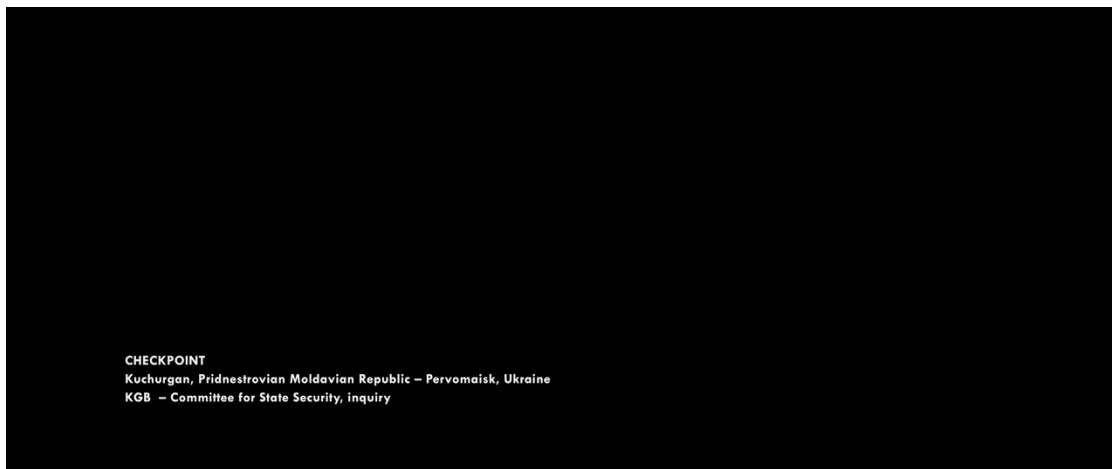
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Self-Portrait (2018)

13.3. Self-Portrait (2017)

- 2 Photogravure, spite-bite aquatint on 300g Somerset Softwhite paper, Dimensions: 56 x 76 cm, Portugal

additional credits for *Self-Portrait (2017)*

Production: Curtas Metragens – CRL / Solar – Galeria de Arte Cinemática
Fine art: MeelPress



Self-Portrait (2017)

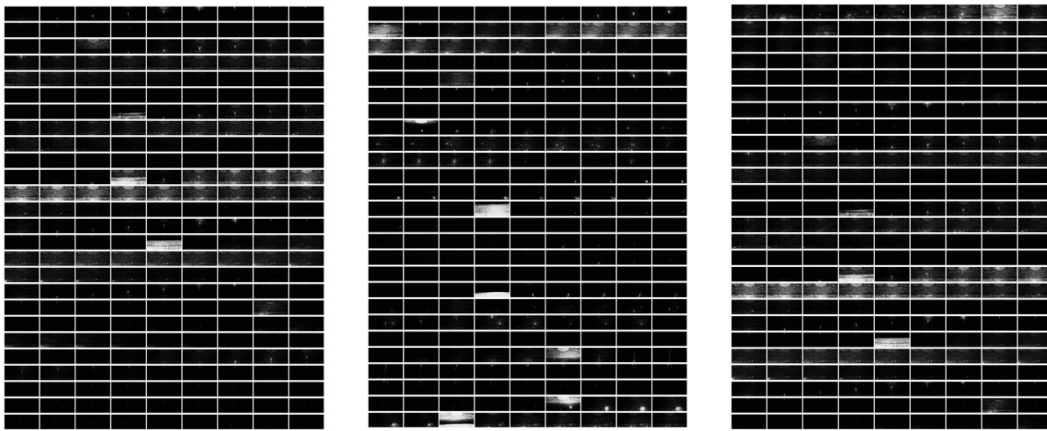
13.4. Dream World (2018)

- 3 photographs, inkjet print in fine art archival baryta paper 315gr.,
Dimensions: 56 x 76 cm, Portugal

additional credits for *Dream World* (2018)

DREAM WORLD 148 shots, 25.30mm, 2 min., 30/40 mt high, Cat F2 - weight
TotalMat Act. 2.000gr (P.B. 9 Kg), exterior use, one ignition point
42.7360, 25.3936 Buzludzha; Kazanlak, 6150 Bulgaria

