

Ferit Kuyas – Bio and CV

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Living and working near Zurich, Switzerland, Ferit Kuyas fully committed himself to photography in the eighties after graduating from law school. Working mainly on personal projects, he published several books. After visiting Shanghai for commissioned work, Ferit's travels brought him often back to China. His most recent book is *City of Ambition*, a book with large cityscapes from the megalopolis Chongqing, China, got published in October 2009 by Schilt Publishing, Amsterdam. 2011 he started working on *Aurora*, a project with cityscapes and portraits from Guatemala City and on *A Quintology of Diaries*, his most personal project so far.

Ferit's photographs have been shown in museums, galleries and festivals in Europe, America and Asia. His work is represented in private, corporate and public collections in the United States, England, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany and Turkey. He received a number of awards, among them the Kodak Photobook-Award and the Hasselblad Masters.

"Amidst the thousands of images we see, there are some that impact on a deep personal level. It's like they enter your body in some way and reveal themselves to you in dreams or come to you at moments in the day when you should be concentrating on the finances, or driving the car. Ferit's images affected me in this way. From the first time I saw them, their sheer audacity delighted me. I can meditate on it and take myself on a journey. Even if photography did die, it would never die inside me – people like Ferit have filled me up with images forever." - Rhonda Wilson, Rhubarb, Rhubarb, Birmingham UK

Selected Individual Exhibitions

- 2016 *Aurora*, La Erre, Guatemala City
- 2015 *City of Ambition*, Sol Mednick Gallery, Philadelphia
- 2014 *City of Ambition*, Photobastei, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2013 *Aurora*, Art Galerie Siegen, Siegen, Germany
- 2012 MLL, Zurich
Art Passions La Galerie, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2011 *City of Ambition*, Museumbickel, Walenstadt, Switzerland
City of Ambition, Elipsis Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
City of Ambition, Art Galerie Siegen, Siegen, Germany
Archetypes, Alliance Française, Guatemala City
City of Ambition, Gallery 291, San Francisco
- 2010 *City of Ambition*, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Projekt Kordegarda, Warsaw, Poland
City of Ambition, Pionowa Gallery, *Transfotografia*, Gdansk, Poland
Visual Diary and Shadows of the Future, Photogarage, Zurich
City of Ambition, Museo de Arte Moderna Carlos Merida, Guatemala City

Selected Individual Exhibitions (continued)

- 2010 *City of Ambition*, Transphotographiques, Lille, France
City of Ambition, Bau-Xi Photo, Toronto
City of Ambition, Galerie Monika Wertheimer, Oberwil, Switzerland
City of Ambition, Yokohama Photo Festival, Japan (Projection)
- 2009 *City of Ambition*, Lux Photo Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
City of Ambition, Interlaken Art Museum, Switzerland
City of Ambition, Galerie Monika Wertheimer, Oberwil, Switzerland
City of Ambition, Tenth International Photography Gathering, Aleppo, Syria
City of Ambition, Photoforum Pasquart, Biel/Bienne, Switzerland
City of Ambition, Blue Sky Gallery, Portland OR, USA
- 2008 *City of Ambition*, Photofusion, London
City of Ambition, Fotofestiwal, Lodz, Poland
- 2007 *Double Happiness*, Galerie Monika Wertheimer, Oberwil, Switzerland
- 2004 IG Halle, Rapperswil, Switzerland
- 2000 *Industrial Interiors*, Galérie Périscope, Liège, Belgium
- 2001 *Shanghai*, Leica Gallery, Nidau, Switzerland
Industrial Interiors and Werkland, Walter Storms Galerie, Munich, Germany
- 1999 *Industrial Interiors*, Nikon Image House, Küsnacht, Switzerland
Innen/Aussen, Vebikus, Schaffhausen, Switzerland
- 1997 *Innenwelten*, Steigerpartner, Zurich, Switzerland
Fabrikwelten, Heimatwerk Bauma, Bauma, Switzerland
- 1996 *Industrial Interiors*, Mühlerama, Zurich, Switzerland
Industrial Interiors, Verkehrsleitzentrale Schafisheim, Schafisheim, Switzerland
- 1995 *Fabrikwelten*, Metron, Brugg, Switzerland
Architekturfragmente und Industrielandschaften, Alte Krone, Bile/Bienne, Switzerland
- 1994 *Der Industrielehrpfad Zürcher Oberland*, Textilmaschinenmuseum Neuthal, Neuthal, Switzerland
Industrial Interiors, Kulturzentrum Ziegelhütte, Appenzell, Switzerland
Glück auf!, Lötschentaler Museum, Kippel, Switzerland
- 1993 *Feldschlösschen*, Photogalerie Bild, Baden, Switzerland
NOK, Baden, Switzerland
Industriekultur, Eisenwerk Frauenfeld, Frauenfeld, Switzerland
- 1991 Fabriken am Aabach, Villa am Aabach, Uster, Switzerland

