

An aerial photograph of a coastal road with several cars. A red dot in the sky represents a drone. The title 'RADIUS: THE GAZE BEYOND VISION' is overlaid on the image.

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a work by Ibrahim Quraishi

sound: Oliver Baurhenn

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Location Lijnbaansgracht 314, 1018 WZ Amsterdam





Radius: The Gaze Beyond Vision makes a powerful statement in the discourse on the ontology and epistemology of machines as witnesses to the human condition.

It explores themes of surveillance, war, and the evolving aesthetics of these phenomena through the lens of primitive, almost analogue sound and visual technology. This work delves into the cognitive presence of drones and the unsettling implications of their dual role as both observers and participants.

The journey began in 2016, when footage was captured via a homemade drone navigating a restricted zone amidst a devastated landscape in the Arabian desert.

Forbidden to physically enter the area, the artist (Ibrahim Quraishi) relied on drone technologies to pierce the barriers of surveillance culture. This creative subversion revealed a chilling portrait of ecological and human tragedies interwoven with the mechanisms of war.





The exhibit is designed with layered projections, soundscapes, and a dynamic interplay between the observer and the observed. The visitors introduce noise to the world of communicating machines. They introduce aberration to static or stoic world of digital realm.

In Radius: The Gaze Beyond Vision, the installation moves beyond traditional visual frames, employing sound as a vehicle for transmitting images and interpreting the drone's perspective.

What does the drone "see," and how might it "think" in the space it occupies? These questions lie at the core of this work, where the focus shifts from mere observation to active engagement with the drone's own potential cognitive realm inside a pneumatic, structure that is all encompassing, inflatable and stabilized by pressured air.



Ibrahim Quraishi

Born in Nairobi, Kenya in 1973

Lives and works in Berlin and Amsterdam

"Quraishi is a visual artist whose work encompasses various mediums: primarily such as analogue photography, photo painting, video, film, immersive media, architectural sculptures and performance installations. Quraishi is characterised by a nomadic existence and divides his time between several cities between Europe and the Middle East. He consciously explores the dynamics of migration." This is what ARTNET Survey list 2017 of the most interesting artists working in Europe wrote. Coming from a mixed background, of South Arabian, Uzbek and Pakistani origins with US and French nationalities, Quraishi's approach to the world is that of a traveler.

He works with various media on his primary interest: the exploration of visual performativity in diverse cultural perspectives. His creative work, researching and teaching covers simultaneously various cities and spaces, such as Lumen Travo in Amsterdam; Crone Galerie in Berlin; Sharjah Arts Foundation, Sharjah; MOCA: Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei; Institut du Monde Arabe Paris; Mediations Biennale Polska, Poznań; Parliament of Bodies DOCUMENTA 14, Kassel; Kochi-Muziris Biennale Kerala; National Museum Singapore; Africa Center, Cape-Town; Kunsthalle Vienna; Japan Foundation Tokyo; 4th Baku International Biennale; Rubin Museum of Arts New York; PRPGND: Galeria Propaganda Warsaw / Pavilion 02 Venice; Museo Nacional de Arte Mexico City; Asia Society, New York; Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, North Adams among others.



Oliver Baurhenn

Born in Germany in 1970

Lives and works in Berlin

Oliver Baurhenn is a German curator, sound expert, and festival organizer working at the intersection of experimental music, digital culture, and contemporary art. Since 2002, he has been one of the three artistic directors of CTM – Festival for Adventurous Music and Related Arts, shaping its international reputation for cutting-edge sound and media practices. His curatorial work explores the evolving relationship between technology, sound, and society, often bridging underground and institutional contexts.

With a background in literary and cultural studies, he investigates sound as an auditory and spatial element in visual art. As a co-founder of Kunstruimte-Berlin and General Public, he collaborates with international artists to expand the role of sound in exhibitions. His expertise is reflected in European projects such as SoCCoS – Sound of Culture – Culture of Sound and SHAPE+, supporting emerging sound and media artists.

Baurhenn has organized numerous exhibitions, performances, and interdisciplinary projects across Europe, collaborating with museums, festivals, and cultural institutions. As a Sound Supervisor, he shapes the acoustic experience of exhibitions and artworks, with notable projects including Blackland at the Egyptian Museum Berlin. His collaborations with institutions like ORF, nGbK, and international festival platforms establish him as a key figure in contemporary sound and media art.

