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Born in Prague (Czechoslovakia ) in 1973

Lives and works in Prague.

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## BIOGRAPHY

Zbyněk Baladrán is an author, visual artist and curator. He studied art history at the Charles University Philosophical Faculty in Prague from 1992-1996, and from 1997-2003 at the Prague Academy of Fine Arts in the studio of visual communication. He is one of the co-founders and a curator of Galerie display, which was established in Prague in 2001, and in 2007 merged with tranzit.cz into tranzitdisplay, where he continues to oversee the exhibition program. He is also the co-curator, with Vít Havranek, of the project and exhibitions Monument to Transformation, a 3-year research project on social transformation that was presented in 2009 at the Prague City Gallery, and which traveled to several other locations in Europe later this year. Baladrán was also a part of the team of curators (tranzit.org) for Manifesta 8, Murcia, Spain in 2010. His artworks can be characterized as the search for links between the past and its construction in relation to the prevailing epistemological patterns. His works are represented in various international private and public collections.

## AWARDS & GRANTS

2013	Audi Awards for New Positions, Art Cologne
2008	artist in residence, Zacheta, Warsaw
2007	artist in residence, PROGR, Bern
2006	artist in residence, MQ, Vienna
2004	developmental grant of tranzit

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2015      *Socio-fiction*, Institut of Contemporary Art, Sofia, Bulgaria  
*Contingent propositions*, Půda, Jihlava, Czech Republic  
*Contingent propositions*, Gandy, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2014      *Dead Reckoning*, CAC Synagogue de Delme, Delme, France  
*Zbyněk Baladrán, The Measures Taken*, cur. by Emily Barsi, Kunstraum München, Munich, Germany  
Audi Awards for New Positions, Art Cologne  
*Zbyněk Baladrán, -map-fire-word-end-*, Artothek, Raum für junge Kunst, Cologne, Germany
- 2013      *Difficulties*, DADS, Liberec, Czech Republic  
*The Microscope and the Periscope of time*, Fotograf gallery, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Always the Same Place*, a joint project with Petra Feriancova, curated by Marek Pokorný, Pavilion of the Czech and Slovak Republics, 55th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy  
*Preliminary report*, Galerie Jocelyn Wolff, Paris, France
- 2012      *Without Any Assumptions*, Gandy gallery, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2011      *The Nervous System*, along with Jiří Kovanda, Milano Kunstverein, Milano, Italy  
*What I do not see*, tranzit workshops, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2009      *Cognitive maps*, Hunt Kastner Artworks, Praha, Czech Republic
- 2008      *Crunch time*, Castillo/Corales, Paris, France  
*What History do they represent?*, along with Vangelis Vlahos, Blow de la Barra, London, UK  
*Instruments of uncertainty*, House of Art, Č.Budějovice, Czech Republic
- 2007      *Glossary*, Secession Vitrine, Wien, Austria  
*Vocabulary*, Old City Hall Gallery, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Table, M.toT. Fragment #3*, Moravian Gallery, Brno, Czech Republic
- 2004      *zazděný vchod*, Moravian Gallery, Brno, Czech Republic  
*theory/praxis/exposition*, DPzK, Brno, Czech Republic
- 2002      *Warianta C*, with Erik Binder, Open gallery, Bratislava, Slovakia  
*Target Group*, performance with Tomas Svoboda, part of presentation of Umelec, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France
- 2001      8, Galerie Eskort, Brno, Czech Republic  
10, Galerie Eingang, Ostrava, Czech Republic  
019, Galerie Jeleni, Praha, Czech Republic
- 2000      *Diorama*, BJ Case, Komunardu Street, Praha, Czech Republic