Selected Joint Exhibitions

- 2017 *A Quintology of Diaries*, The Photobook Exhibition, Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece
Out of The Blue, IG Halle, Rapperswil, Switzerland
Die Sammlung Neue Kunst VIII, H2 Zentrum für Gegenwartskunst im Glaspalast, Augsburg, Germany
vfg Sicht, Photobastei, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2016 *Not here yet*, H2 Zentrum für Gegenwartskunst im Glaspalast, Augsburg, Germany
Industria Vitalis, PIP, Pingyao, China
Industria Vitalis, Shenyang Photo Festival, Shenyang, China
Artists of the Gallery, Galerie Monika Wertheimer @ Photobastei, Zurich, Switzerland
Welcome: Page by Page, The Center for Photography at Woodstock, Woodstock NY
- 2014 *Foreign Correspondence*, Architects Association, London
Relics - Institute of Contemporary Art, San Jose CA

- 2014 *German Photography*, PIP, Pingyao, China
The City is my Frankenstein, Galerie Knoerle & Baettig, Winterthur, Switzerland
Artists of the Gallery, Galerie Monika Wertheimer @ Photobastei, Zurich, Switzerland
Grosses mit Kleinem, Photobastei, Zurich Switzerland
- 2013 *Dusk Through Dawn*, Portland Art Museum, Portland OR, USA
Foreign – Familiar, Photo Phnom Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
31st Annual Juried Membership Exhibition, Houston Center for Photography, Houston TX
 Photographers:Network, Siegen, Germany
China Stories, Kolga Photo 13, Tblisi, Georgia
- 2012 *Frazier King Collection*, Fotofest Headquarters, Houston TX
Pimp the Timp, Galerie Lichtblick, Cologne, Germany
Foreign – Familiar, Langgeng Art Foundation, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
The near and elsewhere, PM Gallery and House, London
 Photo 12, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2011 *Foreign – Familiar*, Shangri-La Center, Manila
 Photographers:Network, Siegen, Germany
Foreign – Familiar, BCAA, Bangkok
181818, Dock 18, Zurich (Projection)
The Big Picture, Illiterate Gallery, Denver CO
 Arte Laguna Art Prize, Venice, Italy
Print Auction Exhibition, Houston Center for Photography, Houston
 Photo 10, Zurich
- 2010 *China Stories*, Athens Photo Festival, Athens
Found, John Cleary Gallery, Houston
Artists of the Gallery, Bau-Xi Photo, Toronto
Gebaute Landschaft, *ALTEFABRIK, Rapperswil, Switzerland
 Photo 09, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2009 *Art of Photography Show*, Lyceum Theatre Gallery, San Diego
10 Years of Rhubarb-Rhubarb, Three White Walls Gallery, Birmingham UK
- 2009 *Berg Welten*, VOUTEXPO, La Vouta, Lavin, Switzerland
 Photographers:Network, Siegen, Germany
Editions I - Elipsis Gallery, Istanbul
China Stories, Ruskin Gallery, Cambridge, UK
 OST Gallery, Moscow
Tricolor, ewz.selection, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2008 OST Gallery, Moscow
 Descubrimientos, PhotoEspaña, Madrid
 ewz.selection, Zurich, Switzerland
Ausufern, Vebikus, Schaffhausen, Switzerland
China Stories, Galerie Lichtblick, Cologne, Germany
 Photo 08, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2007 Photo 07, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2006 The Selection vfg, Zurich, Switzerland
 Photo 06, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2005 The Selection vfg, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2003 Galérie Périscope, Liège, Belgium
- 2001 Nikon Image House, Küsnacht, Switzerland
- 2000 *Shanghai*, Swiss Camera Museum, Vevey, Switzerland
Shanghai, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China

Selected Joint Exhibitions (continued)

- 1994 *Industriebild*, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland
 1999 *Ankäufe/Achats*, Alte Krone, Biel/Bienne, Switzerland
 1998 Villa am Aabach, Uster, Switzerland
 1991 *Selections 8x10 Inch*, Photogalerie Bild, Baden, Switzerland

