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As an artist, filmmaker, networker, Cheang constructs networked installation and multi-player performance in participatory impromptu mode. She drafts sci-fi narratives in her film scenario and artwork imagination. She builds social interface with transgressive plots and open network that permits public participation. Engaged in media activism for two decades (the 80s and 90s) in New York city, Cheang concluded her NYC period with the first Guggenheim museum web art commission/collection BRANDON (1998-1999). She made two feature films, FRESH KILL (premiered at Berlin Film festival, 1994) and I.K.U. (premiered at Sundance film festival, 2000). Since her relocation to Eurozone in 2000, Cheang has been staging large scale performative works in collaboration and taking on installation art projects including 3 part Locker Baby Project (2001-2012) and UKI viral performance viral game (2009-2014). Currently situated in post-crash BioNet zone, Cheang takes on viral love, bio hack in her current cycle of works.

## **PROJECTS and EXHIBITIONS –**

### **NET. INSTALLATION. INTERFACE. WEB. DIGITAL. PERFORMANCE. FILM.**

#### **2015**

Curator **STWST48- crashing the information in 48 hours**, for Stadtwerkstatt, in association with Ars Electronica, Linz, Austria.

Part of London-based AHRC funded research project - **BODIES OF PLANNED OBSOLESCENCE** digital performance and the global politics of electronic waste.

Organized by The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, London

Guest chief editor for **Changer L'argent- We grow money, we eat money, we shit money** published by MCD, Magazine des Cultures Digitales, Paris.

#### **2014**

**FLUIDØ**, casting call as performance, Vorspiel, transmediale, Berlin

**UKI performance**, Sight&Sound, Eastern Bloc, Montreal.

**Composting the net** at DAKAR Biennale, Senegal.

**Seeds Underground** at FIELDS, Riga, Latvia

**The soft, the hard and the wet** residency & performance, as curator for STWST, Linz.

**Typing, Reading**, two video published at Seditonart.com

**CRISISRUS by LaptopsRus**, Alpha nova-kulturwerkstatt & Galerie futura Berlin.

**UKI enter the BioNet**, Píksel Festival, Norway

#### **2013**

**UKI viral love**, exhibition Furtherfield gallery, London.

**Composting the city | Composting the net** – performance at transmediale, Berlin & New Media Culture ART+COMMUNICATION 2013, Riga, Latvia

**CRISISRUS by LaptopsRus**, perform at Píksel (Norway), Vision'R (Paris)

#### **2012**

**Composting the city** – launched composting system with resource, transmediale.

**Le Graine et La Compost** – residency at Gaité Lyrique, Paris

**BABY WORK**, installation, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Locker Baby Project, commissioned by Remediating the Social – Inspace, University of Edinburgh and Zero1 Biennale, San Jose.

**MOVING FOREST** London edition with Cultural Studies, Goldsmiths College & Chelsea College of Arts

**CYCLEX** media art and farming initiative, Andes, New York, USA

### 2011

**Stormy weather stirred** - a teapot for MzTEK - ChiTek -V&A museum, London

**UKI** viral game, in development with medialab Prado (Madrid) & LABoral (Gijón)

**UKI** viral performance, launch live code live spam tour, performing in Rome, Berlin, Bilbao and Reina Sofia Museum in Madrid.

### 2010

**UKI** a viral game, in development with PLAYLAB at medialab PRADO, Madrid.

**GREEN RUSH**, a project sharing food talking series based in Paris.

### 2009

**in the city of Sofia 1989-2009**, DVD, installation .Move, Halle, Germany.

**UKI** a viral performance, artist residency at Hangar lab Barcelona.

**LAPTOPSRUS**, collective women live performers' network project.

### 2008

**HAIL THE REVOLUTION DOWN THE SOUP KITCHEN**, installation, FACT,  
**MOVING FOREST** collective performance with AKA the CASTLE, Transmediale 08.

