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Born in 1962 in Leeuwarden, The Netherlands. She lives and works in Haarlem. She teaches at the Minerva Art Academy in Groningen, The Netherlands

Education

1993-94 Post-graduate in Arts at the Rijksacademy, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1981-87 Art Academy ABK, Minerva, Groningen, The Netherlands

Exhibitions

Solo exhibitions

- 2021 "Written in Water", Apertura Gallery Weekend, camara oscura galería de arte, Madrid, Spain
- 2020 "Adopted sites", Torch Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2019 "Geleend Land", Castellum Aquae, Bloemendaal, The Netherlands
"Reflecting", duo exhibition with Alice Brassier, de Vishal, Haarlem, The Netherlands
- 2018 "Being Places", Torch Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
"Friezen", Fries Museum, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands
"Elements", camara oscura galería de arte, Madrid, Spain
- 2016 "Crossings", Torch Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2015 "Undertones", Musée de La Roche-sur-Yon, la Roche-sur-Yon, France
- 2014 "Undertones", Centro de Arte Alcobendas, Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain
"As it happens", Galerie Les Filles Du Calvaire, Paris, France
- 2013 "Miradas de mujeres", Centro Nacional de Fotografía de Torrelavega, Cantabria, Spain
- 2012 "Transparent days", camara oscura galería de arte, Madrid
"Recent Photography", Catharine Clark Gallery, San Francisco, USA
"Sables mouvants", Lille 3000, Lille, France
"Next to me", Torch Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
"Luz holandesa", Espacio Líquido, Gijón, Spain
- 2011 "Out of Sight", PPOW gallery, New York, USA
"Dag & Nacht / Ellen Kooi", Astrid Kruse Jensen, Stedelijk Museum Den Bosch, The Netherlands
Ellen Kooi: Photographies Le Château d'Eau, Toulouse, France

- 2010 Le Centre Image/Imatge, Orthez, France
 "Out of Sight/ Hors de Vue" Institut Néerlandais, Paris, France
- 2009 "Borrowed Landscapes", camara oscura galeria de arte, Festival Off
 PhotoEspaña, Madrid, Spain
 Fotowerken, Willem 3, Vlissingen, The Netherlands
 Gallery Beaumontpublic, Luxembourg, Luxembourg
 Torch Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 Centre Néerlandais, Paris, France
- 2008 Within from without, La Casa Encendida, Madrid, Spain
 Recent Photography, Espacio Líquido, Gijón, Spain
- 2007 Catherine Clark Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2006 PPOW Gallery, Oct 20 th – Nov 25. New York, USA
 Travaux récents, Galerie les filles du calvaire, Paris, France
- 2005 Travaux récents, Galerie Les filles du calvaire, Bruxelles, Belgium
 Hold still, keep moving IV, Gallery Beaumontpublic, Luxembourg
- 2003 Hold still, keep moving III*, Torch Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
 Galerie Les Filles du Calvaire, Paris, France
 Where the grass is green, P.P.O.W. Gallery, New York, U.S.A.
- 1994 Made in Heaven, Utrecht, NL
- 1990 Making theatre in 1/60 of a second, Kruithuis, Groningen, NL