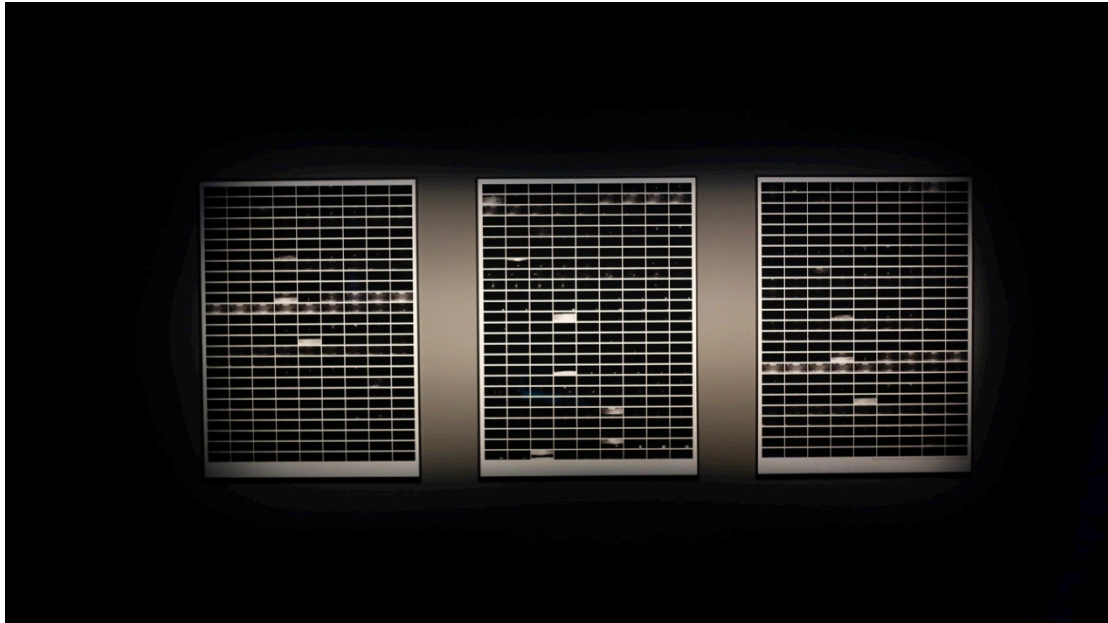
Production: Escola das Artes – Universidade Católica Portuguesa – Porto
Fine art: André Cepeda



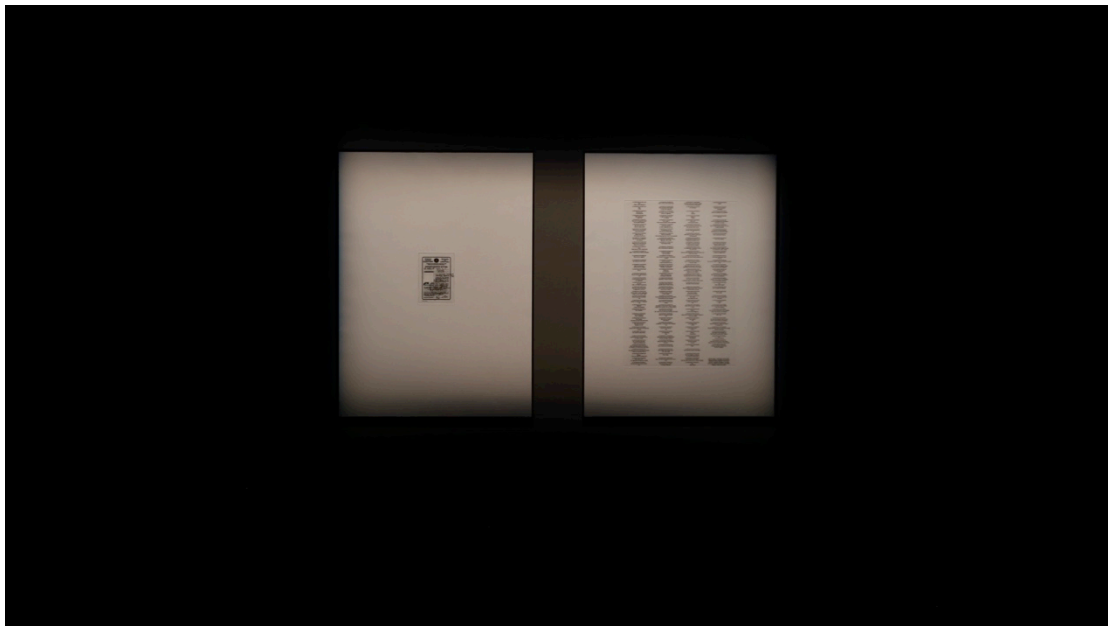
Dream World (2018)



