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## MARIKA ASATIANI

subtle physical relationship between images and a viewer in the given space

In my recent and mainly photographic practice, I have been interested in approaching places as process, rather than something static and physical; exploring not only one position, one perspective, a fixed center but a passage, always in between; in between subjective and 'objective' modes of perception, where there is no one locality but relationship, which needs to be endlessly articulated. I have been trying to point at subtle human experiences, and ask the following –what is the meaning of words like 'space' and 'place'? What is space? Do you ever experience it? What is the relationship between these two. In our everyday lives we are cluttered with endless images, material objects, stories, etc., I became curious to explore not only the images/places as such, but hint at space that makes these places possible, something that is ever elusive and hard to pin down, since it is immaterial, intangible. Space along with everything else cannot be perceived or known without the perceiver; as a result, I have been steered in the direction of focusing on the perceiver, rather than what is perceived. In my experience, it is easiest (or even only possible) to feel the space or spaciousness through one's body, rather than mind (which is prone to fixing, differentiating, and labelling). Therefore, through different projects and visual content, I am frequently interested in creating works that make us reflexive of our own physical being in here and now, images, which are not so much a window into something or someplace else but bring your attention back to yourself. One becomes the subject of his/her experience as one is looking at the work. Ideally, it should be a direct and intimate experience, unmediated by conceptual knowledge, more sensed than rationally understood.

## WEBSITES

The online project 'Probe' by SuzeMaySho collective, Arnhem

[projectprobe.net/probe/11/1](http://projectprobe.net/probe/11/1)

Shown works owned by the Museum and Foundation of Photography in Modena, Italy

[www.fondazionefotografia.org/en/artista/marika-asatiani/#prettyPhoto](http://www.fondazionefotografia.org/en/artista/marika-asatiani/#prettyPhoto)

## EDUCATION

- 2009 - Visual Arts Amsterdam, Rijksacademie van
- 2010 Beeldende Kunsten diploma
  
- 2008 - Course in Contemporary Photography ICP
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- 2005 - Masterclass in Photography, Katharina
- 2005 Sieverding International Summer Akademie of Fine Arts, Salzburg, Austria
  
- 2001 - Advanced Course in Photography Central
- 2001 Saint Martins College of Art and Design
  
- 1999 - MA in Sociology London School of
- 2000 Economics and Political Science diploma

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 Explications 1.2 Tbilisi International Photo Festival Tbilisi, Georgia  
[www.tbilisiphotofestival.com/en/exhibition/explications-12/49/](http://www.tbilisiphotofestival.com/en/exhibition/explications-12/49/)  
 Solo
- 2019 Printing Plant Art Book Fair 2019 Looiersgracht 60 Amsterdam, Netherlands Participated with two artist books/objects: Restless, 2019, and On a Clear Day Nothing Ever Happens, 2019, as represented by Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten  
[www.looiersgracht60.org/calendar/event/printing-plant-art-book-fair-2019](http://www.looiersgracht60.org/calendar/event/printing-plant-art-book-fair-2019)  
 Group
- 2018 Green Screen Project Goleb, De Vlugt Amsterdam, Netherlands Open Studio  
[projectgoleb.wordpress.com](http://projectgoleb.wordpress.com)  
 Solo
- 2016 Seasons Gallery Nectar  
[www.gallerynectar.ge/view.php?id=56](http://www.gallerynectar.ge/view.php?id=56), Georgia  
[www.gallerynectar.ge/view.php?id=56](http://www.gallerynectar.ge/view.php?id=56)  
 Solo
- 2016 Artist Books Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten Library Amsterdam, Netherlands exhibition of Artist books  
[www.rijksakademie.nl/NL/collecties-bibliotheek/](http://www.rijksakademie.nl/NL/collecties-bibliotheek/)  
 Group
- 2016 Annarumma Gallery Bologna Art Fair Bologna, Italy photographic series Spot the Difference, 2016  
[www.instagram.com/annarummagallery/](http://www.instagram.com/annarummagallery/)  
 Group
- 2015 Strange Worlds Fondazione Fotografia Modena, Italy The exhibition deals with the representation of different worlds, may be near or far, where unusual stories are brought about by social, cultural, or religious context. According to the curator Filippo Maggia, "images on display create an exciting sequence of faces and traditions, an interactive mosaic, which is indeed the real and ultimate picture of our times".  
[www.fondazionefotografia.org/en/mostra/strange-](http://www.fondazionefotografia.org/en/mostra/strange-)