Group exhibitions

- 2021 ARCOmadrid, camara oscura galeria de arte, Madrid
 Boutique des Filles, Galerie Les Filles Du Calvaire, Paris, France
 "Gesto y artificio". Contemporary photography in the Los Bragales Collection.
 Curated by José María Diaz-Maroto, Centro de Arte Rafael Botí,
 Córdoba, Spain
 "Olor de Castelló. Percepcions olfactivas de colección olorVISUAL", curated
 by Cristina Agàpito and Pilar Dolz, Fundación Ernesto Ventós,
 Sala San Miguel, Fundació Caixa Castelló, Castellón, Spain
- 2020 Mujeres artistas entre dos siglos. Transformaciones. Curated by María Toral,
 Espacio Cultural CajaCanarias, Tenerife, Spain
- 2019 "They Are Uttered and Left Unfinished All the Loves in the World II", Borusan
 Contemporary Art Collection, curated by Necmi Sönmez, Istanbul, Turkey
 Photo Basel, camara oscura galeria de arte, Basel, Switzerland
 Photo London, camara oscura galeria de arte, London, United Kingdom
 "Reflecting/ reflections", duo exhibition with Alice Brassier, de Vishal, Haarlem,
 The Netherlands
 "Alianza del ojo y el alma. Visiones del paisaje en la Colección Norte",
 Gobierno de Cantabria, Biblioteca Central de Cantabria, Santander, Spain
 JustMAD X, camara oscura galeria de arte, Madrid, Spain
 "Faces", curated by Juan Curto, camara oscura galeria de arte, Madrid, Spain
- 2018 Photo Basel, camara oscura galeria de arte, Basel, Switzerland

- Photo London, camera oscura galeria de arte, London, United Kingdom
 JustMAD9, camera oscura galeria de arte, Madrid, Spain
 "Eléctrico y Lejano. Fotografía Contemporánea Colección OlorVISUAL",
 Centre d'Art Tecla Sala, Hospitalet de Llobregat, Spain
- 2017 Photo Basel, camera oscura galeria de arte, Basel, Switzerland
 "The map and the terry", curated by Juan Curto, camera oscura galeria de arte, Madrid, Spain
 "Les imaginaires d'un monde in-tranquille", Le Centre d'art de Meymac, France
 "France Botsing", multimedia event at Rosenstock Huessy Huis, Haarlem, The Netherlands
- 2016 Photo Basel, camera oscura galeria de arte, Basel, Switzerland
 Art Lima, Madrid City Art Projects, camera oscura galeria de arte, Lima, Peru
 "Wild van Water", Zuiderzeemuseum Enkhuizen, The Netherlands
 "Connection", Museum Lazienki Krolewski, Gdansk, Poland
 "Nieuw", recent acquisitions by the Erasmus University, Erasmus gallery, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
 "Graskunst", bij MIJ, Museum Ijsselstein, Ijsselstein, The Netherlands
- 2015 "Ultraviolence", Apertura Gallery Weekend, curated by Juan Curto, camera oscura galeria de arte, Madrid, Spain
 "Humble me", Aeroplastics Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
 "Common ground: Air", curated by Nazli Gürlek, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey
 Art Paris, camera oscura galeria de arte, Parir, France
 Photo London, Filles du Calvaire, London, UK
 Art Rotterdam, Torch Gallery, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
 World Expo, *presentation for France*, French Cultural Institute, Palazzo delle Stelline, Milano, Italy
 Close to me, Pôle Art Santé, Rennes, France
 Aux frontières de l'intime: les photographes et leurs enfants, Musée français de la Photographie, Bièvres, France
 Femina ou la reappropriation des models, Pavillon Vendôme, Clichy, France
- 2014 CONTEXT Art Miami, camera oscura galeria de arte, Miami, USA
 Art Rotterdam, Torch Gallery, Róterdam, The Netherlands
 "In & Out", camera oscura galeria de arte, Madrid, Spain
 Estampa art fair, camera oscura galeria de arte, Madrid, Spain
 ARCO Madrid, Espacio Liquido, Madrid, Spain.
 "Conspiración de Mujeres", camera oscura galeria de arte, curated by Juan Curto, Festival Miradas de Mujeres, Madrid, Spain
 "Absurd-did you say absurd?", Galerie Les Filles Du Calvaire, Paris, France
 "The woman next door", Galerie Les Filles Du Calvaire, Paris, France
- 2013 CONTEXT Art Miami, camera oscura galeria de arte, Miami, USA
 The AIPAD Photography Show, P.O.W.W Gallery, New York, USA