Auto-Retrato (2018), Escola das Artes, Universidade Católica Portuguesa – Porto, Portugal



Dream World (2018) at Auto-Retrato (2018), Escola das Artes, Universidade Católica Portuguesa – Porto, Portugal



Self-Portrait (2018) at Auto-Retrato (2018), Escola das Artes, Universidade Católica Portuguesa – Porto, Portugal

Transcript of dialogues for Self-Portrait (2017-2018)

February 2015 – Conversation with the KGB, military checkpoint, Kuchurgan (Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic, Moldova) | Pervomaisk (Ukraine).

Transcript of dialogues. The inquiry continued at KGB headquarters, Tiraspol (P.M.R., Moldova). It was not recorded.

/tc 00:37:54:05 00:37:57:15

<i>Hello.

- Damn, what is going on?</i>

/tc 00:38:04:01 00:38:06:09

<i>Hello.

- Hello.</i>

/tc 00:38:06:21 00:38:08:16

<i>How are you?

- Everything is fine. </i>

/tc 00:38:08:19 00:38:11:05

<i>What is going on?

- Hello everybody.</i>

/tc 00:38:11:08 00:38:13:15

<i>Why are you all gathered here?

- Who speaks Russian?</i>

/tc 00:38:13:18 00:38:16:01

<i>Yes, but not all of them.

- Some do, the others don't?</i>

/tc 00:38:16:04 00:38:18:22

<i>Where are the documents?

- Do you have them?</i>

/tc 00:38:19:01 00:38:20:23

<i>Where? Show us.

- We already showed you.</i>

/tc 00:38:21:02 00:38:24:02

<i>Yes, but not to me. Passport.

- The passport.</i>

/tc 00:38:27:17 00:38:30:15

<i>Where do you come from and where are you going to?

- Lenin.</i>

/tc 00:38:30:18 00:38:36:00

<i>What have you been doing there?

- Right, I recognize your faces.</i>

/tc 00:38:37:15 00:38:42:12

<i>Where did you register?

- They entered and left...</i>

/tc 00:38:42:15 00:38:46:10

<i>You're out of time? Where were you lodged?

- No, no. </i>

/tc 00:38:46:13 00:38:48:18
<i>Did you enter through Moldova?
- Yes</i>

/tc 00:38:48:21 00:38:54:19
<i>Which Moldovan address are you all registered in?
- Well... we rented an apartment.</i>

/tc 00:38:55:00 00:38:58:09
<i>Still, there must be some kind
of registration in the EU?</i>

/tc 00:38:58:12 00:39:01:21
<i>The EU doesn't require registration.
Today you won't need it, right? - Yes.</i>

/tc 00:39:02:00 00:39:05:07
<i>You only entered and left?
Rented an apartment in Moldova? - Yes</i>

/tc 00:39:05:10 00:39:09:15
<i>What for? Are you the translator?
- Yes, I am.</i>

/tc 00:39:09:18 00:39:13:05
<i>Are you Moldovan?
- No, I'm Ukrainian.</i>

/tc 00:39:13:08 00:39:16:00
<i>From Ukraine. And you've
just arrived with them?</i>

/tc 00:39:16:03 00:39:19:00
<i>Yes, they don't speak
Russian and I do. </i>

/tc 00:39:19:03 00:39:24:12
<i>Interesting. I want to know what you are shooting.
- You should've called before.</i>

/tc 00:39:24:16 00:39:28:06
<i>Film. - I understand that you're shooting
but... Is it over or what?</i>

/tc 00:39:28:09 00:39:31:12
<i>No, it is still the same film.

