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Professional Experience

July 2023 – present: Country representative of the International Non-Government Organisation office [Undecided Productions INGO](#) (UP) based in Hanoi (VN). Responsible for cultural exchange initiatives focused on issues of gender and ecology. The Hanoi UP office is the only registered international arts organisation in Vietnam under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs collaborating with local, regional and international artists, organisations, and institutions.

June 2012 – present: Co-founder of not-for-profit organisation [Undecided Productions ASBL](#), formed in Brussels (BE). Responsible for the development of various Contemporary Art projects, from exhibitions to artist management. Since 2017 UP has moved the majority of its activities to Vietnam.

Residency Hosting

Nov 2017 – Jan 2024: Residency founder and host of the [live.make.share](#) programme, Bac Ninh (VN) in partnership with [Hien Van Ceramics](#). We provided studio & living spaces, encouraging international exchanges for practitioners in the field of ceramics and other mediums.

Resident artists: [Ariel Cameron](#) (AUS), [Céline Cuvelier](#) (BE), [Chi L. Nguyễn](#) (VN), [Dolly](#) (AUS), [Ellie Shipman](#) (UK), [Francois Tusséki](#) (BE), [Georg Whelan](#) (AUS), [Georgia Golebiowski](#) (UK), [Géralda de Vos](#) (BE), [Jocelyn Chng](#) (SG), [Judith Runge](#) (DE), [Julia Schleicher](#) (DE), [Louise Devin](#) (BE), [Marilyne Grimmer](#) (FR), [Marion Henry](#) (CAN), [Mimi Kunz](#) (DE), [Neo Maestro](#) (PH), [Nick Jumara](#) (USA), [Nicky Lapierre](#) (FR), [PAROLE](#) (Matthieu Meert, BE), [Pascale Barret](#) (FR), [Patrick Carpentier](#) (BE), [RAB the Animal](#) (Trâm Bảo Bội, VN), [Rachel Monosov](#) (DE), [Rachel TonThat](#) (USA), [Simon Medard](#) (BE), [Sophie Hughes](#) (UK), [Studio Babos](#) (Cheng Man Yin, HK & Lee Kyoung, ROK), [Sylvie Meltzer](#) (AUS), [Thi My Lien Nguyen](#) (CH), [Victor Dumont](#) (BE).

Feb - Sep 2021: Residency host and curator of [Time & Realities](#). Pairing artists with curators both in Vietnam and internationally. Producing new works in non-fixed spaces while collectively exploring hybrid practice.

Co-curators: [Bill Nguyen](#) (VN), [Mary Lou David](#) (FR), [Thao D. Linh](#) (VN).

Resident artists: [Anh Tú Nguyễn Phạm](#) (VN), [Dang Thuy Anh](#) (VN), [Mimi Kunz](#) (DE), [Minh Hoàng Nguyễn](#) (VN), [Tomes](#) (Tobias Paramore, AUS).

Oct 2015: Residency coordinator of [Form & Place](#), Annecy (FR). An artistic exchange involving creators in the fields of Performance and Visual Arts.

Resident artists: [Louise Devin](#) (BE), [Marion Menan](#) (FR), [Victor Dumont](#) (BE).

Exhibitions and Art Direction

May 2024: Artist curator of [Memories 4 Sale !!!](#), Hanoi (VN). Pop-up exhibition of memory-objects and creative writing.

Sep 2021: Curator of [Thanks for all your messages](#), pairing a visual artist and writer with a musician and sound designer.

Featured artists: [Mimi Kunz](#) (DE), [Tomes](#) (Tobias Paramore, AUS).

Oct - Nov 2020: Artistic director of [The You](#), (VN and online). A performance conducted by artist researchers composed of visual projections, live music and movement.

Featured artists: [Đoàn Thanh Toàn](#) (VN), [Ian Richter](#) (ZA), [Jo Ngo](#) (VN).

Aug - Nov 2019: Artist curator of [I am here now](#). A touring installation visiting Nielles-les-Blequins (FR), Sangatte (FR), Leipzig (DE), Brussels (BE), Hien Van (VN).

June 2019: Project manager, curator, and cameo artist of [Undecided Gallery](#) a dis-mountable cube used as a mobile exhibition and event space. Five exhibition and event projects to date; [Collab: Tiêm Tóc Linh Hoat](#), [Sound Scoop @ Hanoi](#), [Horizontal Cinema](#), [I am here now](#), and [Can You Hear Me Smiling?](#)

May 2018: Artistic coordinator for [A Touch of Belgium](#), Hanoi (VN). Celebrating the 45th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Belgium and Vietnam.