- Art Paris, Gallerie Les Filles Du Calvaire, Paris, France
 Yia Art Fair Lille, Gallerie Les Filles Du Calvaire
 Art13 London, Torch Gallery, Londres, United Kingdom
 ARCOMadrid, Espacio Liquido, Madrid, Spain
 “De Madonna a Madonna”, DA2 Domus Artium 2002, Salamanca, Spain
 "La metamorfosis del paisaje en el arte", Fundación Caja Vital, curated by
 Marisa Oropesa, Vitoria, Spain
- 2012 Fotofever Brussels, camara oscura galeria de arte, Belgium
 Cosa Mentale, Paysage(s), Paysage-Fictions. Musée de La Roche-sur-Yon,
 France
 SCOPE Basel, camara oscura galeria de arte, Basel, Switzerland
 Latitudes Festival, Huelva, Spain
 “Performing for the Camera”, ASU Art Museum, Tempe, Arizona, USA
 “De kleur van water”, Zuiderzeemuseum, Enkhuizen, The Netherlands
- 2011 Fotofever, camara oscura galeria de arte, Paris, France
 “Office”, Borusan Contemporary Museum, Istanbul
 Art Amsterdam, camara oscura galeria de arte, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 “All we did was not enough”, camara oscura galeria de arte, Madrid, Spain
 Arte Esencial, Casino de la Exposición, Seville, Spain
 “On the Other side of Twilight”, duo-show with Astrid Kruse Jensen, Stedelijk
 Museum Den Bosch, The Netherlands
 The International Festival of Photography in Lodz, main program: OUT OF
 LIFE, Lodz, Poland
 ARTEFIERA 11, camara oscura galeria de arte, Bologna, Italy
 “Photo Event”, De Garage, Mechelen, Belgium
 “De Kunst van het Fotograferen (the art of Photograpy)”, Museum het
 Valkhof, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- 2010 “Contriving Inquiries”, Seelevel Gallery at Het Magazijn, Amsterdam, The
 Netherlands
 Estampa 10, camara oscura galeria de arte, Madrid, Spain
 Swab 10, camara oscura galeria de arte, Barcelona, Spain
 Colección Norte 1996-2010, Santander, Spain
 Estancias, Residencias, Presencias, Tenerife Espacio de las Artes, Tenerife,
 Spain
 “De pictura, canon pictórico e imagen contemporánea”, EMAT, Valencia,
 Spain
- 2009 Valencia.Art, camara oscura galeria de arte, Valencia, Spain
 Artesantander, camara oscura galeria de arte, Madrid, Spain
 Torch Gallery, the unforgettable fire, Kunsthal Rotterdam, The Netherlands
 Signs of the Apocalypse/ Rapture, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, USA
 ARCOMadrid, camara oscura galeria de arte, Madrid, Spain
 NOK in MET, Museum Bèlvèdere, Heerenveen, The Netherlands

- 2008 Times Square, group with Anna & Bernhard Blume, Gudny Gudmundsdottir, Filip Markiewicz, Yves Netzhammer, Edmond Oliveira, Roland Quetsch, Su-Mei Tse, Beaumontpublic, Luxembourg, Luxembourg
 Whatever happened to your dreams (Fantasy), Les filles du Calvaire, Bruxelles, Belgium
 De kleur van Friesland, beeldende kunst na 1945, Fries Museum, The Netherlands
 Art Chicago NEXT, camara oscura galeria de arte, Chicago, USA
- 2007 Alice et Peter, les mythologies de l'enfance, Musée Abbaye Saint Germain, Auxerre, France
 NYC Photo, Sept 7 to 26, Philips de Pury & Company, NY, USA
 What Ever Happened to Your Dreams? , Galerie Les Filles du Calvaire, Paris, France
 Fantasy, C'est pas du jeu ! Centre Photographique d'Ile de France, Pontault Combault, France
 Paradise gained, LUMC, Leiden, NL
 Figure it! The Human Factor in Contemporary Art, Clay Center for the Arts, West Virginia, USA
 Catherine Clark Gallery, avec Ruud van Empel, Aaron Plant, Carlos and Jason Sanchez, San Francisco, USA
- 2006 Flatland Galerie, Utrecht, NL
 Ellen Kooi, Pavel Wolberg, a conflicting encounter', mois européen de la photo, Luxembourg', September 21 to October 21, Gallery Beaumontpublic, Lux
 Out of Context, The Fields Sculpture Park at Art Omni International Arts Center. From May Ghent, New York, USA
 Presentation with Duchennefoundation on KunstRai/ Art Amsterdam, May 3-7, Amsterdam, NL
 Trial Balloons, May 6 – Aug 30, Musac, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Castilla y León, Spain
 Photo-London, Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington Gardens, presented by Houldsworth Gallery, GB
 Photography Biennale, in "Moscow house of photography", Russia
 Van scheepswerf tot filmindustrie, presentation photography assignment 2005, Amsterdam North, Amsterdam, NL
- 2005 Out There: Landscape in the New Millennium, Museum of Contemporary Art, Cleveland, USA, 20 mai – 21 août
 Constructed Moment, KW14, Den Bosch, NL
 Dutch Eyes/ Chrysalis, Castello Svevo, Bari, Italy
 HxBxD, Exhibition Collection Rabobank, GEM, Gemeentemuseum & Fotomuseum, The Hague, NL