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

- 2015 Villa Strauli Winterthur, Switzerland Three month residency with an open studio and a solo exhibition [www.villastraeuli.ch/en/das-haus](http://www.villastraeuli.ch/en/das-haus)
- 2014 La Napoule Art Foundation La Napoule, France One month research residency  
[www.lnaf.org/residencies/](http://www.lnaf.org/residencies/)
- 2013 Contemporary Center for Arts - CCA Andrax Andrax, Spain Two month residency  
[www.ccandratx.com/en/c6/studios\\_6.html](http://www.ccandratx.com/en/c6/studios_6.html)

- 2014 Fragment of Time which is never recorded Contemporary Center for Arts -CCA Tbilisi Tbilisi, Georgia On Memory and History [www.cca.ge](http://www.cca.ge)  
Group
- 2014 Green Ray Villa Straeuli Winterthur, Switzerland The exhibition consisted of three works: Green Screen 2016, Untitled 2017, and Any Change is unlikely, 2017  
[www.villastraegli.ch/en/das-haus](http://www.villastraegli.ch/en/das-haus)  
Solo
- 2014 Focus Kunstmuseum Winterthur Winterthur, Switzerland  
[www.kmw.ch/ausstellungen/dezember-ausstellung-focus/](http://www.kmw.ch/ausstellungen/dezember-ausstellung-focus/)  
Group
- 2014 Just Add Water CCA Andtrax Andtrax, Spain JUST ADD WATER! presents a wide range of carefully selected works by approximately 20 international artists that have all used the subject of water in their own, characteristic and fascinating way. The exhibition explores the representation of water as a theme in a wide array of media including painting, video, drawing, photography and sculpture. Water is the precursor for all life and therefore it has been, is and always will be a motif of inspiration, awe, joy and fear. By highlighting how water can be used realistically, symbolically and metaphorically, the exhibition conveys and interprets the representation of water in inspiring and challenging ways. A flowing stream, a turbulent ocean or a calm lake can help us determine the overall mood of the artwork. The presence of water often has a deeper symbolic meaning, creating a feeling of pureness or life.  
[www.ccandratx.com/en/p332/agenda\\_12/just-add-water-nomes-amb-aigua.html](http://www.ccandratx.com/en/p332/agenda_12/just-add-water-nomes-amb-aigua.html)  
Group
- 2011 Marika Asatiani en Johannes van Assem ACF - Amsterdam Centrum voor Fotografie Amsterdam, Netherlands  
[www.acf-web.nl/marika-asatiani-en-johannes-van-assem-16-april-21-mei-2011/](http://www.acf-web.nl/marika-asatiani-en-johannes-van-assem-16-april-21-mei-2011/)

## SALES/WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

- 2018 Mandarin Tree Stamba Tbilisi, Georgië  
Video Loop, 30 sec, 2014
- 2017 Where is Everybody Tbilisi Photography  
Museum Tbilisi, Georgië Triptych,  
Where is Everybody, 2016
- 2017 Untitled KW - Kunstmuseum  
Winterthur Winterthur, Zwitserland  
Untitled, photographic work - Triptych,  
2016
- 2015 Achara Fondazione Fotografia Modena  
Modena, Italië Portraits from the series  
Achara
- 2015 Now and Then, I, Untitled, with Rebecca  
Digne Rijksakademie van Beeldende  
Kunsten Amsterdam, Nederland Artist  
books - Now and Then, I and Untitled,  
with Rebecca Digne.
- 2010 Achara Francesco Annarumma Naples,  
Italië from the series Achara, 2006

