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There are already 35 server farms on Mars. It is the perfect temperature, 2018

A solo show within a group show at Annka Kultys Gallery, London, UK.



There are already 35 server farms on Mars. It is the perfect temperature is a solo exhibition presented within CACOTOPIA 02, a series of solo exhibitions featuring works by five recent and future graduates from some of Europe's leading art schools at Annka Kultys Gallery, London.

The exhibition explores how our lives are becoming increasingly digitalised, revolving around a video installation, titled *There are already 35 server farms on Mars. It is the perfect temperature*, that resembles a marketing booth for the cryptocurrency Litecoin. The video utilises found footage taken from YouTube to speak about escaping into the screen, fake news and surveillance capitalism.

Another video included in the exhibition, *Zo*, concerns a conversation between the artist and an internet bot installed on the social media app Kik. The bot, named Zo, is programmed to replicate chatty autonomous conversation. The dialogue that occurred is foregrounded in front of various melancholy habitats devoid of the human life from the *Mass Effect* video game series. Within the film the entity and the individual discuss artificial intelligence and the difference between being a robot and a human being.

Alongside these videos there are a series of wall and floor-based sculptures, utilising imagery found online to speak about alternative futures, memes and how virtual interfaces have been potentially influenced by catastrophic global events.

The final work in the show, *Guided Representation*, is a series of custom-made badges adorned with the logos from the six most used internet web browsers. Throughout the exhibition period visitors are encouraged to take a badge that represents their own web

browsing habits, akin to registered voters wearing badges that align with their political beliefs, showing support for their chosen party.



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Installation view



A Conversation, 2018
Book
20 x 13 x 0.5 cm



Guided Representation, 2018
MDF board, printed badges, glue
20cm x 20cm x 20cm
Edition of 3, 1AP



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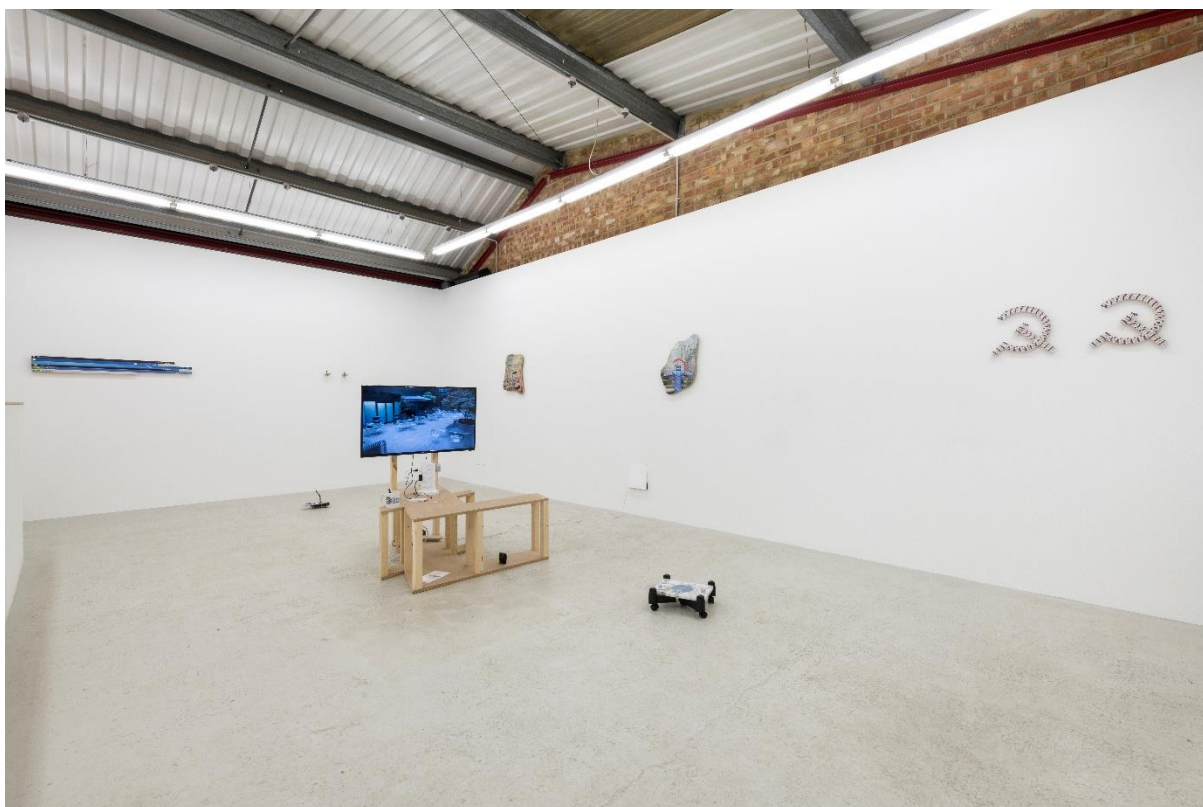


Children Are Our Future, 2018

Clear acrylic, PC stand with casters, digital print on vinyl, steel bolts

27 x 36 x 12 cm

Unique



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Solidarity, 2017
MDF board, 96 sim cards, wood, glue
30 x 35 x 1.7 cm
Edition of 2, 1AP



There are already 35 server farms on Mars. It is the perfect temperature, 2017
HD digital video with sound, JVC flatscreen TV, pine wood, MDF board, JZBRAIN charging
tower, extension cable, various Litecoin paraphernalia, Belkin WIFI range extender, media
player, polyamide 3D printed USB drive, self-published book, miscellaneous cables, screws,
glue
120 x 120 x 140 cm
Unique

Watch the film by going to <https://youtu.be/MOX-NIMr67Q>



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Portal II, 2017
Print on dibond
29.7 x 42 x 2 cm
Unique



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Portal I, 2017
Print on dibond
29.7 x 42 x 2 cm
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Content Collapse, 2017

Plastic toy tank, Barclays debit card, supermarket membership cards, SIM cards, WIFI aerial, Apple earphone wire, MDF board, glue

18 x 24 x 19 cm

Unique



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Post WWII I, 2017 and Post WWII II, 2017
SIM cards, MDF, wood, glue, plastic toy army men
10 x 10 x 10 cm
Unique



Post 9/11, 2018
Print on dibond
15.5 x 120 x 1.5 cm
Edition of 3, 1AP



Zo, 2017
HD digital video
7 min 20 sec
Edition of 3, 1AP

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