Featured artists: [Arno Heeren](#) (BE), Daniel Day Long (USA), [Kinergie Studio](#) (VN), [Nick Coutsier](#) (BE), and [Simon Medard](#) (BE).

June 2015 – June 2016: Project manager and artistic director of [HIDDEN](#), Brussels (BE). An exhibition space showcasing Visual, Performing Arts and New Media. During its lifespan [HIDDEN](#) hosted eight exhibitions and two performance residencies, showcasing the works of 26 artists, curators, and collectives.

Featured: [Andri Søren](#) (BE), [Apparatus 22](#) (RO), [DICK & VLE](#) (Mélissa Pena Espartero, BE & [Simon Medard](#), BE), [Emilie Pischedda](#) (BE), The Foreseen Project (BE), [Guillaume Baronnet](#) (FR), [Lucas Jardin](#) (FR), [Marc Buchy](#) (FR), [Marion Menan](#) (FR), [Mathieu Roquigny](#) (FR), [Nicolas de Ribou](#) (FR), [Nicolas Verdoncq](#) (BE), [Niels Poiz](#) (BE), [PAROLE](#) (Matthieu Meert, BE), Pierre-Pol Lecouturier (BE), [Remy Ficherouille](#) (BE), [Rodolphe Coster](#) (BE), [Sebastien Durante](#) (FR), [Sina Hensel](#) (DE), [Stan Van Steendam](#) (BE), [Stefan Bruggemann](#) (ME), Thomas Dessin (FR), Victor Dumont (BE), [With No Future Everything is Possible](#) (Leny Bernay, BE).

Dec 2014 – Apr 2015: Project manager for [Hanoi Design. Now](#), Hanoi (VN). A design showcase and award featuring Product, Architectural, Graphic and Interior Design from 33 Vietnam-based designers, artisans and agencies.

Sept 2014: Curator of [Who is Belgium?](#), Berlin (DE).

Nov 2013: Curator of [Caroline Le Méhauté](#), Brussels (BE).

Nov 2013: Curator of [Incantations](#), Brussels (BE).

Oct 2013: Curator of [Who is Undecided?](#), Brussels (BE).

Sept 2013: Curator of [Undecided for FÖR](#), Brussels (BE).

Sept 2013: Co-Curator of [Undecided for Brussels in Loft](#), Brussels (BE).

Apr 2013: Artistic director of [Undecided for Zukunft](#), Brussels (BE).

Mar 2013: Curator of [Sheree Domingo & Samz](#), Brussels (BE).

Nov 2012: Curator of [Michel Couturier & Obetre](#), Brussels (BE).

Feb – Dec 2011: Project manager and curator of [Fresh Paint Gallery](#), Montreal (CA). Responsible for exhibition programming, montage, cultural and educational events, team management, sponsoring, communication.

Sep 2009 – Dec 2010: Assistant manager of [Skalitzers Contemporary Art](#), Berlin (DE). Coordinating exhibitions of artists specialising in Urban Arts.

Research Residencies

Sep - Oct 2023: Research resident funded by [Pro Helvetia](#), (CH). Personal research and curators tour, developing relations between Vietnam and Switzerland.

May 2019: Research resident at [Jatiwangi Art Factory](#), West Java (ID). Contributing to urban planning research and project development of the [Hampanan Keramat \(Sacred Landscape\)](#) project with the addition of the works [Exploring Connections #2](#) + [Exploring Connections #3](#).

Feb – Mar 2017: Research resident at [Rimbun Dahan](#), Kuala Lumpur (MY). Developing the [live.make.share](#) artist-in-residence exchange programme.