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 A Fragment of Memory which is never  
recorded Catalog CCA Tbilisi CCA Tbilisi  
Tbilisi, Georgia [www.cca.ge](http://www.cca.ge)
- 2015 Le Ville Matte Book Le Ville Matte Le Ville  
Matte Villasor, Italy  
[www.levillematte.it/redir.htm](http://www.levillematte.it/redir.htm) Publication  
created as a result of residency in Villasor,  
Italy
- 2015 2015 NOA (not only Arabic) Magazine III  
Book Mounira Al Solh Mounira Al Solh  
Amsterdam, Netherlands  
[www.mouniraalsolh.com/noa-not-only-arabic-magazine-iii](http://www.mouniraalsolh.com/noa-not-only-arabic-magazine-iii) NOA III was recently  
released at the 56th venice biennale "all the  
world's futures", curated by okwui enwezor.  
contributors include samar kanafani, rania  
jaber, federica bueti, antony di nardo,  
francis mc kee, bonaventure soh bejeng  
ndikung, ghalya saadawi, donatella bernardi  
and naomi gerstein among others. till 22nd  
november 2015, readings of NOA I, II and III  
are possible at the ASAC library situated in  
the Giardini, only by inscription (for NOA  
III), or by appointment (for NOA I & II).
- 2014 History Memory Identity Catalog Skira  
Filippo Maggia Modena, Italy  
[store.fondazionefotografia.org/prodotto/history-memory-identity/](http://store.fondazionefotografia.org/prodotto/history-memory-identity/) Contemporary  
photography from Eastern Europe

## REVIEWS

- 2018 White Hot Magazine Magazine Sara  
Burton New York, United States  
[whitehotmagazine.com/articles/isabella-burton-interviews-marika-asatiani/2691](http://whitehotmagazine.com/articles/isabella-burton-interviews-marika-asatiani/2691) interview

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2023 European Cultural Foundation Den Haag,  
Netherlands Follow up of Achara series  
after 16 years
- 2013 Travel grant, European Culture Foundation,  
Step Beyond Program Travel grant,  
European Culture Foundation, Step Beyond  
Program Amsterdam Travel grant,  
European Culture Foundation, Step Beyond  
Program
- 2012 Work budget Fonds BKVB, Amsterdam

(Mondriaan Fonds) Amsterdam,  
Netherlands Project funding for six months

2010 Sponsorship Dutch Ministry of Foreign  
Affairs (ICE) Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Sponsorship of my stay at the  
Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten

2007 Camera Austria International Award City of  
Graz - Photography Journal Camera Austria  
Graz, Austria Bi-Annual International Award  
in Photography by City of Graz, organized  
by Camera Austria Photography Journal

## SECONDARY ART-RELATED ACTIVITIES

2017 - Teaching Informal Master's students at  
2017 CCA Tbilisi, Georgia

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where is everybody, 2018  
Digital C-Print, 70x45cm



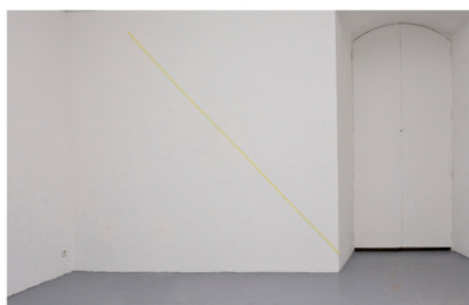
Black and Red, 2018  
digital c print, 60x40



practising landscape, 2018  
digital c print, 54x36



mandarin tree, 2017  
30 sec video loop



the door imperceptibly ajar, 2017  
scotch tape, 250 cm



Green Ray, 2017, Lambda prints, composed of 5-7 images, 70x54

green ray, 2017  
digital c print, 70x54



in between the screens, 2017  
lambda prints, 41x27



A Walk, 2016  
Digital C-print, variable



Untitled, 2016  
Digital C print, 40x60



possible moment of impossibility, 2016, installation with five  
digital prints, 54x36 cm, 2016

possible moment of impossibility, 2016  
digital c prints, 54x36