About my practice

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The main tool in my practice is media literacy. My projects specifically work with and not against the unenviable fact that I, myself, favourably consume the products from a White supremacist hetero-patriarchal media-centric society. Most of my work is founded on interactions with the Internet; written correspondences with email-scammers from exotic parts of the world as well as translations of trashy paparazzi photos into large scale abstract paintings or detailed medieval-looking copperplate etchings based on imagery from contemporary music videos.

When painting, I want to explore the potential of painting as a tool for interpreting the reality and fiction surrounding me. Through different painterly approaches I engage thematics and perceptual experiences belonging to the "post" generation – the post colonial, the post feminist. Working my way through popular contemporary media – half flirting, half picking them apart – I want to question the space between the personal and the public as I strive to present an individual experience.

My work treats the fact that contemporary media contain psychology that then becomes a mirror reflecting the personal and socio-political situations of today. Hereby, my projects work to bridge the real and the imaginary. By re-staging pictures I aim to force out their primary registers of content and aesthetics. I hope my work reminds the viewer that popular media is only a projection of ourselves and our place in the world. Apart from my primary media – painting – my body of work includes text, printmaking, video and installation.

Besides, I am founder and co-editor of an ambulating exhibition platform and a small publishing house called Woodpecker Projects. The mission here is to support, create, document and theorise new ideas that explore the space between word and image, printed matter and exhibition.

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