Sept - Nov 2016: Research resident at [Bamboo Curtain Studio](#), Taipei (TW). Production of the audio essay [What's up with Taiwan?](#)

Publications

June 2020 - present: Writer for the online Vietnamese culture publication *Urbanist Hanoi* (later to be integrated into the [Saigoneer](#) platform). With 18 articles - from Q&A's to long-form - published to date; [Slow/ed/ing Architecture': When Architects Ruminates on Architecture Together](#) (2024), [Sweating for a Good Cause at the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation Walk in Hanoi](#) (2023), [Q&A: Nguyễn Quý Đức on Tadioto, Creative Pursuits, and How He Fell for Hanoi's Charms](#) (2022), [The Peculiar Gender Dynamics of Hanoi's Male-Dominated Cờ Tướng Scene](#) (2022), [In Điên Điên and Mutant Lounge Radio Shows, a Hidden Universe of Vietnam's Electronic Music](#) (2022), [Kilomet109's Thảo Vũ: 'Clothing Is a Language That You Can Write With'](#) (2021), [Ahead of the Hanoi Return of 'Les Misérables.' a Talk With Director Trần Ly Ly](#) (2021), [Can Street Art Help Restore One of Hanoi's Poorest Communities](#) (2021), [Hẻm Gems: Cù Rủ, an Old Saigon Bar That Took Root in Dalat](#) (2021), [Living From the Earth at Ninh Binh's Lá Library](#) (2021), [Meet Little Peanut, the Star of Hanoi's Experimental Puppetry Performances](#) (2021), [Noise as Material; Hanoi's Soundscapes Revisited](#) (2021), [The Unwavering Creative Gusto of Artist Mông Bích](#) (2021), [Q&A: Gallery Director Suzanne Lecht on the 'Gang of Five' and Building a House of Arts](#) (2021), [Culture Lab, a Creative Feast Spanning Disciplines, Media, and Even Physical Borders](#) (2020), [In 'Xem Đêm, Càng Đêm.' a Night Rendezvous Between Architecture and Visual Art](#) (2020), [Ngõ Nooks: A Stylish Urban Brew at the Effortlessly Hip Cà Thiều](#) (2020), [To Teach Children the Importance of Play, First Bring Playgrounds Back to Hanoi](#) (2020).

Dec 2023: Interviewer for the [Hanoi Undercurrents](#) podcast episode of [Timezones](#).

June 2020 - Mar 2022: Editor in chief of online publication *Urbanist Hanoi* ([Saigoneer](#)), Vietnam. Leading the publication and managing a group of contributing writers.

Oct 2021: Writer of the [Notes](#) self-published series.

Sept 2021: Reader of the [Can You Hear Me Smiling?](#) audiotales.

May 2021: Project coordinator and audio narrator of [The Lost Sandal](#) children's book.

March 2020: Editor of [Recipes for Life](#) self-published short stories collection.

Nov 2019: Co-author of [Street Art Today #2](#), updated, revised and expanded publication following from [Street Art Today #1](#).

May 2016: Co-author of [Street Art Today #1](#), an internationally distributed publication by [Lannoo](#) (BE). The book identifies current trends and styles found in contemporary street art practice.

Apr 2012 – Mar 2013: Online editor of [No New Enemies](#), an international network of artists and designers creating a support and promotional structure.

Other

Dec 2023 – Jun 2024: International coordinator for [radioPHONIX](#). Responsible for outer-Germany collaborations, productions and events.

Jun 2019: Event coordinator for [Global Underscore - Hanoi](#) (VN).

Apr 2019: Project coordinator for the Hanoi edition of [*BLIND SIGNAL VTNM - GRMN*](#). A sound art exchange composed of performances and installations.

Feb 2019: Workshop mediator at [*GUDSKUL*](#), Jakarta (ID). An introduction and practical application of documentary video and public art [*Jalanan Merekam / Recording Street Recording*](#).

Education

2004 – 2009 Bachelor of Fine Arts: Photography and Moving Images
[*l'Institut Supérieur d'Arts Plastiques*](#) - St Luc Tournai, Belgium

2007 3rd year of Bachelor of Arts and Creative Arts Diploma
[*The University of Melbourne*](#) - Melbourne, Australia

2003 Completion of V.C.E (high school certificate)
Mowbray College - Melbourne, Australia

What paid the rent

Australia: pharmacy assistant, Santa's little helper, dishwasher, barmaid (Carnarvon Hotel), call centre operator, waitress (Windsor, Greenworld), clothing sales (Myer), beer promotion girl, babysitter, supermarket checkout, photography model

Belgium: barmaid (Belladonne, l'Athenee, Coucou), toilet cleaner, art collection assistant, video store assistant, waitress (Chez Leon, Toast), events (BXL Jardin, Cat Club), clothing sales (Urban Outfitters)

Canada: massage centre manager, cloakroom

France: grape picker, clothing sales (Lee Cooper, H&M), waitress (Le Pub), inventory assistant

Germany: museum gift shop production, waitress (Entrecote)

Vietnam: content producer, waitress (The Republic), communications manager