**AGLIOMANIA** web/ installation L'Impresa dell'Arte, Palazzo delle Arti Napoli

**EXPLICIT EXPRESS** - *i am you are high on milk* (performance), Arteleku, Spain

### 2007

**MOBIOPERA** collective public mobilephone cinema, Sundance Film Festival New Frontier.

### 2006

**PORTA2030** by **TAKE2030**, performative urgency network exercise. Node London..

**PLENUM** by **KOP in collaboration with xxxxx**, 12 hour plenary session, NodeLondon.

### 2005

**BABY LOVE**, wifi mobile installation, Palais de Tokyo, Paris

**LOVEME2030** DVD fiction (30:00) Paris edition, Movie Japan commission.

**FLUID** installation, Detox festival at Kunsternes Hus, Oslo, Norway.

### 2004

**RICHAIR2030** by **TAKE2030**, wifi roaming performance, toured 10 European cities

**MILK** web, 56K bastard TV commission, Switzerland.

**FLUID** installation, Detox festival at Sorlandets Kunstmuseum, Norway.

**TRAMJAM RUSH HOUR** by **Mumbai Streaming Attack**, touring performance.

### 2003

**INTER---MISSION, THE BALLAD of (UN)DESIRABLE**, installation, HGKZ,  
**ROLL OVER, CHINA DOLL** installation/performance, MissChina Nuit Blanche2003.

**PLATINUM SNAPMEAT**, performance event, OUT FESTIVAL2003, Los Angeles.

**GARLIC=RICH AIR 2030**, net installation, Limbo Zone, Venice Biennale.

**RICHAIR2030** performance/ installation, Zone of Urgency, Venice Biennale.

**BURN** interface/installation, FACT (Liverpool, UK), Zone of Urgency, Venice Biennale.

### 2002

**GARLIC=RICHAIR**, public network project, Creative Time, New York

**HUMANMATERIALMACHINEFACTOR** artist as mentor, DASARTS, Amsterdam

**DRIVE BY DINING** installation/performance, Wireless Browser day , Amsterdam  
**STOP** website, Amnesty International  
**APT.** website, xcult **Shrink to Fit**, Switzerland

## 2001

**KINGDOM OF PIRACY** net project, co-curation with Armin Medosch, Yukiko Shikata  
**EVERYONE IS AN EXPERT**, Interface/installation, Make-World Festival (Munich)  
**EXPAND** , web, Shopping Window net art exhibition, www.telepolis.de (Germany)  
**BABY PLAY**, net worked installation, NTT[ICC] InterCommunication Center (Tokyo)

## 2000

**I.K.U.** scifi feature, produced by Uplink Tokyo, premiered Sundance Film Festival.  
**CARRY ON** web installation, International Woman University IFU (Hanover)

## 1998-1999

**BRANDON**, one year web project with installation, The Guggenheim Museum and Waag Society .

## 1997

**BUY ONE GET ONE** networked installation, NTT[ICC] Biennale, Tokyo

## 1996

**ELEPHANT CAGE BUTTERFLY LOCKER,,** public net art project (Okinawa & Tokyo)

## 1995

**BOWLING ALLEY** net worked installation, Walker Art Center (Minneapolis)

## 1994

**FRESH KILL** 35mm feature film. Berlin Film Festival. Whitney Biennial, Channel 4 (UK)

## 1993

**TO ENTER** installation, The Final Frontier, The New Museum of Contemporary Art

## 1992

**THOSE FLUTTERING OBJECTS OF DESIRE** ,*installation*, Exit Art , Whitney Biennial.

## 1991

**THE AIRWAVES PROJECT** installation, Capp Street Project, San Francisco.

## 1990

**COLOR SCHEMES**, installation, Whitney Museum of American Art.  
**WILL BE TELEVISED**, 5 part video documents of Asia's social movement, DDTV

## 1989

**MAKING NEWS MAKING HISTORY** installation, American Film Institute, ICP, NYC

## *80s in New York City*

**PAPER TIGER TV (1980-1990)**, public access TV, producing member.  
**DEEP DISH TV (1984-1990)**, public access satellite TV, producing member.

## PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Baby Love (2005), DSL collection, Paris.

BRANDON (1998-1999), The Guggenheim Museum, New York  
 Buy One Get One (1997), NTT[ICC] InterCommunication Center, Tokyo  
 Bowling Alley (1995), Walker Art Center Gallery 9, Minneapolis  
 Color Schemes (1986), Museum of Modern Art, New York  
 The Trial of Tilted Arc (1985), Museum of Modern Art, New York