- Haven't you finished yet?</i>

/tc 00:39:31:15 00:39:37:16

<i>Why Transnistria, what is the reason?
- Is it Moldova and Transnistria separately? </i>

/tc 00:39:37:19 00:39:41:20

<i>The main theme is Transnistria.
- What is he smoking? Show me.</i>

/tc 00:39:41:23 00:39:45:06

<i>Tobacco.
- Our cigarettes don't please you? </i>

/tc 00:39:45:09 00:39:50:06

<i>He's used to rollies.
- Our cigarettes are expensive outside.</i>

/tc 00:39:50:09 00:39:52:18

<i>Are they expensive where he lives? ...Yes.
- Yes.</i>

/tc 00:39:52:21 00:39:57:08

<i>Damn, here you can smoke them.
- That's why they smoke tobacco. Half the price. </i>

/tc 00:39:57:11 00:40:00:02

<i>If you have the opportunity,
you should try smoking our cigarettes.</i>

/tc 00:40:00:05 00:40:04:02

<i>It might be better for him.
- Joking...</i>

/tc 00:40:04:08 00:40:08:23

<i>They bought some.
- Here everyone always smokes cigarettes.</i>

/tc 00:40:09:02 00:40:12:17

<i>I was also surprised.
For them, cigarettes are chic. - Yes?</i>

/tc 00:40:12:20 00:40:16:01

<i>It's expensive, you can
buy it for 5€</i>

/tc 00:40:16:04 00:40:22:11

<i>That's too expensive.

- Not smoking costs less, here it's the opposite.</i>

/tc 00:40:23:21 00:40:28:14
<i>They tasted and bought the Soyuz
cigarettes, with no filter.</i>

/tc 00:40:28:19 00:40:32:12
<i>Too strong for them.
- Yes.</i>

/tc 00:40:33:12 00:40:37:03
<i>Who is financing this expedition? </i>

/tc 00:40:37:07 00:40:39:14
<i>Is she the director?
- Yes, the director.</i>

/tc 00:40:39:17 00:40:42:14
<i>Who ordered it to be about Transnistria?
- She did.</i>

/tc 00:40:42:16 00:40:46:12
<i>She decided?
Is there any particular objective? </i>

/tc 00:40:46:15 00:40:50:01
<i>Interesting, no?
- What are you shooting in Transnistria? </i>

/tc 00:40:50:04 00:40:52:18
<i>That's true.
- On television?</i>

/tc 00:40:52:21 00:40:56:15
<i>There's nothing to see.
- Everything is adulterated.</i>

/tc 00:40:56:18 00:40:59:14
<i>Especially in Western television. </i>

/tc 00:41:01:04 00:41:04:06
<i>Everything's clear with you now.
- I certainly want to see the film. </i>

/tc 00:41:04:09 00:41:07:17
<i>But isn't there a script explaining
what the film is about? - Yes.</i>

/tc 00:41:07:20 00:41:11:08
<i>Is it about the lives of ordinary people or other things? </i>

/tc 00:41:11:11 00:41:17:04
<i>Is it a worthwhile project about Transnistria? Or are there any other interests?</i>

/tc 00:41:17:07 00:41:20:23
<i>There must be something else.
- The history.</i>

/tc 00:41:21:02 00:41:25:04
<i>The history of Transnistria? Did you go to United Work Collective Council office?</i>

/tc 00:41:25:07 00:41:30:05
<i>OSTK can tell you the origin.
- Yes, that's why we did some interviews. </i>

/tc 00:41:30:08 00:41:32:13
<i>Have you interviewed people?
- Yes.</i>

/tc 00:41:32:16 00:41:35:06
<i>Who owns the car?
- We rented it.</i>

/tc 00:41:35:09 00:41:39:22
<i>In Chişinău? ...Is the driver from Chişinău?
- Yes.</i>

/tc 00:41:40:07 00:41:44:08
<i>Are you from Chişinău?
- Yes.</i>

/tc 00:41:44:11 00:41:46:08
<i>Is it interesting?
- Very.</i>

/tc 00:41:46:11 00:41:49:20
<i>What border have you crossed today?
- We came through Dubăsari.</i>

/tc 00:41:49:23 00:41:53:16
<i>Did you jump right in our direction?
- To Lenin?</i>

/tc 00:41:53:19 00:41:56:14
<i>Yes, we came to Lenin with Kolja.</i>

/tc 00:41:56:17 00:42:00:20
<i>Who is Kolja? This is Kolja, right?
- Yes.</i>

/tc 00:42:00:23 00:42:02:23
<i>This is Kolja.</i>

/tc 00:42:03:02 00:42:06:05
<i>Kolja, what did you want to show them?
- Me?</i>

/tc 00:42:06:08 00:42:09:01
<i>Yes, where have you been?
- To Lenin, I live here. </i>