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2017 *Strange Days*, Le Plateau-FRAC Ile-de-France, Paris, France  
*The Garden sees*, Magaron, Athens, Greece  
*Don't Worry Boy*, Forum Box, Helsinki, Finland  
*Czechoslovakia / A Critical Reader*, Gandy Gallery, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2016 *What should have a frame and what already has one*, Entrance Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic  
*Transaction, Coderood & tranzitdisplay*, Sonsbeek, Arnhem, Netherlands  
*Independent Research of Subjectivity*, 4+4 Days in Motion festival, Prague, Czech Republic  
*THIRD MIND. Jiří Kovanda and the (Im)Possibility of Collaboration*, Trade Fair Palace, Prague, Czech Republic  
*Biafra of Spirit: Third World Students in Czechoslovakia*, tranzit.sk, Bratislava, Slovakia  
*Notes on a European Language*, State of Concept, Athens, Greece  
*MUSEUM (SCIENCE) FICTIONS*, Centre Pompidou/Espace Prospectif, Paris, France  
*L'Economie de la tension*, Le Parc Saint Léger, Centre d'art contemporain, Pougues-les-Eaux, France  
*The promise of total automation*, Kunsthalle Wien Museumsquartier, Wien, Austria
- 2015 *Ocean of Images, New Photography 2015*, MoMA, New-York, USA  
*A model of the world*. Film Program curated by Simone Menegoi Galerie Jocelyn Wolff, Paris, France  
*Le fil et les traces*. Film program curated by Eline Grignard, Galerie Jocelyn Wolff, Paris, France
- 2014-2015 *Selective memory: Artists in archive*, The Lewis Glucksman Gallery, Cork, Ireland  
*Curatorial project: who in my place*, Plato, Ostrava, Czech Republic  
*Comet/Kometa*, FUTURA, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2014 *Report on the Construction of the Spaceship Module*, New Museum, New York, USA  
Artothek Cologne, Germany
- 2013 *Memories of the Future II*, Dům umění, Brno, Czech Republic  
*Film as sculpture*, Wiels Contemporary Art Center, Brussels, Belgium  
*Nouvelles impressions de Raymond Roussel*, Palais de Tokyo, Paris  
*As the World Turns All Things Turn Away*, HuntKastner Artworks, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2012 *The 7th Seoul International Media Art Biennale*, Seoul, South Korea  
*Les Ateliers Biennale D'Art Contemporain de Rennes*, Rennes, France  
*The 2nd Ural Industrial Biennial*, Ekaterinburg, Russia  
*Conjuring for Beginners*, project arts centre, Dublin, Ireland  
*Cartographies*, La Caixa, Barcelona, Spain  
*Economy Picasso*, Museu Picasso, Barcelona, Spain  
*Homo Mathematicus*, NTK, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Aire de Lyon*, Fundación Proa, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
*The Islands of Resistance*, National Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic  
*Pokus-omyl-oprava*, City Surfer, Praha, Czech Republic  
*How to look at everything*, The Common Guild, Glasgow, UK  
*From the closed world to the infinite universe*, Le Quartier, Quimper, France  
*State of Affairs*, AMT Project, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2011 *Unchronie*, Galerie u Bílého jednorozce, Klatovy, Czech Republic  
*a terrible beauty is born*, 11e Biennale de Lyon, Lyon, France  
*Les amis de mes amis sont mes amis, hommage a Ján Mančuška*, Jocelyn Wolff, Paris, France

*Gallery by Night*, Studio Gallery, Budapest, Hungary  
*Mutující médium*, Rudolfinum, Prague, Czech Republic

- 2010
- No ifs, no buts*, Depo, Istanbul, Turkey  
*U dUbU tU bUdU*, Školská 28, Prague, Czech Republic  
*Collected reflections*, Entrance, Prague, Czech Republic  
*Raising Dust - Encounters in Relational Geography*, Calvert 22, London, UK  
*Step by step*, Gandy Gallery, Bratislava, Slovakia  
*Uberblendungen*, Shedhalle, Zurich, Germany  
*Velkoměstská periferie*, KGVU, Zlín, Czech Republic  
*Why do we resist?*, Pori Taidemuseo / Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland  
*Watchmen, Liars, Dreamers (Erudition concrete 3)*, FRAC Ile-de-France Le Plateau, Paris, France  
*Epilogue 1*, Maisterravalbuena, Madrid, Spain  
*Akce Zet*, Emil Filla Gallery, Ústí nad Labem, Czech Republic  
*Dust, ashes and residua*, Open Space, Wien, Austria  
*EGO*, Langhans Gallery, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Formate der Transformation 89-09*, Museum auf Abruf, Wien, Austria  
*Comrades of time*, Pavilion Unicredit, Bucharest, Romania  
*The Romance of my Young Days, the Future of my Nostalgia*, Central Slovakian Gallery, Banská Bystrica
- 2009
- Formáty transformace*, Dům umění, Brno, Czech Republic  
*The Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art*, The Situation, Moscow, Russia  
*Bertha von Suttner Revisited*, Harmannsdorf, Austria  
*Any Instant Whatever*, Bunkier Sztuki, Krakow, Poland  
*7a bienal do mercosul*, Mercosul  
*Expanded City*, 13th Media Art Biennale, Wrocław, Poland  
*Farimani at Starr Space*, Starr Space, New York, USA  
*Le Troisième Lieu / Der Dritte Ort / The Third Place*, Grazer Kunstverein, Graz, Austria  
*Blind Spots*, Akademie der bildenden Künste Wien, Vienna, Austria
- 2008
- Atomized*, De Veemvloer, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*Finalists of J. Chaloupecký Award*, DU Brno, Czech Republic  
*Gyumri Biennial*, Gyumri  
*Try again, fail again, fail better*, Műcsarnok, Budapest, Hungary  
*Rendezvous nowhere*, Montehermoso, Vitoria-Gasteiz  
*The Provocation of the Real*, National Center for the Arts, Mexico, Mexico  
*Where the East ends*, Nassauischer Kunstverein, Wiesbaden, Germany  
*Triennial of young Artists*, City gallery, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Be a Happy Worker: Work-to-Rule*, G-MK, Zagreb, Croatia  
*Another City*, Zacheta, Warszawa, Poland  
*The Archive*, Prometeo gallery, Milano, Italy  
*Same Democracy*, Neon>Campobase, Bologna, Italy  
*videoart.cz*, projectSPACE, Bratislava, Slovakia  
*Fusion Confusion*, Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany
- 2007
- PASSAGES, PASSAGEN, PASAZE*, Gandy Gallery, Bratislava, Slovakia  
*October, Exit, Memory and Desire*, Artra gallery, Milano, Italy  
*Finalists of J. Chaloupecký Award*, Roxy, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Why do you Resist?*, Forum Stadtpark, Graz, Austria  
*Simple Living*, Brukenthal Museum, Sibiu, Romania  
*Stalking With Stories*, Apexart, New York, USA  
*Sklerotische Nachtbar/i/n*, 2 Gallery, Schloss Wolkersdorf, Austria  
*invisible things*, trafo gallery, Budapest, Hungary  
*Synonyma*, MtT 1989-1968-2009, Index, Stockholm, Sweden  
*Prague biennale 3 - der prozess*, Prague, Czech Republic