## **SELECTED EXHIBITION**

Watermans art center, London, UK 2015  
 FIELDS exhibition, RiXC, Riga Latvia 2014  
 FURTHERFIELD gallery exhibition 2013  
 Composting the city|Composting the net, transmediale 2012-2013  
 BABY WORK ZERO1 Biennale 2012  
 UKI at la internacional cuir, Museo Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid 2011  
 UKI at MEM festival, Biabao, 2011  
 UKI at Porn Film Festival, Berlin 2011  
 UKI at Live Performers Meetng, Rome, 2011  
 UKI at Piksel, Bergen, Norway, 2010  
 Agliomania at Wealth of Nations, Spike Island, Bristol, UK., 2010  
 Milk+, Videotage, Hong Kong, 2010  
 Mutante, Emmetrop, Bourges, France, 2010  
 Move, Halle, Germany, 2009  
 Wealth of Nations, Novi Sad, Serbia, 2009  
 Women's work, Osage Gallery, Hong Kong, 2008  
 Agliomania at PAN, Palazzo delle Arti Napol, 2008  
 TAKE2030 at Waves, HMKV Dortmund, 2008  
 Metamorphosing Female, Osage gallery, Shanghai , Hong Kong 2008  
 MobiOpera, Sundance Film Festival 2007, LA OUT festival 2007.  
 BABYLOVE, PALAIS DE TOKYO, Paris , National Taiwan Museum of Art, ISEA San Jose  
 01 festival, Chelsea Art Musuem New York, Experimental playground Melbourne,  
 Sydney, Perth and Rogaland Kunstmuseum, Norway (2005- 08)  
 THE ART FORMERLY KNOWN AS NEW MEDIA, The Banff New Media Institute, 2005  
 RHIZOME ARTBASE 101 @ The New Museum, 2005  
 NTT[ICC], OPEN NATURE, Tokyo, (Spring, 2005).  
 FLUID, Sorlandets Kunstmuseum and Kunstnernes Hus, Oslo, Norway (2004 - 2005)  
 TAKE2030 at VIPER FESTVIAL (October 2004)  
 TRAMJAM at DEAF ( Rotterdam 2004)  
 VENICE BIENNIAL (June, 2003), Z.O.U. (Zone of Urgency) curated by Hou Hanru.  
 HARDCORE (February, 2003), Palais de Tokyo, Paris, curated by Jerome Sans.  
 NEW MEDIA LOUNGE (February, 2003) The FACT Center, Liverpool.  
 UNPLUGGED, ARS ELECTRONICA (2002), Linz, Austria  
 METROPOLIS (2002), Chicago Art Fair.  
 AIMII: LUNA PARK PROJECT (2002), Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), LA  
 SCIFI DIGI PORN (2001) , Julia Friedman Gallery, Chicago  
 IKU (2000), premiered at Sundance Film Festival. Selected Screenings: Fantasia Film  
 Festival; Montreal; Nat Film Festival; Copenhagen; Asian CineVision Festival; New York;  
 Ars Electronica, Linz; Institute of Contemporary Art, ICA; London; Wexner Center for  
 the Arts, Ohio; "Body as Byte", Kunstmuseum Luzern, Switzerland; Creteil Femme Film  
 Festival, Independent Film Festival, Argentina; "City of Women" , Slovene national  
 Cinematheque, Ljubljana; Mix Brasil; Mediarama, Electronic Art & New Technologies  
 Festival, Seville, Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporáneo; Museo Nacional Centro de  
 Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid .  
 Dystopia and Identity in the Age of Global Communication (2000), Tribe Gallery, NYC  
 FLUID (2000), The Project, gallery installation, New York, Taipei Fine Art Museum Biennale  
 TOKYO IKU (2000), gallery installation, Ota Fine Arts, Tokyo  
 THEATRUM ANATOMICUM (1998-1999), installation, Amsterdam

JOHANNESBURG BIENNALE ( (1997)

NTT [ICC] BIENNALE (1997), Tokyo.

FRESH KILL, Those Fluttering Objects of Desire, WHITNEY BIENNALE (1993, 1995), NYC  
 COLOR SCHEMES, WHITNEY MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART (1990), New York