- Histoire(s) Parallèle(s), création-confrontation, France/ Pays-Bas, by E.Kessels (NL) and G.Bauret (Fr.), FOAM, Amsterdam, NL
- Bomen & Bossen (Trees & Forests), Melkweg gallery, Amsterdam, NL
- 2004 Dreamscales, Aeroplastics Contemporary, Bruxelles, Belgium
- Histoire(s) Parallèle(s), création-confrontation, France/ NL, by E.Kessels (NL) and G.Bauret (Fr.) Institut Néerlandais, Paris, France
- Transhulance//6, Le Château D'eau-Toulouse, Toulouse, France
- Vervreemding in het Hollandse landschap, University Groningen, NL
- 2003 Potential Images of the World, The Speed Art Museum, Kentucky, USA
- Energy and physics of spirituality" Westwood Gallery, Soho, New York, USA
- "Fotografen in Nederland 1852-2002" Fotomuseum Den Haag / Photo museum, The Hague, NL
- Retrospective View, Photo's from the collection, Frans Halsmuseum, Haarlem
- Installation of 5x billboards in Alphen a/d Rijn, NL
- 2002 "Faces, People and Society, hedendaagse fotografie", Frans Hals Museum, Haarlem, Pays-Bas
- De Noorderbreedte collection. CBK Groningen, NL
- 2001 Met een knipoog van de camera, Museum Het Kruithuis, Tilburg, NL.
- travelling exhibition
- Noorderlicht Festival, Groningen, 'Revisited', Galerie De Pijp, Amsterdam, NL
- Les Interieurs Du Monde. Exchange project with cities of Haarlem and Zaanstad, NL
- 2000 Kunstestafette Zuid-Holland, Gouda, NL Zien is geloven/ Seeing is believing 3 photographers, De Vishal, Haarlem, NL
- Work in commission for the Province of Noord-Holland, NL
- 1999 Prix artistique, Kamper Kunstprijs, Kampen, NL
- Photofestival Naarden, NL
- Commission de la ville d'Amersfoort, De Zonnehof, Amersfoort, NL
- 1998 Een keuze (A selection of work by women artists in museum collections)
- Grote Kerk, Den Haag, NL
- De Fotografen van Minerva, (The photographers of the Minerva Art Academy Groningen), USVA, Groningen, NL
- 1997 Commission de la Ville de Groningen, CBK, Triadezaal, Groningen, Series
- Dog Hour, NL
- Caleidoscoop, CBK Quadrant, Groningen, NL
- Een hartstocht langs de 11 steden, Fries museum, Leeuwarden, NL
- 1996 Oog op A73, billboards, Horst, Limburg, NL
- 1995 Hold Still Keep Moving, installation en coopération avec le compositeur français Luc Ferrari, CBK, Groningen, NL
- Grenzen van de Fotografie (Borderlines in Photography), group exhibition KCB, Bergen, NL