Awards and Distinctions

- 2014 Membership of the Deutsche Fotografische Akademie (German Academy of Photography)
 2013 Nomination Hasselblad Masters Award
 2012 Nomination Review Santa Fe
 2010 Two nominations for Prix Pictet
 Open Artist Call Award, Guatephoto, Guatemala City
 2009 Participant Review Santa Fe
 2008 Critical Mass Top 50
 Participant Descubrimientos, PhotoEspana 2008, Madrid
 Nomination Review Santa Fe
 2007 Nomination of the project City of Ambition for Houston FOTO FEST 2008
 Participant Review Santa Fe
 2006 The Selection vfg 2005
 2005 The Selection vfg 2004
 2004 American Photography 20
 2002 Hasselblad Masters
 American Photography 18
 2001 American Photography 17
 Grant by the Culture Foundation of Spinnerei Streiff AG, Switzerland
 2000 Millenium Bronze Award by Sappi paper for the book Shanghai
 Grant by the Swiss Federal Office of Culture
 1999 Kodak Fotobuchpreis (Photobook-Award, Kodak Germany) for the book Industrial Interiors
 1998 Grant by the Swiss Federal Office of Culture for Industrial Interiors
 Grant by the Cassinelli Vogel Foundation, Zurich

Permanent Collections

Canton Berne, Switzerland
 Canton Aargau, Switzerland
 Centrum Bank, Vaduz Liechtenstein
 City of Biel/Bienne, Switzerland
 City of Uster, Switzerland
 City of Waedenswil, Switzerland
 EWD Collection, Davos, Switzerland
 F. Hoffmann-La Roche Collection, Basel, Switzerland
 Frazier King Collection, Houston TX
 Howard Stein Collection, New York
 Interartes, Zurich
 Joan Morgenstern Collection, Houston TX
 LeHigh Collection, Bethlehem PA, USA
 La Fototeca, Guatemala City
 Metron Collection, Brugg, Switzerland
 Musée de la Photographie, Charleroi, Belgium
 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
 NOK (AXPO) Collection, Baden, Switzerland
 Photographers:Network, Siegen, Germany
 Portland Museum of Arts, Portland OR
 Städtische Sammlung Augsburg, Germany

Selected Publications

- 2016 Ferit Kuyas, A Quintology of Diaries, five books and leaflet in slipcase, Dewi Lewis Publishing, Stockport UK, 2016
- 2015 Engin Özendes: Modern and Contemporary Approaches to Photography in Turkey, Yem Kitabevi, Istanbul 2015, 308 pages
 Ferit Kuyas, in Deutsche Fotografische Akademie, Catalog, Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Germany
 Everything you didn't want to know about me in RAW View #02, pages 132ff, Helsinki
- 2013 Aurora – Guatemala City Habitat, Ars Victoria Verlag, Siegen Germany, 52 pages
- 2012 Aurora, in RaRa Magazine, Issue 8. Guatemala City.
 Art Passions, Revue Suisse d'art et de Culture, No. 30, June 2012, pages 84ff, Geneva Switzerland
 Victor by Hasselblad Online 05.2012, pages 28ff
- 2011 Norbert Spitz, Goethe Institut Thailand: Foreign – Familiar, Texts by F.-X. Augustin, W. Bellwinkel, M. Schlüter, N. Spitz, A. Supartono. Catalog. 96 pages. German/English Kehrer Verlag, Heidelberg 2011
- 2011 City of Ambition, in RaRa Magazine, Issue 3. Guatemala City.
 Arte Laguna Art Prize 10.11, Catalog, Venice 2011, 164 pages
- 2010 Blue Sky 08/09, Catalog, Blue Sky Gallery, Portland OR,
 Transfotografia – Druga Natura: Catalog to the festival, Gdansk, Poland, 48 pages
 Unleashed: Contemporary Art from Turkey; Edited by Hossein Amirsadeghi, essays by Ali Akay, Ahu Antmen, Emre Baykal and Irit Rogoff, 328 pages, TransGlobe Publishing, London
 Besucher in der Monsterstadt, Katrin Hafner in: Tages-Anzeiger, June 15, 2010, Zurich
- 2009 NZZ Tableau: City of Ambition. In: Neue Zürcher Zeitung, November 23 to 27, 2009, Zurich
 Der Freitag: Franfurter Buchmesse 2009, October 15, 2009

Selected Publications (continued)