/tc 00:42:09:04 00:42:16:05
<i>But did you go to your house? Or have you
been shooting again? - No, to Oksana's.</i>

/tc 00:42:16:11 00:42:18:11
<i>Who?
- Natasha. </i>

/tc 00:42:18:14 00:42:20:01
<i>Natasha?
- Oksana.</i>

/tc 00:42:20:04 00:42:22:08
<i>Who's she?
- And the grandmother.</i>

/tc 00:42:22:11 00:42:28:00
<i>There's an old woman and an old man.
We wanted to talk to them. </i>

/tc 00:42:28:03 00:42:29:23
<i>Are they Kolja's grandparents?
- No.</i>

/tc 00:42:30:02 00:42:35:03
<i>What did you want to talk about?
- Nothing special.</i>

/tc 00:42:35:06 00:42:39:15
<i>Considering that Moldova has almost

entered the European Union. </i>

/tc 00:42:39:18 00:42:42:20

<i>It is easier to cross the border, no documents are needed, nor the registration, as before.</i>

/tc 00:42:42:23 00:42:47:08

<i>No, only the registration.
- And how many Moldovans do you see out there?</i>

/tc 00:42:47:11 00:42:50:21

<i>That I don't know. I just know that they have biometric passports.</i>

/tc 00:42:51:00 00:42:52:22

<i>Do you have a biometric passport?
- You don't need one.</i>

/tc 00:42:53:01 00:42:56:17

<i>They arrive at any time, they rent an apartment and live there as...</i>

/tc 00:42:56:20 00:43:01:17

<i>I'm not sure, if it's for a long term stay I guess you must register.</i>

/tc 00:43:01:20 00:43:06:10

<i>Are these people here for a long term?
- No, they stay until the 4th of February. </i>

/tc 00:43:06:14 00:43:13:12

<i>Isn't that a long term stay?
- A long term stay is more than three months. </i>

/tc 00:43:13:15 00:43:15:19

<i>Now they're here as tourists. </i>

/tc 00:43:15:22 00:43:20:20

<i>Have you filmed anything today in Rîbnița?
- In Rîbnița today... let's see.</i>

/tc 00:43:20:23 00:43:25:03

<i>Yes, near the hotel...
We filmed him leaving.</i>

/tc 00:43:25:06 00:43:27:14

<i>Who, Kolja?
- Yes, leaving the hotel.</i>

/tc 00:43:27:17 00:43:31:06
<i>Is Kolja the protagonist?
- Yes...</i>

/tc 00:43:33:13 00:43:37:04
<i>Kolja, what do you do in Rîbnița?
- I work.</i>

/tc 00:43:37:07 00:43:41:05
<i>Where?
- In the Russian Regiment.</i>

/tc 00:43:41:08 00:43:44:05
<i>Do you work or serve in the Russian Regiment?
- I work as a civilian.</i>

/tc 00:43:44:08 00:43:46:18
<i>As a civilian?
- Yes. </i>

/tc 00:43:48:10 00:43:51:13
<i>In the heavy lifting work?
- What?</i>

/tc 00:43:51:16 00:43:53:16
<i>In the heavy lifting work?
- No, no.</i>

/tc 00:43:53:19 00:43:56:10
<i>Where?
- Surveillance.</i>

/tc 00:43:56:18 00:43:59:00
<i>I can't hear you.
- Surveillance.</i>

/tc 00:43:59:03 00:44:02:14
<i>So you're a guard?
-Yes, yes. </i>

/tc 00:44:04:12 00:44:06:05
<i>Hello?</i>

/tc 00:44:08:16 00:44:10:20
<i>That cell phone doesn't have signal. </i>

/tc 00:44:10:23 00:44:15:09

<i>She has brought you presents.
- You should've called before.</i>

/tc 00:44:15:12 00:44:19:15
<i>You should've called before.
Now we'll have to escort you to Tiraspol. </i>