- Made in Heaven, Utrecht, NL
 Vrijheid (Freedom), Group exhibition, CBK Assen, NL
 1994 Fragile, Mercato Austria-Ungarico, Crema-Milaan
 Open Ateliers, Rijksacademie, Amsterdam, NL
 1993 Tijdelijk Asiel (Temporary Asile), Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam, NL
 Art Gallery Show, Martinihal, Groningen, NL
 Open Ateliers, Rijksacademie, Amsterdam, NL
 1992 Kunstlicht (Artificial Light), Duo Exhibition with Margré Romein. Fotomania,
 Rotterdam, NL
 Ongerijmd Surrealist Tendencies, Centre of Contemporary Art CBK,
 Groningen, NL
 1991 Stadsverlangen, Noorderlicht Photo Festival, Groningen, NL

Bibliography

- 2016 "Above Rotterdam, Ellen Kooi. One Glass Tower by Wiel Arets & Nine Situations by Katrien Van Den Brande", ActarD Inc, New York, US
 2015 "Global Corporate Collections", Deutsche Standards Editionen, Cologne, Germany
 2014 "Landmark: The Fields of Landscape Photography", William A. Ewing, Thames and Hudson, London
 "Undertones", exhibition catalogue, Centro de Arte Alcobendas (CAA), Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain
 2012 Arte al Límite magazine, "*Ficción Real*", portfolio text by Alvaro de Benito Fernández
 Colección MUSAC, Volume II
 La Vanguardia, "Retorno a la naturaleza", review of the exhibition
 "Transparent Days" at camara oscura galeria de arte, Vanessa Osuna Sabio
 C-Magazine, international Photomagazine/ book, number 5, Ivory Press, London
 2010 "Out of Sight", exhibition catalogue, Institut Néerlandais, Ed. Filigranes, Paris
 2008 Sonsbeek 2008: Grandeur, jubileum uitgave
 Signs of the Apocalypse/ Rapture, 2008 Front Forty Press, Chicago
 Hotshoe photography magazine, "Duch Delights: The Dreamscapes of Ellen Kooi", interviewed by Bill Kouvenhoven, issue 154
 "Beyond Photography. Imagination and Photography", Rommert Boonstra, Maartje van den Heuvel, Lotte Menkman, Eric Min. Stitching Voetnoot publishers
 "Dentro por fuera", exhibition catalogue, La Casa Encendida. Madrid
 L'Insensé, photomagazine, special on Dutch Photography
 Rubriek "Maandag gesloten" recensie solo in Torch Gallery, Amsterdam
 Special in Parool on sport & art. Assignment
 Time Out New York, "Ellen Kooi, recent photoworks, were the grass is green"
 Horizons, Ivory Press