- 2009 Ferit Kuyas: Chongqing – City of Ambition, Schilt Publishing, Amsterdam, 112 pages (English edition) and Benteli Publishers, Berne, 112 pages (German edition)
Nico Ruffo in Kulturplatz (Swiss TV SF1): Agglosuisse – Aufregend langweilig: der Fotograf
Ferit Kuyas zeigt die Agglo Schweiz, 4:35 minutes.
Ferit Kuyas photos capture a foggy Chinese city on fast-forward: the Oregonian, July 6, 2009
- 2009 Editions I: joint catalog with 4 other photographers, Elipsis Gallery, Istanbul
- 2008 Western Eyes, in British Journal of Photography, London, July 23, 2008
Ingrid Fischer Jonge in: Katalog 20.3, Brandts Museet for Fotokunst, Odense, Denmark
Joanna Vasdeki in: Highlights Magazine Issue #37, Athens, Greece
International Festival of Photography in Lodz: Made in China, Catalog to the Festival, Lodz, Poland 2008, 218 pages
Descubrimientos PHE08, Catalog, PhotoEspana, Madrid
China Now, Catalog, London
European Photography #83, Berlin
3view GmbH/ewz: ewz.selection, Katalog ewz.selection 2007 (joint catalog with 17 photographers), Schwabe Verlag, Basel 2008
Markus Zuber: From Capture to Print, Edition Castel, Kuettingen 2008
- 2006 3view GmbH/vfg: The Selection vfg, Katalog The Selection vfg 2005 (joint catalog with 17 photographers), Schwabe Verlag, Basel 2006, 176 pages
- 2005 3view GmbH/vfg: The Selection vfg, Katalog The Selection vfg 2004 (joint catalog with 17 photographers), Schwabe Verlag, Basel 2006, 176 pages
- 2004 Ferit Kuyas, Bauplätze-Schauplätze, Horgen 2004, 28 pages
American Photography 20 (joint catalog), HarperCollins International, New York
- 2003 Christoph Maria Merki: Von der Liechtensteinischen Landkanzlei zur internationalen Finanzberatung, hier + jetzt, Baden, Switzerland 2003
- 2002 Ferit Kuyas, Archetypes and Industrial Interiors, 20 pages. Wädenswil: own edition.
Ferit Kuyas et al., Hasselblad Masters Calendar, joint publication with 11 international photographers. Hasselblad AB, Göteborg
- 2002 Ferit Kuyas, Hasselblad Master, in Hasselblad Forum, No 03 2002, Göteborg
American Photography 18 (joint catalog), Amilus Inc., New York
- 2001 Ferit Kuyas, Shanghai, Kingdom of the Howling Stones, in: Multisala International, Rome, May/June 2001.
- 2000 Ferit Kuyas, Edy Brunner and Marco Paoluzzo: Shanghai, Edition Stemmlé, Thalwil/Zurich and New York 2000, 132 pages
American Photography 17 (joint catalog), D.A.P. / Distributed Art Publishers., New York
Ferit Kuyas, Shanghai, in: Hasselblad Forum, No 02 2000, Göteborg
- 1999 Ferit Kuyas: Industrial Interiors, Edition Stemmlé, Thalwil/Zurich and New York 1999, 120 pages.
- 1999 Ferit Kuyas, Industriewelten, in: Photo Technik International, No 4 1999, Munich.
Ferit Kuyas and Stephen Bayley, A Steely Gaze, in: The Sunday Review, The Independent on Sunday, March 21 1999, London.
- 1998 Ferit Kuyas, in Nikon News (German Edition), No 4, 1998, Küsnacht, Switzerland.
Ferit Kuyas, in Nikon News (French Edition), No 4, 1998, Küsnacht, Switzerland.
- 1997 Dokumentation öffentlicher Bauten: Dienstleistungszentrum Zofingen (Documentation of public buildings in the Canton of Aargau: Zofingen services centre). Aarau: Baudepartement des Kantons Aargau.

Selected Publications (continued)

- 1996 Dokumentation öffentlicher Bauten: Verkehrsleitzentrale Schafisheim (Documentation of public buildings in the Canton of Aargau: Schafisheim traffic control centre). Aarau: Baudepartement des Kantons Aargau.
- 1995 Max Matter, Stelen am Stahlrain (Pillars on the Stahlrain), Brugg.
- 1994 Hans-Peter Bärtschi and Ferit Kuyas, Der Industriehrfpfad Zürcher Oberland (On the Trail of Industrial History in the Zurich Uplands). Wetzikon: Druckerei Wetzikon.
- 1992 Ferit Kuyas et al. Calendar, joint publication with 11 Swiss-German photographers. Lugano: Ticino Vita.
Ferit Kuyas, Die Brauerei (The Brewery), sample book of 12 silver gelatine prints. Zurich: own edition.
- 1991 Ferit Kuyas, Fabriken am Aabach (Factories on the Aabach), portfolio of 45 photographs. Zurich: own edition.