/tc 00:44:19:18 00:44:21:18
<i>Yes?
- With whom?</i>

/tc 00:44:21:21 00:44:23:18
<i>Indeed.</i>

/tc 00:44:25:20 00:44:29:11
<i>I'm going to be punished.
- Seriously?</i>

/tc 00:44:34:00 00:44:36:19
<i>Why are you going to be punished?</i>

/tc 00:44:38:03 00:44:39:14
<i>Yes, yes.</i>

/tc 00:44:39:17 00:44:45:05
<i>The two people with the cameras
should go by jeep.</i>

/tc 00:44:45:08 00:44:51:22
<i>Me and Vitali Yurievich will go by van,
to divide ourselves.</i>

/tc 00:44:53:20 00:44:58:13
<i>You should've called yesterday,
warning that you would arrive today.</i>

/tc 00:44:58:16 00:45:02:09
<i>Then I would have met you...</i>

/tc 00:45:07:17 00:45:11:19
<i>Now it'll be difficult. </i>

/tc 00:45:19:22 00:45:25:22
<i>Have you planned to return to
Moldova after this trip?</i>

/tc 00:45:26:01 00:45:29:21
<i>Yes, because we didn't register for long.

- Did you enter for a day?</i>

/tc 00:45:30:00 00:45:33:04
<i>For about six/eight hours.
- Yes...</i>

/tc 00:45:33:07 00:45:36:16
<i>Is the authorization for less than a day?
- Yes, yes. </i>

/tc 00:45:37:15 00:45:40:21
<i>Did everyone register when
you crossed the border? - Yes.</i>

/tc 00:45:41:00 00:45:44:01
<i>Do you all have the immigration cards?
They must be in your passports.</i>

/tc 00:45:44:04 00:45:45:17
<i>They didn't give us that.
- They didn't?</i>

/tc 00:45:45:20 00:45:49:17
<i>They only returned us the passports
with our visas. - Visa.</i>

/tc 00:45:49:20 00:45:52:20
<i>All clear. Do you have a visa
for the Transnistrian territory?</i>

/tc 00:45:52:23 00:45:55:15
<i>Yes.
- When does it expire?</i>

/tc 00:45:55:18 00:45:59:09
<i>Yes, it is valid until February.
- Hmm...</i>

/tc 00:46:00:02 00:46:02:02
<i>For a month.</i>

/tc 00:46:04:16 00:46:07:04
<i>Kolja, when should you go back to work?
- Tomorrow.</i>

/tc 00:46:07:07 00:46:08:22
<i>As a guard?
- Yes.</i>

/tc 00:46:09:01 00:46:13:07
<i>You are a Russian citizen, correct?
- I have their passport.</i>

/tc 00:46:13:10 00:46:18:08
<i>If you have the passport you are a Russian
citizen. Why are you so uncertain? - Well... Yes...</i>

/tc 00:46:18:11 00:46:20:21
<i>You have the passport and you don't
know which country you belong to? </i>

/tc 00:46:21:00 00:46:24:06
<i>Nikolai Nikolaevich, maybe it's better
not to waste time?</i>

/tc 00:46:24:09 00:46:26:15
<i>Should Romanich write it or will it take long?
- We don't need to.</i>

/tc 00:46:26:18 00:46:33:13
<i>The situation has changed a bit and
now you'll have to be escorted to Tiraspol. </i>

/tc 00:46:34:12 00:46:36:03
<i>Oh!
- It's on your way out.</i>

/tc 00:46:36:06 00:46:41:13
<i>We need to talk to you in more detail.
There is no need to stay here in the open field.</i>

/tc 00:46:42:02 00:46:46:21
<i>Let's go. In half an hour
we'll be in Tiraspol.</i>

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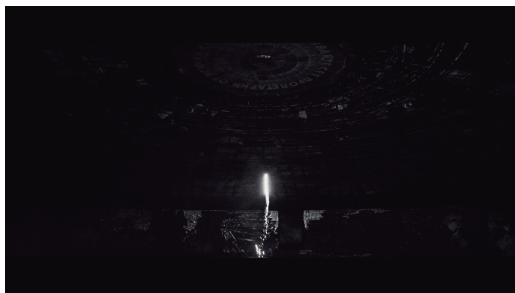
A exposição encontra-se encerrada durante o mês de agosto.