- 2007 LE Magazine, Russian, article & portfolio
- 2006 Globos Sonda/ Trial Balloons”, by MUSAC, Museum of Contemporary Art León, Spain
 “Det Vaker Skjuler Skrekk, det Morsomme Gjemmer Ondskap” Fotografi, nr 5-2006, Norwegian photography Magazine, portfolio & interview
 LE Magazine, may 2006, Russian Art magazine, article & portfolio
- 2005 C-Magazine, international Photomagazine/ book, number one, Ivory Press, London. Portfolio
- 2003 Rijn en Gouwe, 25 april 2003: ”Gevaarlijke spanning in foto’s Ellen Kooi”
- 2002 Photography Now. Décembre 2002
 Freeye, portfolio, nr. 0. Novembre 2002
 “Fotografen in Nederland 1852-2002”. Exhibition catalogue Fotomuseum Den Haag
 “Onderneming & Kunst”. Edition 2002
 “Theatre in two dimensions”. Robert Theunissen, Mai 2002 in Focus
 “Les Interieurs du Monde”. Document of Interiors in 7 steden by 14 photographers from 5 countries (book)
- 2001 FOTO, nov. nr. 2001. Portfolio avec un texte de Josephine van Bennekom
- 2000 “De wreedheid van de dingen dicht bij huis. 3 photographers in the Vishal. Monica Aerden, 5 maart 2000. Haarlems Dagblad
- 1999 “Publieksprijs voor IJsdame”, 10 novembre 1999, Kampen-IJsselmuiden. Publication
 “Document van een stad” 1999. City Photography in commision. Publication avec un texte de Johan de Vos and Hans Bouman.
 Book with text : Recent Verworven. Visies en aankopen van 19 musea voor Moderne Kunst
 Volkskrant 19 februari 1999. Article surCd-rom, presentation par Jacqueline Oskamp
- 1998 FOTO, jan./ feb. nr.1998. Portfolio et interview par Josephine van Bennekom
- 1997 Nieuwsblad van het Noorden, 9 Octobre 1997, “Gewone straatbeelden, maar net even anders”, interview par Herma Hekkema
 Groninger Agenda nr.2, interview by Froukje Hoekstra about work in commission by the city of Groningen
- 1995 HP De Tijd, Avril 1995. short article about the photo ‘Medea ’ for NNT
 Nieuwsblad van het Noorden, Novembre 1995. Interview sur Hold Still Keep Moving
 Alkmaarse Krant, 6 Novembre 1995. Critic on “Grenzen van de fotografie”
- 1994 Catalogue “Fragile”, Septembre 1994, article par Marco Senaldi
 Seizoen 1993/ 1994: Poster Photos for Noord Nederlands Toneel (theatre)
- 1993 FOTO, janvier-février 1993, publicatie Genesis
- 1992 Nieuwsblad van het Noorden. 27 Juillet 1992. “Koeien zijn onmogelijke beesten”. interview et photo of work in progress Genesis
 FOTO. Avril nr. 1992. Article et publication de la serie “Stadsverlangen”

1991 Volkskrant, Rolf Bos, 15 nov.1991. "Een hond die van zichzelf schrikt", critic
Noorderlicht
Trouw, 14 nov. 1991. Cees Straus: critic Noorderlicht
Couverture du catalogue et Poster du Noorderlicht Photo festival 1991
Nieuwsblad van het Noorden. 10 Juillet 1991. Luuk Verpaalen: interview
pendant shooting session de la serie Stadsverlangen
Nieuwsblad van het Noorden. 8 Juillet 1991. "Fotografe pakt Groninger brug
in"

Selection of Public and Semi-public Collections

Colección KELLS, Santander, Spain
Centro de Arte Alcobendas (CAA), Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain
Cristina Masaveu Peterson Foundation, Madrid, Spain
Collection Los Bragales, Santander, Spain
MoPA, (Museum of Photographic Arts) San Diego, USA
Collection La Roche-sur-Yon Museum, France
CBK Den Bosch, The Netherlands
Collection Hermès, Luxembourg
FSGroep B.V., The Netherlands
Borusan Contemporary Art Museum, Estambul, Turkey
NBart, Novo Banco, Lisbon, Portugal
Colección Norte, Gobierno de Cantabria, Spain
Colección Olor Visual, Barcelona, Spain
ING Collection, The Netherlands
Frans Hals Museum, Haarlem, The Netherlands
FNAC Collection, (French State Collection) Paris, France
Marsh collection, London, Great Britain
C.B.K. Groningen (centre of contemporary art), The Netherlands
City collection Amersfoort, The Netherlands
FNV foundation, The Netherlands
Gasunie (Dutch Gas Company), Groningen, The Netherlands
Beanet Collection (part of Interpay), The Netherlands
Artoteek Schiedam (art foundation), The Netherlands
Collection Océ van der Grinten, The Netherlands
Collection Rabobank, The Netherlands
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands
Fries Museum, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands
Freedom of the seas, Art Collection
Zaans Museum, Zaanstad, The Netherlands
MUSAC, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Castilla y Leon, Spain
21 C Museum, Louisville-Kentucky, USA
DSM collection, The Netherlands

De Geestgronden collection, The Netherlands

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