Lectures and Talks

- 2017 Lecture at Deutsche Fotografische Akademie, Stuttgart, Germany
Artist Talk at H2 Zentrum für Gegenwartskunst im Glaspalast, Augsburg, Germany
- 2016 Lecture at La Fototeca, Guatemala City
- 2014 Lecture at WIZO Academy of Design and Education, Haifa, Israel
Lecture at Digitalevent, Baden, Switzerland (with Markus Zuber)
Lecture at Deutsche Fotografische Akademie, Stuttgart, Germany
- 2013 Lecture at Digitalevent, Baden, Switzerland
Lecture at WIZO Academy of Design and Education, Haifa, Israel
Lecture at Sapir College, Shaar Hanegev, Israel
Panel Discussion on Young Photography, Bieler Fototage, Biel/Bienne
- 2012 Lecture at Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Jerusalem, Israel
Lecture at Musrara School of Photography and New Media, Jerusalem, Israel
Lecture at Siegen Art Museum (Photographers:Network)
- 2011 Round table discussion on city development issues, Muesumbickel, Walenstadt, Switzerland
Lecture at La Fototeca, Guatemala City
Gallery Talk at Gallery, 291, San Francisco
- 2010 Round table discussion "A Passion 4 Art" at Galerie Nicola von Senger, Zurich
Gallery Talk at Photogarage, Zurich
Lecture at National Museum of Modern Art Carlos Merida, Guatemala City
Lecture at *ALTEFABRIK, Rapperswil, Switzerland
Gallery Talk at Bau-Xi Photo, Toronto, Canada
Lecture at WIZO Academy of Design and Education, Haifa, Israel
Lecture at Musrara School of Photography and New Media, Jerusalem, Israel
- 2009 Lecture at Kunsthaus Interlaken (Interlaken Art Museum), Switzerland
Gallery Talk at Blue Sky Gallery, Portland OR, USA
Lecture at Siegen Art Museum (Photographers:Network)
- 2008 Gallery Talk at Photofusion Gallery: Grace Lau in conversation with Ferit Kuyas
- 2004 Lecture at vfg Soiree, Zurich, Switzerland

Teaching Assignments and Workshops

- 2017 Mentoring for photographers and photo artists, since 2013
Workshops "Architectural Photography" and "Available Light", Baden Business School, Switzerland since 2011
FineArtPix, Küttigen, Switzerland – Carbon Pigment Printing, Archival Pigment Printing, Digital Photography, Bookmaking, Black and White Photography since 2002
Examination expert for Photodesigner Graduation Exam, Zurich since 2011
- 2016 Workshop "Photography and Reality" in collaboration with Zwischenräume, Photobastei, Zurich
Workshop "The City and its People", La Fototeca, Guatemala City
Review Expert at Bienne Festival of Photography, Biel/Bienne, Switzerland
- 2015 Review Expert at Bienne Festival of Photography, Biel/Bienne, Switzerland
Examination expert at CEPV, Vevey, Switzerland
- 2014 Lecturing assignment for "Group of Autodidactic Photographers" (GAF), Zurich and Berne – Photodesign, Architectural Photography, Curating the final exhibition and Black and White Photography since 1995
- 2013 Workshop "Urban Landscapes", ewz.selection, Zurich
- 2011 Artistic Direction of Photography Academy Verbier for Bank Julius Baer and Verbier Festival, Switzerland
Workshop "Landscape Photography", La Fototeca, Guatemala City
- 2006 Northwestern Swiss institute of higher education (FHNW), Muttentz – Architectural Photography
- 2004 Zurich Vocational Training School – Photodesign in Black and White and Architectural Photography (since 2002)
- 2001 Aargau institute of higher education (Switzerland) – Architectural Photography (since 1997)
- 1998 Brugg Vocational Training School, Brugg, Switzerland – Black and White Photography for Beginners, Basics of Color Photography, Black and White Photography for Advanced Students, Fine-Art Printing in Black and White (since 1994)

Curating

- 2017 Young Swiss Photographers Award vfg (Nachwuchsförderpreis vfg) since 2004
Karin Szekéssy, Photobastei Zurich
- 2016 "Photography and Reality", Photobastei, Zurich
- 2014 Sabine Weiss, Photobastei, Zurich
Henry Leutwyler (Exhibition design), in collaboration with the artist, Photobastei, Zurich
- 2013 Paolo Pellegrin (Exhibition design), in collaboration with Magnum, Photobastei, Zurich