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Bio

Alia Leonardi (b.2000) is a Belgian multi-disciplinary artist based in The Netherlands and a recent graduate from the Royal Academy of the Arts, The Hague. Her background in conflict studies pushes her to constantly explore the intersections of art and societal issues. She is currently working on performativity and social media, as well as internet culture.

Her work is essentially made of assemblage and collections of small interventions such as sculptures, textiles, objects, and images in an attempt to embody a critical approach to the topics she tackles.

Education

2022-2024

MA, Photography & Society,
Royal Academy of Art The Hague (KABK)

2021-2025

MA, Global Conflict in the Modern Era,
Leiden University (LU)

2018-2021

BA, Political Science,
Free University of Brussels (ULB)

Artistic Practice

2025

exhibitions/installations

- SEP Mirror Becomes a Partner, Group Exhibition (FOTODOK), RIB, Rotterdam (NL)
- AUG Mememe, Group Exhibition, Media Majlis, Doha (QA)
- APR Nerdunk, Group Exhibition, MU Hybrid Art House, Eindhoven (NL)

awards/residency

- AUG Kick-Start Grant for Digital Culture, Stimulerings fonds (Creative Industry Fund), NL
- APR Résidence Artistique Européenne, CAPV, Lille (FR)

2024

exhibitions/installations

- SEP Unseen Photography fair, Amsterdam (NL)
- AUG Residency closing, Group Exhibition, Futures Photography Hub, Amsterdam (NL)
- JUN The Girls are Girling, The Phones are Charging, Futures Photography Hub, Amsterdam (NL)
- MAR I Wonder Where it Lands, Graduation show, KABK, Den Haag (NL)
- MAR Fragments in Transit, Group Exhibition, Beetroot Studios, Thessaloniki (GR)

publications

- Minimum Wage Memetic Manifesto in The Critical Meme Reader III, The Institute of Network Cultures,

Amsterdam (NL)

- cute girl + sexy uniform + trendy music /
sound + dance = yay! war!
Trigger Magazine,
FOMU, Antwerp (BE)

2024

awards/residency

- NOV Stroom Young Talent Award 2024 (NL)
- Lighthouse Program, Fotodok (NL)

AUG Unfolding Futures Residency,
Futures Photography (NL)

talks/lectures

- NOV Lecture on Girl Internet – Crash Course
Internet Culture: Identity,
V2_ Rotterdam (NL)
- SEP Artist talk – Arty Party,
Melkweg, Amsterdam (NL)
- MAY Lecture performance on performing
memes, book launch,
Spui25, Amsterdam (NL)

2023

exhibitions/installations

- JUN Everthing that Melts is About to Blend,
Group Exhibition,
The Hague (NL)

2022

exhibitions/installations

- DEC Yolun Dışında, Group Exhibition,
Izmir (TR)