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## Education

- 2022 MA The Theory of Practical Knowledge, Södertörn University, Stockholm
- 2020 BA Continental Philosophy, Södertörn University, Stockholm
- 2019 MFA, Konstfack, Stockholm
- 2016 Tokyo Zokei University, Tokyo
- 2014 Öland Art School, Öland

## Parental leave 2021/2022

### **Guest lectures | Conference presentations**

Resonant-state expansion. Art making enhance bodily presence which affect the feeling of being here, now. The starting point of compassionate actions. Scientific poster at "Resonance", the 16th SAR International Conference on Artistic Research in Porto, Portugal, 7-9th of May 2025

*Photographing stabilize inner emotional chaos and create resilience*. Scientific poster at "Avenues of Hope and The Power of Art", the 22nd Nordic Art Therapy Conference in Elverum, Norway, 9-12th of June 2024

*Lite-writing as a way to get in touch with emptiness.* Oral presentation at "Memory and Trauma International Conference" with London Center for Interdiciplinary Research. England, London. 3rd of December 2023

*Photographing stabilize inner emotional chaos and create resilience*. Scientific poster presented at the "International Conference on Art and Health" at MAAT — Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology. Portugal, Lisbon. 10th of November 2023

*My life making art*. Guest lecture on a personal process: the interconnection between everyday life events and art making. Department of Fine Arts – Painting Major (third-year students), Tokyo Zokei University. Japan. 25th of April 2019

*A way of living*. Guest lecture on the relationship between Japanese Buddhist philosopher Daisetz Suzuki and the Western philosophy existentialism. Department of Fine Arts (all master degree students), Tokyo Zokei University. Japan. 25th of April 2019

#### Selected exhibitions and performances

- 2025 (upcoming solo) Stockholm, Sweden
- 2025 Reading Det slitna, Löshetens manifest at "Stygn för stygn", Textival 31st of May, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 2025 Reading Smältvatten, Det slitna, Löshetens manifest at "Textur", Textival 29th of April, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 2024 Residency closing exhibition, Studio Kura. Itoshima, Japan
- 2024 En bubbla spricker, Boktryckarvägen 42. Stockholm, Sweden
- 2024 Jubilee exhibition, Centrum för fotografi. Stockholm, Sweden
- 2023 Late summer salon, Hägerstensåsens Medborgarhus. Stockholm, Sweden
- 2023 Residency closing exhibition, Galeria PADA. Lisbon, Portugal
- 2023 Stockholm Culture Night, Stora Sköndals kyrka. Sweden
- 2022 Artists at work, The International Cultural Center (NICC). Antwerpen, Belgium
- 2022 KP 2022, Kunsthal Aarhus. Denmark
- 2021 Hjorten Sculpture Park 2021. Stockholm, Sweden
- 2019 Reason-able Things, MFA solo show Konstfack. Stockholm, Sweden
- 2019 Nameless (installation). Konstfack Degree show. Stockholm, Sweden

- 2018 Rabbit holes, Platform Gallery. Stockholm, Sweden
- 2017 Elegy over self, BFA solo show Konstfack. Stockholm, Sweden
- 2017 SPRING17, Kunsthal Aarhus. Denmark
- 2017 This Room, Galleri Majkens. Stockholm, Sweden
- 2017 Konstfack Degree show 2017. Stockholm, Sweden
- 2017 Stockholm Culture Night, ARTTEN. Sweden
- 2016 Tweed + Into the Valley 2016. Rättvik, Sweden
- 2016 KP 2016, Kunsthal Aarhus. Denmark
- 2015 Art Future/Future Signs, KUNO. Riga, Lettland
- 2015 OpenArt 2015. Örebro, Sweden
- 2015 Det vi ännu tror oss kunna benämna, CFF. Stockholm, Sweden
- 2015 The Visitors, Km of Sculpture. Voru, Estonia
- 2015 Hide and seek, Galerija Hladilnica. Maribor, Slovenia
- 2014 Öland Art School Degree show 2014, Kalmar Museum of Art. Kalmar, Sweden

# Residencies

- 2024 Studio Kura, Japan, October
- 2023 PADA Studios, Portugal, May-June
- 2020 BKN, Sweden, November
- 2017 Arteles Creative Center (Back to Basics). Finland, June

#### Grants

- 2024 One year working grant, Swedish Arts Grants Committee
- 2024 Studio grant (2024-2026), Stockholms stads kulturförvaltning
- 2023 Travel grant, Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation
- 2022 International exchange and travel grant, Swedish Arts Grants Committee
- 2020 Travel grant, The Scholarship Foundation for Studies of Japanese Society
- 2019 Travel grant, Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation
- 2017 Nordic Culture Point
- 2016 Travel grant, Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation
- 2015 Kuno, Mobility Support
- 2015 KoS, Mobility Support

# Texts

- 2025 Stilla mörka ensamma djup
- 2024 Mot sömlös form
- 2023 Det evigt pyrande
- 2022 The accursed intellect
- 2020 In-between Bodies
- 2019 About body-building
- 2015 Anatomiskt nu