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A exposição *Auto-Retrato* (2018) é produzida com materiais gravados em janeiro de 2015 para a filmagem da longa-metragem *Extinção* (2018), de Salomé Lamas, produzida pelo O Som e a Fúria, Lamaland, em coprodução com Mengamuk Films e em associação com Bikini, Screen Miguel Nabinho, Walla Collective; com apoio financeiro do ICA - Instituto do Cinema e Audiovisual, com a participação da Berliner Künstlerprogramm des DAAD, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, e o apoio adicional da Screen Miguel Nabinho, Walla Collective, Bikini, Bogliasco Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation - Bellagio Center, Yaddo.

Self-Portrait, 2018

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Rodagem de *Extinção* (2018), janeiro 2015

(créditos seleccionados - excluindo créditos da rodagem de *Extinção* em abril de 2014, assim como os créditos de outras fases de produção)

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créditos adicionais para *Self-Portrait* (2018)

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Self-Portrait, 2017

Fotogravuras sobre papel Somerset soft white 300gr.
76 x 56 cm
Cortesia da artista

créditos adicionais para *Self-Portrait* (2017)

produção **Curtas Metragens - CRL / Solar - Galeria de Arte Cinemática**
fine art **MeelPress**

Dream World, 2018

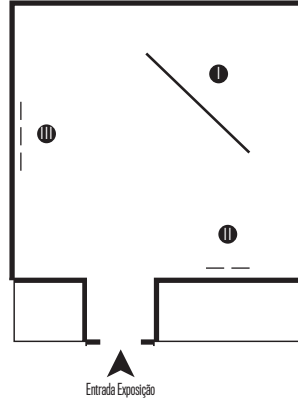
148 shots, 25.30mm, 2 min., 30/40 mt high
Impressão a jato de tinta sob papel Barya 315gr.
76 x 56 cm
Cortesia da artista

créditos adicionais para *Dream World* (2018)

produção **Escola das Artes - Universidade Católica Portuguesa**
fine art **André Cepeda**

A guerra na Ucrânia explodira. No início de 2015, um produtor português aloca um financiamento simbólico que possibilita um regresso à Transnístria, um enclave pró-russo na Moldávia.

Solicitamos vistos de jornalistas com um "guião" falso. Os vistos levam muito tempo. No entanto, marco os bilhetes de avião da equipa; e carrego parte do orçamento disponível nos bolsos, S.D carrega o restante de Berlim. Dois dias antes de partir todos os membros da equipa recebem vistos de jornalista - incluindo os nacionais da Moldávia. A rodagem decorre interrompidamente por 20 dias sem imprevistos; O único "incidente" foi registado e relatado em autorretrato quando nos encontrávamos próximo da fronteira com a Ucrânia. Não existe proteção consular no território. Duvido que volte a encontrar aqueles que ali conheço de novo. Salomé Lamas, junho 2017



BIOGRAFIA

Salomé Lamas (Lisboa) estudou cinema em Lisboa e Praga, artes visuais em Amsterdão e é doutoranda em Arte Contemporânea em Coimbra. O seu trabalho tem sido exibido tanto em contextos artísticos como nos principais festivais de cinema. Conta já com diversas exposições e filmes, destacando-se as suas longas-metragens *Terra de Ninguém* (2012), *Eldorado XXI* (2016) e *Extinção* (2018). É Artista Residente na Escola das Artes no ano letivo 2017/18.