### **FELLOWSHIP, PRIZES, GRANTS, HONORS, RESIDENCIES**

2014 UKI enter the bionet, Interactive Experience grant Pictanovo, France  
 2013 residency with ALOTOF, [A Laboratory On The Open Fields] at OKNO, Brussels  
 2013 Eleanore residency, Linz, Austria  
 2012 Artist in residency, APO33, Nantes, France  
 2011 Artist in residency, Plataforma Cero, Gijón, Spain  
 2010 - 2011 Artist in residency, medialab-Prado, Madrid  
 2009 Artist in residency, Hangar media lab, Barcelona.  
 2009 Artist in Residency with EMARE program, Sofia, Bulgaria.  
 2005-2006 Culture Ministry France, Cite des Arts residency  
 2003-2004-2005-2006 Arts Council England.  
 2002, Challenge to the Field Award, Lyn Blumenthal Memorial Fund  
 2001, Civitella Ranieri Fellowship, artist-in-residency, Italy Fellowship, Japan  
 research residency, Asian Cultural Council  
 2000, MARS Exploratory Media Lab, GMD Institut für Medienkommunikation Germany  
 2000, innovative filmmaker of outstanding achievement, Mix Festival, New York  
 1998-1999, The Mondriaan Foundation , the Ministry for Cultural Affairs in Holland, The  
 Bohem Foundation, The New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, Artist in  
 Residency, Amsterdams Fonds voor de Kunst, Master Artist Residency, Institute on the  
 Arts and Civic Dialogue, Harvard University  
 1997, Computer Arts Fellowship, the New York Foundation for the Arts.  
 Awarded second prize and permanent collection, NTT[ICC] Biennale 1996, Moving  
 Images Installation and Interactive Media Fellowship, the Rockefeller Foundation  
 Artist-in-residency, Pop, Mass and Sub', Banff Center for the Arts  
 1995, Installation grants, AT&T New Voice/New Vision, Walker Art Center  
 1994, Visual Artist Fellowship, National Endowment for the Arts  
 1992-1993 Film/Video Fellowship, The Rockefeller Foundation  
 ITVS (Independent Television Service) and Channel Four, UK. Film production grants,  
 New York State Council on the Arts ; American Film Institute

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## **RECENT PANEL AND LECTURES**

- \*Presenting MCD issue#76 at European Media Art Festival 2015 -IRONY IN MEDIA ART - SUBVERSIVE INTERVENTIONS
- \*Join the panel discussion on identities at refrag:glitch at Parsons, Paris, 2015
- \*Video dialogues and lecture presentation with FemTechNet at OCAD, Toronto, 2013
- Art Create Change, OCAD, Toronto, 2012
- \*Presenting composting the net at Transmediale 2012
- \*Tech & Gender, medialab Prado, 2011
- \*Empyre forum on piracy, 2011
- \*LaptopsRus, conference, Reina Sofia Museum, Madrid, 2010
- \*"Let's be professional !" (F\*\*k Me!), Seminar at MACBA, Barcelona, 2009
- \* 'UKI game', workshop for game script development, La Casa Encendida, Madrid, 2009
- \*L'art c'est le mix.', Beaux Arts, Bourges, France, 2008
- \* "Reclaiming Spaces for Participation: Strategies for interfacing urban space and community media", Mal au pixel seminar, Paris, 2008
- \*ISEA artist project review panel, Singapore edition, 2008
- \* "New cultural networks", Stifo@Sandberg, Amsterdam, 2007
- \* "Migration, Empire, Transformation" UCLA mellon fellowships in the Humanities, 2007
- \* "Mapping the New Frontier" Sundance Film Festival, Utah 2007
- \* "OPEN and FREE" conference, SINICA, Taipei, Taiwan 2007
- \* "Sites and para-sites: networking art " ICA, Node London 2006
- \* "Observatoire des nouveaux medias", ENSBA, Paris 2006
- \* "Enfant Terrible", LOST GENDER – The world after sexes, Hesse Art Academy, 2006
- \* "How I got fucked in Norway, snowed in Swiss, kissed in Paris and driven crazy by Babylove" Transgression panel, Transmediale 2006
- \*Fictional installation toward WiFitopia", l'Ecole Nationale Supérieure des arts decorative, 2006
- \* "The Art and Politics of netporn", panelist, Institute of network cultures, Amsterdam
- \* "Dated2030" and "BodyWorks", Kodak lecture series, Ryerson University, Toronto, 2005

\* New Media Fellowship review panel, Rockefeller Foundation, New York, 2005

\* "Mobile connections", panel, Futuresonic 2004.

### **URLs**

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Project based website	
FLUIDØ	<a href="http://fluidthemovie.com">http://fluidthemovie.com</a>
Seeds underground	<a href="http://seedsunderground.net/">http://seedsunderground.net/</a>
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Agliomania	<a href="http://www.agliomania.com/">http://www.agliomania.com/</a>
Moving Forest	<a href="http://www.movingforest.net/">http://www.movingforest.net/</a>
MobiOpera	<a href="http://mobiopera.mobi">http://mobiopera.mobi</a>
BABYLOVE	<a href="http://babylove.biz">http://babylove.biz</a>
MILK	<a href="http://www.xcult.org/milk/">http://www.xcult.org/milk/</a>
TAKE2030	<a href="http://www.take2030.net">http://www.take2030.net</a>
Kingdom of Piracy	<a href="http://kop.kein.org">http://kop.kein.org</a>
TRAMJAM RUSH HOUR	<a href="http://www.tramjam.net">http://www.tramjam.net</a>
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