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## **SPRING OPEN STUDIOS 2019**

## PRESENTING INTERNATIONAL CONTEMPORARY ART IN BROOKLYN

OPENING RECEPTION Friday, March 29, 6-9pm

With guest speakers Hrag Vartanian and Veken Gueyikian from Hyperallergic at 8pm

OPEN STUDIOS HOURS Saturday, March 30, 1-7pm



Fatma Bucak, Scouring the Press, 2016, HD video, 9:20 min. Courtesy of the artist.

The International Studio & Curatorial Program (ISCP) Spring Open Studios is a two-day exhibition of international contemporary art presented by the 35 artists and two curators from 23 countries currently in residence. Veken Gueyikian and Hrag Vartanian, whose work in the field of art journalism has had a significant impact in New York City and beyond, will make remarks at 8pm on March 29.

Twice a year only, ISCP offers the public access to private artists' and curators' studios to view artwork and share one-on-one conversations. Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, we invite the public to engage in dialogue around contemporary art with arts professionals from across the globe. Concentrated in a three-story postindustrial loft building on the edge of Bushwick, ISCP supports the creative advancement of residents, with a robust program of individual workspaces and professional benefits.

## PARTICIPATING ARTISTS AND CURATORS

<b>Fatma Bucak</b> (Turkey/Italy) <b>Jesse Chun</b> (United States/ South Korea/China/Hong Kong/Canada)	Jude Griebel (United States/Canada) Johannes Heldén (Sweden) Hesselholdt & Mejlvang (Denmark)	<b>Alison Nguyen</b> (United States) <b>Erkka Nissinen</b> (Finland)
Danilo Correale (United States/Italy)	Allard van Hoorn (The Netherlands)	<b>Chadwick Rantanen</b> (United States)
Simone Couto (United States/Brazil) Furen Dai (United States/China)	Hsiang Huang (Taiwan) Srajana Kaikini (India)	Jana Schulz (Germany) Jens Settergren (Denmark)
Mariajosé Fernández-Plenge (United States/Peru)	<b>Tali Keren</b> (United States/Israel) <b>Jonna Kina</b> (Finland)	<b>Esther Tielemans</b> (The Netherlands)
Antonio Fiorentino (Italy)	Tina Lechner (Austria)	Teresa Viana (Brazil)
Andrea Flemming (Germany)	Joshua Liebowitz (United States) Fritjof Mangerich (Germany)	VOID – Arnaud Eeckhout and Mauro Vitturini
Helene Førde (Norway) ektor garcia (United States/Mexico)	Rusudan Melikishvili (Denmark)	(Belgium) <b>Maja Vukoje</b> (Austria)
<b>Alicja Gaskon</b> (Poland/Switzerland/ United States)	Orr Menirom (United States/Israel) Fatima Mohammed (Qatar)	<b>Lin Yi-Hsuan</b> (Taiwan- /Brazil)

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f v v #iscpopenstudios *Chiara Fumai: LESS LIGHT*, curated by Kari Conte, Director of Programs and Exhibitions at ISCP, and Francesco Urbano Ragazzi, directors of the Chiara Fumai archive, will be on view. A 2017 ISCP alumna, this is the artist's first solo exhibition on this continent. *LESS LIGHT* brings together two of Fumai's pioneering works, *The Book of Evil Spirits* (2015) and *Dogaressa Elisabetta Querini, Zalumma Agra, Annie Jones, Dope Head, Harry Houdini, Eusapia Palladino read Valerie Solanas* (2012-13). Fumai's hybrid practice was deeply rooted in performance and her interests were far-reaching. In her work, she frequently deconstructed ideologies that have impeded women's empowerment.

In addition, *Living Room: UIT (Use it together)*, a collective site-specific proposition by alumna curator Amanda Abi Khalil, organized in collaboration with ISCP's community, will be presented during Open Studios. Inspired by artist Hélio Oiticica's discussions of *Eden* and theorist Stephen Wright's concept of Arte Útil, *Living Room* takes over an exhibition space that usually triggers modes of spectatorship. Annabel Daou will perform her *Fortune* project throughout Open Studios. A film screening of a television channel with videos that comment on the aesthetics of participatory approaches in social art practices will take place at 3pm on Saturday, March 30.

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