*Punctum*, Futura, Praha, Czech Republic

- 2006 *The Other City*, screening program, Trafo, Budapest, Hungary  
*F/acts/figures*, exhibition artwalk, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*Auditorium, Stage, Backstage*, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, Germany  
*Pozvao sam par prijatelja da bace pogled*, nova gallery, Zagreb, Croatia  
*Closely Observed Plans*, tranzit workshops, Bratislava, Slovakia  
*Zbynek Baladran - Carlos Casas - Alice Guareschi*, Neon>fdv, Milano, Italy  
*Archeology of today?*, Kosova Art Gallery-Museum in Prishtina, Kosovo  
*Indikace*, Jungmanova 21, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Donaumonarchie*, Billboard project, Bratislava, Slovakia  
*Věčné stavy*, Karlín Studios, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Vangelis Vlahos project*, Els Hanappe Underground, Athens, Greece
- 2005 *1811197604122005*, Galeria Plan B, Cluj  
*Turbulence*, Museum Kampa, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Finalists of J. Chalupecký Award*, City Gallery Prague, Czech Republic  
*Praguebiennale2 - definition of everyday*, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Fifth Biennial of young Artists*, City gallery Praha, Czech Republic  
*The Need to Document*, Kunsthau Baselland, Muttenz, Switzerland  
*Insiders*, Futura, Praha, Czech Republic
- 2004 *Insiders*, DpK, Brno, curated by P. Morganová, Czech Republic  
*Finalists of J. Chalupecký Award*, Brno House of Art, Brno, Czech Republic  
*Spacecamp*, Kolowratský palác, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Prague and Dresden*, Kunstforum Ostdeutsche Galerie, Regensburg, Germany  
*Manifesta 5*, Donostia-San Sebastián  
*Breakthrough*, Grote Kerk, Den Haag, Netherlands  
*Interkosmos 2004*, Raster, Warszawa, Poland
- 2003 *Kompression*, Wedding, Berlin, Germany  
*Paradies*, with Tomas Svoboda, Bunker, Alexanderplatz, Berlin, Germany  
*Survey 03*, Futura, Praha, Czech Republic  
Ceskoslovensko, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2002 *Architektura*, GJF, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Premiere vue*, Passage de Retz, Paris, France  
*Uhlopricka*, Galerie Eskort, Brno, Czech Republic  
*Wechselstube*, der-ausstellungsraum, Stuttgart, Germany  
*Forum of Independent Galleries*, U Prstenu, City Gallery, Praha, Czech Republic
- 2001 *Fotok*, MEO, Budapest, Hungary  
*Prvni a posledni*, Galerie V. Spaly, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Criss-Cross*, Broumov, Czech Republic
- 2000 *Vystava AVU*, Manes, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Kazda kapka...*, Galerie AVU, Praha, Czech Republic
- 1999 *Vidiny Roxy*, Galerie NOD, Praha, Czech Republic  
*Rickyho gang*, klub Depo, Olomouc, Czech Republic
- 1998 *Zelena*, Galerie AVU, Praha, Czech Republic