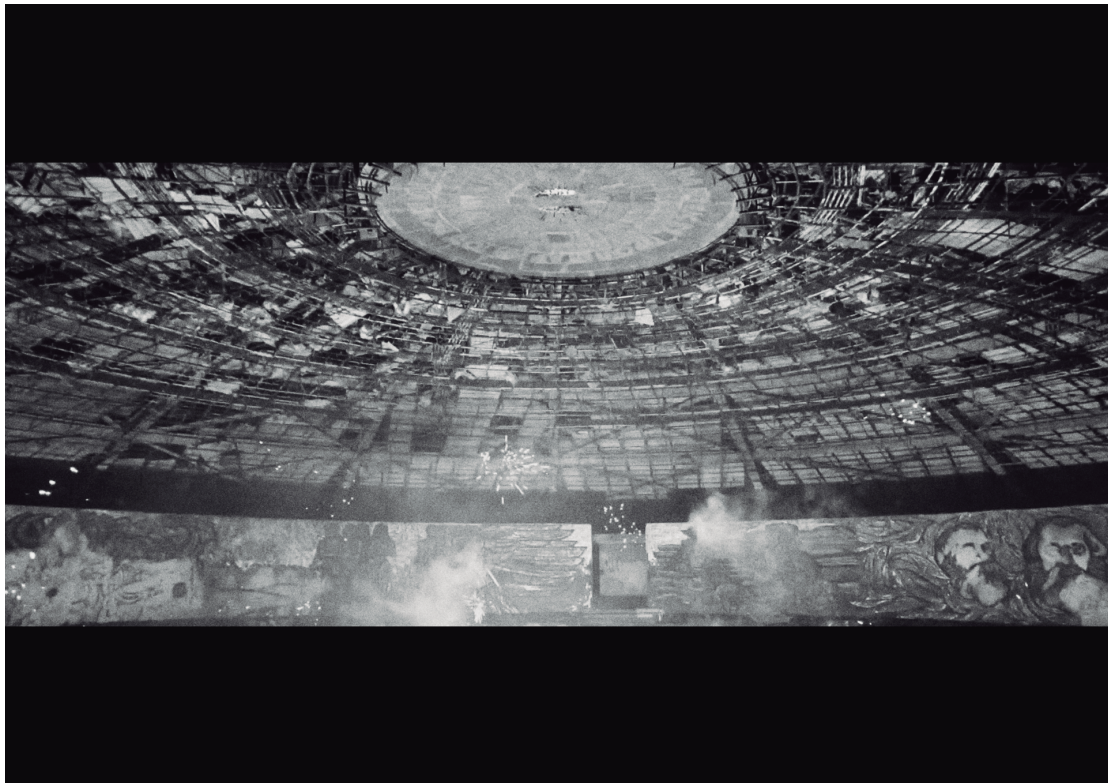
A CAVERNA

No singular universo do seu trabalho multidisciplinar, Salomé Lamas sempre se expôs a situações complexas: enfrentar um mercenário em *Terra de Ninguém* (2012) ou viver em condições extremas para a rodagem de *Eldorado XXI* (2016) são apenas dois exemplos dos seus métodos de criação e produção. Para a artista, o próprio ato de se colocar em risco é necessário para o processo criativo. Nada mais natural, portanto, que Lamas tenha escolhido um dos espaços geográficos mais perigosos para filmar *Extinção* (2018), o projeto que está na origem desta exposição: a Transnístria, um território não reconhecido que ocupa parte da atual Moldávia, mais um dos "conflitos congelados" que surgiram com o fim da União Soviética.

Esta procura pelo Outro, aquele que radicalmente não se conhece, é fundamental na pesquisa que Lamas tem encetado. Em certo sentido, parece que a artista se provoca a si mesma para questionar as identidades (dela e dos Outros). Este *Auto-Retrato* é, por isso mesmo, uma forma de dar destaque aos fatores que nos permitem aproximar ou afastar desses outros: uma língua diferente, uma fronteira indefinida, um visto de entrada, um interrogatório e uma(s) História(a) - aqui com uma complexa rede que envolve a União Soviética, a Rússia, a Ucrânia, a Moldávia e a Roménia.

Num mundo contemporâneo onde a identidade se tornou líquida, falar de fronteiras ou de passaportes passou a ser estranho, mas é nesse paradoxo que a obra de Lamas se coloca. O diálogo que ouvimos no centro da exposição é uma clarificação das complexidades do nosso tempo, pelo seu ar datado, mais próprio de um filme de espionagem sobre a Guerra Fria, mas ao mesmo tempo tão atual, em que os conflitos são reciclados e as barreiras nacionais voltam a reerguer-se. Em *Auto-Retrato*, dialoga-se com a história pessoal da artista - que gravou, clandestinamente, a conversa policial que integra o vídeo - com uma outra História, cujas marcas são evidenciadas pela sucessão de fotografias de uma cena particular de *Extinção*. *Aí*, a pirotecnia - normalmente celebratória - apenas nos lembra uma nostalgia por um império que, apesar das diversas tentativas, já morreu.

Daniel Ribas



Auto-Retrato, room sheet, at Escola das Artes, Universidade Católica Portuguesa – Porto, Portugal