**Monument to Transformation project - Exhibitions co-curated along with Vít Havránek**

- 2010 *Monument to Transformation as part of Watchmen, Liars, Dreamers (Erudition concrete 3)*, FRAC Ile-de-France Le Plateau, Paris  
*Monument to Transformation*, Montehermoso, Vitoria  
*Monument to Transformation*, GMK, Zagreb
- 2009 *Monument to Transformation*, CIV, Bucharest  
*Monument to Transformation*, Municipal library, City Gallery, Prague
- 2008 *Installation model, fragment # 7, Communism Never Happened / Vocabulary*, tranzit, Bratislava  
*Installation model, fragment # 6, Labour Day, Labor*, Budapest
- 2007 *Installation model, fragment # 5*, Prague Biennale 3, Prague
- 2007-2009 *Permanent installation of Monument to Transformation*, tranzitdisplay, Prague

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- 2015 Journal «micromonument - an invitation by Catherine Radosa», galerie Nivet-Carzon, Paris  
«Zbyněk Baladrán» by Markéta Stara Condeixa, *Art Forum*, February 2015
- 2014 «Zbynek Baladrán "Dead Reckoning" at Centre d'Art Contemporaine La Synagogue de Delme» by Marie Cozette, *Mousse Magazine*, August 2014  
«Naviguer dans l'art de Zbynek Baladrán» by Claire Fioletta, *Le Républicain Lorrain*, July 2014
- 2013 «Film as sculpture» by Marie de Brugerolle, *Zéro Deux #67*, Autumn 2013  
«Zbyněk Baladrán's "Preliminary Report"» by Elena Sorokina, *Art Agenda*, May 2013
- 2012 *The Nervous System*, Zbynek Baladrán and Jiri Kovanda, 2012, Kunstverein Milano, EN  
*Des formes de vie*, Les Laboratoires d'Aubervilliers, Paris, EN/FR  
*Subverting Disambiguities*, Shedhalle, Zurich, EN/DE
- 2011 *Terrible beauty is born*, catalogue of Lyon biennial. Lyon, EN/FR  
*What I don't see*, tranzit workshops, Bratislava, EN/CZ
- 2010 *No Order, Art in a Post-Fordic society*, No 1, Milano, EN  
*Atlas of Transformation*, Prague, EN  
*Filla*, archive of the artist, EN  
*trouble*, paris, FR  
*Sešity pro umění, teorii a příbuzné zóny*, 6-7, magazine, interview, CZ  
*Comrades of time*, catalogue, Pavilion, Bucharest, EN
- 2009 *Monument transformace interview*, Profil 3-4 CZ/SK  
*Atlas Transformace*, Praha, CZ  
*The End Magazine*, spring summer, Milano, IT, EN  
*Labyrint revue*, 23-24, magazine, interview, text, documentation, CZ
- 2008 *Stavba*, 5/2008, magazine, interview, CZ

- Fussion/Confussion*, catalogue, Museum Folkwang, Essen, DE
- 2007 *Flash Art*, Czechoslovakia, interview, CZ  
*Table, Monument to transformation, Fragment #3*, catalogue, Moravian Gallery Brno, CZ  
*Prag Biennial*, catalogue, Prague, CZ
- 2006 *Archeology of today?*, catalogue, D. Zefkili, KAG, Prishtina, Kosova  
*Cinepur 44*, interview, Martin Mareček, Praha, CZ
- 2005 *Fotograf 6/05*, Zbyněk Baladrán, Mariana Serrano, Praha, CZ  
*The Need to Document, / Ruins, Archaeology and the Gap between Images*, Muttonz, CH  
*Contemporary, 71, Moving Images at the Edge of the Real*, Katerina Gregos, GB
- 2004 *Manifesta 5, ...with all due intent*, catalogue, M. Gioni, Barcelona, ES  
*Daemon, Ritorno al futuro*, A. Grulli, Bologna, IT  
*Metropolis M*, Interview, I. Commandeur, Utrecht, NL  
*Umělec, 3, Theory, praxis*, exposition, D. Kulhánek, Praha, CZ

## BOOKS & CATALOGUES

Zbyněk Baladrán, *Dead Reckoning*, Centre d'art contemporain - La synagogue de Delme, 2014  
 Texts by Zbynek Baladrán, François Piron (ENG/FR)

*September 5th, 2120, Prague*, Zbyněk Baladrán & Vit Havranek, Steirischer Herbst, tranzit 2012

*Zbyněk Baladrán - Jiri Kovanda, The Nervous System*, JPR Ringier, Kunstverein Milano, tranzit, 2011

*Atlas of transformation*, JPR Ringier, tranzit, 2010

*Zbyněk Baladrán, Slovník*, tranzit, Prague, 2008